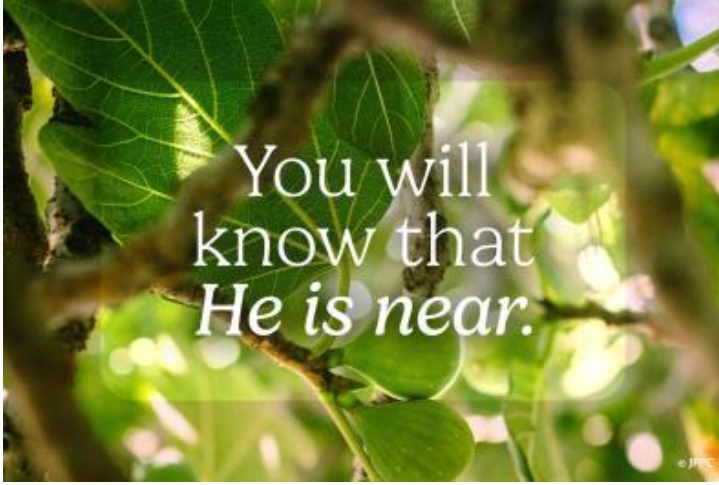

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 17, 2024



First Reading - *Jeremiah 31:7-9*

The Lord declares himself to be the Father of Israel.

Second Reading - *Hebrews 5:1-6*

Christ was made high priest by God.

Gospel Reading - *Mark 10:46-52*

Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus.

Focus: *The end of the world is coming; let us prepare.*

No one knows when the world will end, but if we wait to prepare for it, it may be too late. When we ask for forgiveness and receive God's mercy, we are preparing and living for him. If we live for him, then we will live on forever when the Lord returns. Choosing not to live for him results in disgrace when the end comes. The Lord does not desire that for us – he loves us and wants us to be with him. It's a free, open and generous invitation. Take hold of it!

Liturgy of the Word:

Daniel prophesies of a great prince, Michael, arising as a guardian of the people. Some of the dead will awaken and live forever; others shall be in everlasting horror and disgrace. In the second reading, the author writes of the one who offered one sacrifice for sins and took his seat forever at the right hand of God. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the days after that tribulation, when they will see "the Son of Man coming in the clouds" with great power and glory.

MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: **Jason MacConnell, Ken Carson and Steven Ladner**

10 a.m.: **Michael Joseph Faso, Frances Hernandez and Domingo & Rosalina Rodriguez**

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

The Rosary Team

Last spring, Joan Miller reached out to the Parish Council with a proposal based on an article she read about the Denver-based nonprofit known as the Rosary Team. She was given the green light to pursue bringing companionship and spiritual support to local nursing home residents through the rosary.

Her sister, Kathy Miller, came aboard immediately, and in May, the two made their first visit to the Carlucci Home, an assisted-living residence for senior ladies. They have been visiting weekly ever since.

"We are known as the Rosary Ladies, and we have come to feel as though they are our ladies," says Joan. "It really has made a difference for the women. ... But what began as a journey to do something for others has now done as much for us. We count on it."

Joan and Kathy started "upstairs" in the Carlucci Home's bilevel-style structure, where the residents are not as medically involved. There are now four to five "regulars," who are situated around the dining room table eagerly awaiting the sisters' arrival. They begin with asking for intentions and have prayed for a pregnant staff member until the delivery of her healthy baby, for great-grandchildren and most recently, that we will not go to war.

A few weeks ago, they started praying the rosary downstairs, too. Two or three women participate, and Joan and Kathy now alternate floors weekly.

During one of Joan's downstairs visits, she was stunned when a woman grabbed the rosary, she kissed the crucifix and then blessed herself. She then wrapped herself tightly in her blanket, and Joan was certain she was asleep until the blanket fell away from her mouth.

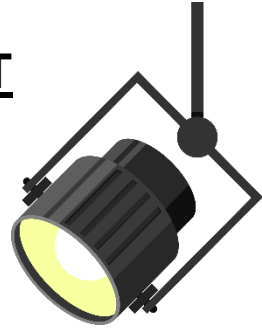
"She was definitely praying and knew what she was saying," says Joan.

In the summer, parishioner MaryBeth Reinfried took the lead on monthly Monday visits to Campbell Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Accompanied by her friend, Deborah Keindl (who attends the Church of the Infant Saviour) they pray the rosary with up to 16 residents – including Deacon John.

MaryBeth has expressed how meaningful it is to have this opportunity to reciprocate the gift of faith with Deacon John, one which he shared so generously with the St. Paul's community.

Joan would now love another team to visit Glen Arden in Goshen, followed by one to Middletown Park Rehabilitation and Healthcare. There are parishioners at both sites who would benefit – whether visits are weekly, monthly or somewhere in between.

For more information, reach out to Joan at joan.miller@msmc.edu or (845) 457-9171.





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ANGELS INSPIRE THE GIVING TREE

For those of you who didn't yet select an angel from **The Giving Tree**, remember there will be another opportunity to do so next Saturday, **November 23**. It was necessary to split this holiday tradition between two weekends to accommodate scheduling conflicts.

Angels have flown in from the Orange County Department of Social Services and St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite parish in the Bronx. Additionally, the Children's House in Goshen has provided options to choose siblings. Those names will not be on the tree; just ask a volunteer at the table. Last year, there were only 100 tags available. This year, the number has been increased to 175!

Wrapped presents – with the tag attached – are due Sunday, **December 15**.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

November 4-10 – \$ 8,216.94

Envelopes: 2,811.00 – Online: \$ 5,405.94

THANK YOU!

LAST WEEKEND'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 82

10 a.m. – 175

IN THE LOOP



About 500 coats were collected in the **Wallkill East Rotary's** annual drive, and the parishioners of St. Paul's played an important role in this successful undertaking. Peg Lucido says a steady stream of families flowed through the YMCA Center for Youth in Middletown last Saturday selecting outerwear. Any unclaimed coats were then taken to locations in Newburgh and Monticello for distribution.



Mark your calendars:

The next **Game Night** will take place at 7 this Friday evening, **November 22**. Don't forget your snacks and a favorite game to play.

And the **Pine Bush Community Band** will perform its winter concert in the main church at 7 p.m. Monday, **November 25**. And this musical start to the season is still free!

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