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# 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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NOVEMBER 19, 2023



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

**Second:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

**FOCUS:** *We are given talents to share.*

The Lord has told us that he will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Though the timing is unpredictable, this end is inevitable and inescapable. Let us be prepared to give an account of the ways in which we have used our gifts for the benefit of others.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The reading from Proverbs says that a worthy wife is a prize valued far beyond pearls. Paul tells the Thessalonians that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night or like labor pains, but that they are children of the light. Jesus tells a parable about three servants who were given talents. The first two servants multiplied their talents and were rewarded. The third servant buried his talent and was punished.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**5 p.m.:** Jerry McCarthy, Joseph Mongelluzzo and Frank Schmaus

**10 a.m.:** Frances Hernandez, Alberto Biondi and Robert Carpino

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to Janice and John Barth upon the death this week of her father, Mike DiMarzo. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## PAGEANT PRACTICE

Traditions add warmth to Christmas celebrations, evoking smiles and sweet memories.

A St. Paul's tradition is the annual **Christmas Eve**



**Pageant**, preparation for which is already in the works. Role selection and the first practice will take place after the 10 a.m. Mass on **December 3**.

There will be another practice on December 10 and a dress rehearsal on December 17, leading up to the actual pageant during the 5 o'clock Mass on Christmas Eve.

Remember, the greater the participation the grander the pageantry!

## MEN'S FAITH SHARING GROUP

The gospel story about the two disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus reveals to us not only something about who we are, but how Jesus opens our eyes to see him for who he is and about how we can come to know him.

Join us online beginning Monday, November 27, from 6:45-8 p.m. with other men of the parish to journey together and encounter Christ through prayer, Scripture and reflection.

To register, please email Deacon Carl at [carlloc@yahoo.com](mailto:carlloc@yahoo.com) or call the office at 845-361-3107.

## THANKS FOR BEING ANGELS...

The Giving Tree is bare, with 100 angels swiftly finding their way into your caring hands last weekend. We weren't certain how this year would go on the heels of several years of doing this virtually. And because of some logistical hiccups, we are unable to get more tags at this juncture.

We promise we won't forget how generous you are and request more angels next year.

## ...AND HERE'S ANOTHER OPTION

**For anyone who missed out on the Giving Tree**, the Pine Bush School District could use a hand. The high school is collecting gift cards, while the elementary schools are collecting gifts. Call Katie Carson-Decker at 914-443-5078 for details.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

**November 5-12: \$ 7,580.36**

Envelopes: \$ 3,172.00 – Online: \$ 4,408.36

*THANK YOU!*



## **BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM RECAP**

Few would argue that life is at its most painful when a cherished loved one passes. That loss is often life-changing, and there's no shortcut to feeling better. For some, the grief can be overwhelming if not suffocating. Others put on a more stoic mask, but the anguish is still there, just below the surface. And while grief is universal, the journey toward healing is not – although a common thread among the 12 “hurting hearts” in this fall’s inaugural Bereavement Program was that they all said they joined reluctantly.

For six weeks, Julie Laurenzi, Liz Locatelli and Kate Gallaher Carson, who completed the Archdiocese’s bereavement training, led the program that included conversation, prayer and personal reflections. Ultimately, there was a realization that suffering alone does not foster forward movement. Rather, sharing grief lightens the burden and allows hope to forge a new path.

One participant summed it up nicely: “I believe not one single person left the course untouched or unchanged.”

*“I will not fear, for you are ever with me,  
and you will never leave me  
to face my perils alone.”*

- Thomas Merton

## **HOLIDAYS START ON THE RIGHT NOTE**

Kick off the season with holiday music performed by the **Pine Bush Community Band**, a full-sized concert band that is dedicated to sharing music with the public.

This musical tradition will return at 7 p.m. **Monday, November 27**. It’s free, so invite friends and neighbors.

## **MASS ATTENDANCE**


**Saturday, November 4 – 86**


**Sunday, November 5 – 159**


**Saturday, November 11 – 113**

**Sunday, November 12 – 147**

## **IN THE LOOP**

 The **Hooked & Happy** craft group would like to reconvene, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, **December 1**, in Deacon John Hall. Everyone is invited to an evening of crafting and camaraderie. Bring a project to work on – but first, reach out to coordinator Rebecca Suchy at [rebsuchy@frontiernet.net](mailto:rebsuchy@frontiernet.net) to let her know you’re interested in participating.

 Our annual **Advent wreath-making** afternoon will take place at 1 p.m. next **Sunday, November 26**. There are supplies to accommodate the first 45 to sign up, which can be done on the sheets in the hall.

 The **Goshen Christmas House Tour**, a fundraiser for Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan and Ulster, takes place on **Saturday, December 2** (snow date Sunday, December 3), with three tour options this year.

The first is a return of the self-guided indoor tour of festively decorated homes in greater Goshen from 1-5 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person in advance, \$45 “day of.” The family-friendly evening driving tour that showcases Christmas lights, also in greater Goshen, takes place from 5-9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per carload in advance, \$35 “day of.” The third option is the inside and outside combo tour for \$60 in advance (includes inside tour for one person plus a car pass for the outside tour) or \$65 “day of.”

For more information and to buy tickets, call 845-294-5124, Ext. 1005 or visit [www.cccsos.org](http://www.cccsos.org).

# **BIBLE**

## **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

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| When in sorrow.....                                  | John 14          |
| When man fails you.....                              | Psalm 27         |
| When you have sinned.....                            | Psalm 51         |
| When you have worry.....                             | Matthew 6:19-34  |
| When you are in danger.....                          | Psalm 91         |
| When God seems far away.....                         | Hebrews 139      |
| When your faith needs stirring.....                  | Hebrews 11       |
| When you are lonely and fearful.....                 | Psalm 23         |
| When you grow bitter and critical.....               | 1 Cor.13         |
| When you feel down and out.....                      | Romans 8:31-37   |
| When you want peace and rest.....                    | Matthew 11:25-30 |
| When the world seems bigger than God.....            | Psalm 90         |
| When you want Christian assurance.....               | Romans 8:1-30    |
| When you leave home for labor or travel.....         | Psalm 121        |
| When your prayers grow narrow and selfish.....       | Psalm 67         |
| When you want courage for a task.....                | Joshua 1         |
| To get along with your fellow man.....               | Romans 12        |
| For a great intervention or opportunity.....         | Isaiah 55        |
| For Paul’s secret to happiness.....                  | Col. 3:12-17     |
| If you want to be fruitful.....                      | John 15          |
| If your pocketbook is empty.....                     | Psalm 37         |
| If you’re losing confidence in people.....           | 1 Cor.13         |
| If people seem unkind.....                           | John 15          |
| If discouraged about your work.....                  | Psalm 126        |
| Find the world growing small and yourself great..... | Psalm 19         |

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