

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 6, 2022



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Second: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

FOCUS: *Lift your hearts to the Lord.*

Today's readings show difficult situations, whether physical as in the first reading or moral as in the Gospel. In each setting, the Scripture lifts our sights to what is most important. We are the children of God, and our strength is in the Lord. This is what truly matters in the world, no matter what we might face.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, seven brothers and their mother are arrested and tortured. Under this intense duress, they keep their faith and proclaim they will rise above such suffering. Paul urges the Thessalonians to find endurance in the Lord and strengthen their hearts. In the Gospel, some Sadducees question Jesus about a moral quandary involving marriage. Jesus responds by telling them that God is the God of the living, not the dead.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: George Olsen, Frank & Helena Olsen and Patrick & Margaret McCarthy

10 a.m.: Rebecca Seda, Nika & Diella Vulaj and the Ryan, Borst & Costello families

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 23-30: Totaled \$ 4,102.12

Envelopes: \$ 1,799.00 – Online: \$ 2,303.12

THANK YOU!



ALTAR SERVERS SOUGHT

The **Altar Servers** ministry is reassembling!!

If your child has received First Communion, he or she is eligible to become a part of this important ministry. Training will be provided, and commitment is limited to one or two Masses a month, depending on the number of young volunteers available to schedule.

Time served on the altar can also be applied toward community-service hours for National Honor Society, Scouts, etc.

To sign up, parents should contact Andy and Alison Britto by Monday, **November 14**, at oweson13@yahoo.com or brit20852000@yahoo.com

Include your child's name, your phone number, email address and the Mass at which your child is able to serve – 5 p.m. Saturday or 10 a.m. Sunday.



A PRAYER FOR VETERANS DAY

*Lord God, Almighty Father,
creator of mankind and author of peace,
as we are ever mindful of the cost paid
for the liberty we possess,
we ask you to bless the members
of our armed forces.*

Give them courage, hope and strength.

*May they ever experience
your firm support, gentle love
and compassionate healing.*

*Be their power and protector,
leading them from darkness to light.
To you be all glory, honor and praise,
now and forever. Amen.*

-U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

VOTING
IS AN ACT OF
LOVE

*“A good Catholic meddles in politics,
offering the best of himself,
so that those who govern
can govern. ...
(politics is) one of the highest forms
of charity.”*

- Pope Francis, from a 2013 homily

WREATHS WITH HEART

It's not too early to start thinking about decking the halls – or your doors – for Christmas. Orders for **festively-decorated wreaths** will be taken the weekends of **November 12-13** and **November 19-20**. They'll be here to pick up and then hang up the weekend after Thanksgiving, **November 26-27**.

The cost is still \$24 each, and the proceeds are donated to the American Heart Association.

SHARE THE WARMTH

In the fall, thoughts turn to apples, pumpkins, autumnal hues – and seasonal closet changes. So it's also the perfect time to donate those new or gently-used-but-no-longer-wanted coats and jackets in any style, and for any age, gender or season.



St. Paul's will once again be participating in the **Walkill East Rotary's annual Coat Collection Drive**. There will be a collection box in Deacon John Hall for clean, unwanted outerwear, which needs to be dropped off by Monday, **November 14**.

THIS WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. Saturday: 59

10 a.m. Sunday: 142

9 a.m. November 1, All Saint's Day: 38

IN THE LOOP



Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is inviting men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation to **“Moving Forward with Hope ... Coping with Life Alone.”** This is a multi-session remote program that begins 1 p.m. this Sunday, **November 6**, to coincide with the holiday season. Registration required; call Denise at (845) 325-3147.



Most Precious Blood School in Walden is hosting a **Veterans Day Celebration** at 9 a.m. this Thursday, **November 10**. Each class will have a poem, song or reading to share, and coffee and treats will be served. Call (845) 778-3028 for more information.



The **Hooked & Happy** group will meet at 6:30 p.m. this Friday, **November 11**, in Deacon John Hall. Everyone is invited to an evening of crafting and camaraderie. Bring a project to work on.



To mark the **Solemnity of All Carmelite Saints**, Brother Joseph Tuan Bui, O. Carm., will present “All Saints in Carmel and their Special Relationship with Mary, Mother of God” at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, **November 14**.

The presentation will take place in the St. Edith Stein Conference Room at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown. Contact Carol Bezak, Shrine director, at (845) 343-1879 to register.



Kindly bring in any **donations for holiday baskets** by Monday, **November 14**, so we can assess what we have and what needs to be purchased. Thank you.



There's still availability for the **Senior Thanksgiving Dinner** (for registered senior parishioners and one guest) to take place after Mass on Saturday, **November 19**. Signup – including payment of the \$10 guest ticket – continues after the Masses this weekend.



The church office will be closed Friday, November 11, in honor of Veterans Day.

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