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# 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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OCTOBER 1, 2023



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** Ezekiel 18:25-28

**Second:** Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:28-32

**FOCUS:** *Turn away from sin and follow Christ.*

In today's Gospel parable, there is a model son, who gives honor to his father by verbally assenting to his father's wishes. But his words are hollow, and his virtue is a mirage. How does our own reality measure up to our Christian ideals? Loving our neighbor sounds like a lovely sentiment until someone cuts us off on the highway. May Christ who calls us always to conversion help us root out any hollowness and hypocrisy in our own lives that we may truly confess that Jesus is Lord.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD;

Today's readings are tied together by the theme of conversion. Ezekiel assures that those who turn away from sin shall not die. The Letter to the Philippians encourages unity in turning away from selfishness to emulate Christ. And Jesus' parable favors the son who shamefully indicated defiance, but changed his mind and was obedient.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**5 p.m.:** Delia Vuksanovich, John Michelotti and Patrick J. O'Neil

**10 a.m.:** Charles & Vinnie Steins, Rose O'Neal, Michael Alan Eger and Djelosh Nikac

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It's tough to convince people  
that a God they can't see  
loves them  
when the church people they can see  
don't seem to like them.  
- Clergy Coaching Network

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## THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

Feast day: October 2

The feast in honor of our guardian angel goes back to the 11th century. The Church teaches that guardian angels are "invisible" spiritual beings providing watchful care and intercession throughout our lives.

### *Guardian Angel Prayer*

*Angel of God, my Guardian Dear  
To whom God's love commits me here.*

*Ever this day be at my side*

*To light and guard, to rule and guide.*

*Amen.*

## MEMORIAL MASS SCHEDULED

The Consolation Ministry, which serves those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, is once again organizing a **Memorial Mass** to honor our deceased relatives and friends, especially those who have died within the past year. It will be celebrated by Fr. Sean at **10 a.m. Saturday, November 4.**

For planning purposes, please call the office at 845-361-3107 if there is someone you would like remembered on that day.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

**September 17-24: \$ 6,524.58**

Envelopes: \$ 2,368.00 – Online: 4,156.58

*THANK YOU!*

## MASS ATTENDANCE

**5 p.m.:** 85

**10 a.m.:** 155

## SHARE THE WARMTH

In October, thoughts turn to apples and autumnal hues, hayrides and Halloween – and wardrobe changes. Out with the shorts; in with the sweaters!



It's also the perfect time to assess outerwear – and pass along those new or gently-used but nonetheless no-longer-wanted coats and jackets. Once again, St. Paul's hall will be a collection site for the **Walkkill East Rotary's annual Coat Collection Drive**, which

makes available hundreds of coats at no cost to those who need them. *Clean jackets and coats in good condition* may be dropped off during office hours or when coming to Mass through **the end of October**. Distribution will take place either November 11 or November 18.

## PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Along with being 18, Catholic and a registered parishioner, what you really need in order to serve as a **Parish Council** member is just a couple of hours a month to spare – and a voice.

OK, there is one more small thing: You have to be able to receive emails and attend occasional meetings via Zoom.



At those monthly meetings, whether in-person or online, ministry reports are first given. There are also discussions about what's going on, what's needed and what can be improved. The Parish Council serves as an advisory committee to Fr. Sean, offering fresh ideas and perspectives.

Now is the time to think about who you'd like to nominate for the three seats that need to be filled in January of 2024. A term is three years with the option to run for a second three-year term.

**Nomination forms** are in the church vestibules and need to be returned by **this Monday, October 2**.

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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## IN THE LOOP



Brother Mickey McGrath, OSFS, an artist and storyteller, will lead a conference titled:

**"St. Titus Brandsma and His Fellow Carmelite Saints"** at the National Shrine of our Lady of Mount Carmel from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. **Thursday, October 12**. The deadline to register is **this Sunday, October 1**. The cost is \$45, which includes morning coffee and cake, plus lunch. Call Carol Bezak, Shrine director, at 845-343-1879, Ext. 22 for info.



**"What is Death? A Report from the Front Lines"** is the title of an academic lecture with Dr. Charles Camosy, an author and notable Catholic moral theologian, and Msgr. Michael J. Curran, fellow in Moral Theology at St. Joseph's Seminary and College.

The lecture begins at **7 p.m. Thursday, October 26, at the seminary in Yonkers or via Zoom**. The cost is \$25, and the Zoom link will be sent to all who register the day before the lecture. To register, visit:

<https://SJSCamosyLectureFall23.eventbrite.com>

For more information, call Joan Brisson, coordinator of operations, at 914-968-6200 x8145.



Musicians and music aficionados are invited to the first annual **Archdiocesan Musicians Breakfast** from 9-11 a.m. on **Saturday, October 28**, at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers.

Meet local parish musicians, listen to performances and pay tribute to the Rev. Anthony Sorgie, former professor and director of sacred music at the seminary, and the first recipient of the Saint Gregory the Great Award for Distinguished Service in Sacred Music.

The cost is \$30. For online registration, visit:

<https://parishmusiciansbreakfast.eventbrite.com>

For more information, call 914-968-6200, Ext. 8177.



Fr. Justin Cinnante, O.Carm. and Carol Bezak, director of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, will lead an eight-day **Catholic Italy Pilgrimage** from **March 31-April 7, 2024**, which begins in Rome. The cost is \$4,159 from JFK, with a \$50 early-booking discount for those who reserve by **this Sunday, October 1**. Questions? Call the Shrine office at 845-343-1879, Ext. 22.



We continually strive to keep our records up to date, but we do need your help to achieve this. Please remember to notify the office if you have an address or phone number change, if you are moving out of the parish or if adult children have registered independently.

When we do not have a record of membership and participation, delays and hard feelings can result when people want to be married, be a Godparent or a Confirmation sponsor. You must be able to demonstrate that you are a **registered, active and participating** member of St. Paul's Church.

