
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 15, 2023



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Isaiah 25:6-10a

Second: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

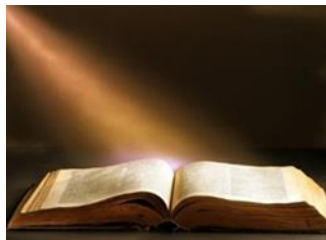
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

FOCUS: *Let us always rejoice in the abundance the Lord provides.*

As followers of Jesus, we cannot allow the challenges of everyday life to take our attention from the sumptuous abundance of our lives in God's family. Each day we return our focus to rejoicing, provided for by God in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

From Isaiah's rich description of the abundance God intends to provide us for all time, to Paul's reminder that God constantly provides for our good, to Jesus' parable encouraging us in dramatic terms to accept God's feast rather than relying on ourselves alone, all of our readings lead us to celebrate being gracious receivers of God's generous love.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Walter Welch, Fr. Pat McGuigan,
Dennis Scullin and Eileen Exiner

10 a.m.: Oswaldo Rivero, Linda Licardi
and Richard Tolliver

FR. PATRICK McGUIGAN, O.CARM. MEMORIAL MASS



A Memorial Mass marking the 10th anniversary of Fr. Pat McGuigan's death will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Bloomingburg at 6:30 on Friday evening, October 20.

ST. PAUL'S 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.

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCES

To have your loved ones remembered at all the Masses during the month of November, list the names on the envelope in your box of envelopes, use the envelopes in the church vestibules or any envelope marked "All Souls Remembrance." Drop envelopes in the collection box.

To make an All Souls donation using WeShare, find the option under Second Collections and provide the names to the office. All names will be placed on the altar where they will remain for the entire month.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

There is no need to hold a Parish Council election this year. There were three nominations and three seats to fill.

All three nominees have accepted and will begin their three-year terms in January.

The new Parish Council members are:

Joan Miller

Jim Lancellotti

Marisa Block.

Congratulations and welcome!

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report will appear in next week's bulletin.

MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m.: 60

10 a.m.: 151



**STOP IN DEACON JOHN HALL
AFTER EITHER MASS THE WEEKEND
OF OCTOBER 28-29
TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN
CONNECT, GROW AND SERVE
AT ST. PAUL'S!**



**BLANKET MINISTRY
BAKE SALE**

Be sure to bring your sweet tooth to church the weekend of **October 28 and 29**. Along with the **Ministry Fair**, there will be a **Coffee Social** and **Bake Sale** after both Masses in Deacon John Hall.

All proceeds from the sale of home-baked goods will go to our **Prayer Blanket Ministry**, which lovingly makes (Twice a year with the Confirmation class!) and distributes scores of blankets annually to those in need of comfort. Your bake-sale participation and donations completely cover the cost of the fleece, which is not inexpensive. Thank you for your invaluable support!

LET'S TALK TURKEY

And here's another reason to hang around after



Mass the weekend of **October 28-29**. That's when signup begins for the ever-popular **Senior Thanksgiving Dinner**, to be enjoyed after Mass on **Saturday, November 18**.

A hearty, traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings – including festive libations – will be

served to **registered parishioners**, who are able to bring **one** guest each. The guest ticket is \$10.

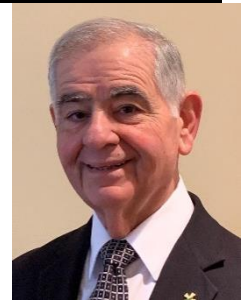
Seating is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment for guests needs to be made at the time of signing up.

As in the past, dinner guests are welcome to bring desserts!

IT'S NEVER TO LATE TO SAY 'THANKS'



Who knew? Not even our deacons until after the fact. But apparently, last Sunday, the second Sunday of October, was also the second annual **Deacon Sunday**, a



day to raise awareness of the good works performed by deacons, to express appreciation to them and their families, and to encourage vocations.

More on this new celebration next year – but you don't have to wait until then to share a kind word!

HARVEST SOME FAMILY FUN

Come one, come all – and experience why we fall for autumn – as it's time for **St. Paul's Youth Ministry's** annual **Harvest Fest!**

Between 6 and 8:30 p.m. on **Friday, October 27**, the parking lot will serve up a sampling of this sensational season.



Costumed revelers can Trunk or Treat. Then fueled by all those sweets, there will be a bounty of activities to bounce through. On the quieter side, how about an outdoor movie to view? And there's sure to be a giggle or two when posing for photos with fall-themed props.

But this isn't an event solely for the younger set. Those old enough to drive can play a critical role by "hosting" a trunk. The more candy-filled trunks, the more sugar, the more energy, the more fun!

Contact Deb and Chris at 845-248-3120 or saintpaulsym@gmail.com to get a chunk of trunk info and make this night a slam-dunk!

*"It is right, therefore,
that we not just be called Christians
but that we actually be Christians."*

*-St. Ignatius of Antioch
Feast Day October 17*

SHARE THE WARMTH

Once again, St. Paul's hall will be a collection site for the **Walkill 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**.

