

29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 17, 2021



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: The Visco Family, Jason MacConnell, Jean Simmons and Fr. Pat

10 a.m.: Frances Hernandez, Joe Britto, Jack Shapiro and Marie Lancellotti

MEMORIAL MASS SCHEDULED

Our new Consolation Ministry, which serves those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, has organized a Memorial Mass for those who have died within the past year or so. It will be celebrated by Fr. Sean at **10 a.m. Saturday, November 6.**

For planning purposes, please call the office at 361-3107 with how many people will attend and the name of the person to be remembered.

PASS THE PARAPROSDOKIAN

Here's this week's paraprostdokian - a figure of speech with an unexpected twist – courtesy of master wordsmith Mark Twain:

“A clear conscience
is the sure sign
of a bad memory.”

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 26- October 3: Totaled \$ 5,667.47

Envelopes: \$ 3,206.00 – Online: \$ 2,461.47

October 3-10: Totaled \$ 6,412.80

Envelopes: \$ 2,535.29 – Online: \$ 3,887.51

THANK YOU!

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION NEWS

A robust Parish Council election season has begun! Bios and photos of all the candidates will be posted shortly.

Election weekend has been scheduled for **November 6-7** in Deacon John Hall – at which time you can also grab a baked item to support our Prayer Blanket Ministry.

For those who are unable to vote in person, there will be an online option as well. If neither voting option is suitable for you, kindly contact the office.

More election details will be provided as the coming weeks unfold.

GRATITUDE BEGETS GRATITUDE



Gratitude is the most fruitful way of deepening your consciousness that you are not an “accident,” but a divine choice.

It is important to realize how often we have had chances to be grateful and have not used them. When someone is kind to us, when an event turns out well, when a problem is solved, a relationship restored, a wound healed, these are very concrete reasons to offer thanks - be it with words, with flowers, with a letter, a card, a phone call or just a gesture of affection.

Every time we decide to be grateful, it will be easier to see new things to be grateful for. Gratitude begets gratitude, just as love begets love.

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SUNDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY

Have you ever listened to the readings at Mass and struggled with the message? You're not alone. That was the inspiration for **Sunday Scripture Study** in the first place. It meets virtually at **10 a.m. Wednesdays.**

This is not Bible study. Rather, it's an opportunity to gather before weekend Mass, read those Scriptures ahead of time and discuss their meaning.

Meetings are informal. People, including new participants, are welcome to attend as they are able. For more information, call Ernie Martin at 800-4342

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 donate those new or gently-used but nonetheless no-longer-wanted coats and jackets. The kids grow quickly, styles and tastes change and suddenly that entryway closet is bursting at the seams.

Unfortunately, there are far too many people in our community who don't have that problem. They're not sure how to

afford replacing coats for their children – even if mom and dad get one more year out of their gear that has already seen better days.

Enter the **Walkill East Rotary and its annual Coat Collection Drive**. This year, St. Paul's is able to actively participate by collecting *clean* jackets and coats in good condition. Just drop them off in a collection box in Deacon John Hall by **November 15**. Let's see if we can't help them top last year's total of almost 600 coats distributed to those in need.

CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE



Retired Bishop Edward K. Braxton of Belleville, Illinois, spoke during the 31st annual meeting of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium held October 7-9 at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

"My hope is to move some people to make realistic efforts to bridge the racial divide. This can only come about by deep interior conversion of hearts and minds," Bishop Braxton said.

To read the full article, visit:

<https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2021/10/12/bishop-braxton-racial-divide-church-notre-dame-241618>

CELEBRATION AT THE SHRINE

A pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Manaoag will be at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel October 16-24.

Also, a bilingual **Mass of Thanksgiving to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines** will be held at the Shrine at 6 p.m. **October 23**, celebrated by Archbishop Charles Brown, and begins with a coronation of the image of Our Lady of Antipolo at 5:15 p.m. The San Lorenzo Ruiz Choir from Manhattan will sing at Mass, and at 7:30 p.m., a Filipino formal dinner and culture night kicks off. Call Carol Bezak, Shrine director, at 343-1879 for details.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES



High school group kicks off

Ten teens recently learned it's pretty tough to keep a balloon up in the air when arms are duck-taped to replicate those of a T-Rex!

But before assuming prehistoric postures, they played some basketball and tag while making one of the YM member's friends feel welcome. Candy then encouraged conversation, which inevitably focused on school. Overall, the year is off to a good start, but the pandemic – and TikTok – have brought about some strange circumstances – such as a shortage of available bathrooms. Sadly, the latest video "challenge" on this social media outlet involves destroying school restrooms.



Calling all trunks

Get ready to give out treats at the second annual **Family Harvest Festival and Trunk or Treat** from 6-9 p.m. on **Friday, October 29**, put on by the Youth Ministry. The event is open to everyone, and there's plenty of time to conjure up creative trunk decorations and costumes – all in family- and faith-friendly fashion.

For a trunk-or-treat spot – or answers to questions – please email saintpaulsym@gmail.com or call Chris at 248-3120.

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