
29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 20, 2024



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First Reading

Isaiah 53:10-11

Through his suffering, the servant of Yahweh will justify many.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus is the high priest who sympathizes with our weakness.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:35-45 (shorter form Mark 10:42-45)

Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all.

Focus: *The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

In contrast to the pressures to seek power, comfort and fame, our Church proclaims humble service. We are called to gaze on our king, enthroned on a cross, ornamented with wounds. We are told in no uncertain terms that the only path to greatness in the kingdom of God is the path of self-giving love.

Liturgy of the Word:

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah prophesies about the servant who justifies many through his suffering. In the Letter to the Hebrews, the author writes that we have a great high priest who sympathizes with our weaknesses. In the Gospel, Jesus says that the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.

MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Jason MacConnell, The Caldiero Family and Grace & Josephine Tronstad

10 a.m.: Frances Hernandez, Paul Torello and Catherine Saypack

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Altar Servers

Being an altar server is not as difficult as it might seem to the youngsters in the pews during Mass.

"But it is a good way to ease into leadership roles," says Andy Britto, a former altar server himself who now

coordinates the Altar Server Ministry with his wife, Alison. "It is one small, quick step on the journey to serving others, which we are called to do."

When Andy and Alison were asked two years ago if they could take on this responsibility, of course they agreed. Their son, Joe, had been an altar server for about five years at that point, and Tommy had recently started following in his brother's footsteps.

"I like being an example, a good role model for the younger kids, including my brother," says Joe. "And I am helping to support the St. Paul's community. ...

"My first Mass, I thought people would laugh. It is intense up there with people looking at you. But I just focus on the one thing I am doing in my role, and it takes that fear away of people looking at you."

"It's not the end of the world if a mistake is made," says Andy. "No one is critiquing."

"And the deacons and Fr. Sean are very helpful," says Alison.

But more altar servers would be helpful, too.

"When there are two at each Mass, the more seasoned altar server helps the other one to feel more comfortable and to build confidence through repetition. It's easier to ask questions of a peer," she says.

Right now, there are only five altar servers to rotate through the Sunday schedule – and no one to schedule on Saturday.

"Ephraim serves when he is available," says Alison of the familiar face to many 5-o'clockers who is now a young adult with new responsibilities.

The Altar Server Ministry needs youth who are responsible, mature, have made their First Holy Communion and can commit to serve at least once every two months or more, depending upon how many altar servers there are. Training will be provided.

"It's not as hard as it might look," says Andy. "And there are no speaking roles."

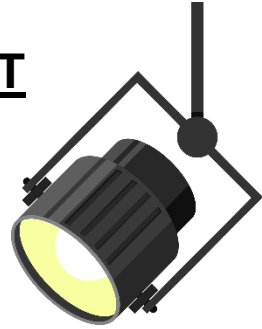
"Give it a chance," says Joe to anyone who might be thinking about taking this step. "I didn't want to do it at first. I thought it would be boring."

"Joe now prides himself in this position," says Alison.

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CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to Michael and Patty Brooks upon the recent death of his sister, Danielle Brooks Forman. Please keep them in your prayers.

MEMORIAL MASS AND ANOINTING

The annual **Memorial Mass** to honor deceased relatives and friends will be celebrated by Fr. Sean at 10 a.m. on **All Soul's Day, November 2**. Please contact the office by **Wednesday, October 23**, if you plan to attend the Mass so your loved one's name can then be included in the commemorative booklet.

Additionally, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which is part of Jesus' healing ministry, will be incorporated into this Memorial Mass. This Sacrament is for anyone who is mentally or physically ill, facing challenging treatments, or even an older person whose health is slipping.

THE SAINTS COME MARCHING IN

The feast of **All Saints Day** reflects the spiritual connection between those in Heaven and on Earth.

In the early years when the Roman Empire persecuted Christians, as martyrs died for their faith, the Church set aside special days to honor them. Ultimately, there were too many martyrs for each to be given their own day. So in the eighth century, **November 1** was designated by Pope Gregory III as a day to collectively remember them.

All Saints Day is dedicated to the saints or all who have attained heaven. All Saints Day should not be confused with **All Souls Day**, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to commemorating the faithful departed.

All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, **November 1**. There will be no evening or vigil Mass.

NOVEMBER 1

All Saints

All Souls

NOVEMBER 2

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.

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.

CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS

The Senior Citizens Advisory Board invites all local Veterans to a **Veterans Appreciation Luncheon** at noon on **November 14** at the Maybrook Senior Center, Maybrook. Guests will be served a Thanksgiving-type meal with all the trimmings!

Please call 845-260-4475 and ask for Mary to make your reservations. Seating is limited so walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM SCHEDULED

At 9 a.m. next **gSaturday, October 26**, the **six-week Bereavement Program** will again take place at St. Paul's for those who did not attend last year. Julie Laurenzi, Liz Locatelli and Kate Gallaher Carson, who have completed the Archdiocese's training, will lead the sessions designed to support the bereaved as they continue on their own healing path. It is open to those struggling with the loss of a loved one – regardless of when that passing occurred.

Thereafter, the group will continue to meet from 9-10:30 Saturday mornings through December 7, with the exception of Saturday, November 2.

For more information or to sign up, call Julie Laurenzi at 518-225-1170 or email Julie.laurenzi@gmail.com.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE


Parish Council Elections will take place next weekend, **October 26-27**.

The nominees for the three vacant seats are:

Julie Laurenzi, Beth Schick, Chris Murphy and **Tony Mazzeo**. Bios and photos are in the vestibules.

IN THE LOOP

 The **Men's Faith Sharing Group** continues to meet at 6:45 **Monday evenings**, and the **Book Club** discussion of "Every Saint a Sinner" begins 10 a.m. this **Thursday, October 24**. Both are via Zoom.

 The **Bake Sale to benefit the Prayer Blanket Ministry** takes place next weekend, **October 26-27**, along with the Parish Council elections. You will also be able to sign up for the **Senior Thanksgiving Dinner** and grab a cup of coffee. Lots of reasons to stop in the hall!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

October 6-13 \$ 6,189.21

Envelopes: \$ 2,339.10 – Online: \$ 3,850.11

THANK YOU!

LAST WEEKEND'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 76

10 a.m. – 119

