

OCTOBER 23, 2022



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Second: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel: Luke 18:9-14
FOCUS: In prayer, we turn to God with our needs.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor, the oppressed and the tax collector, who share the virtue of humility. He knows no favorites but hears those who admit their need for his mercy and redemption. When we pray, it is not to exalt ourselves but to humble ourselves and place ourselves in his hands.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Sirach says that God hears the cry of the lowly and oppressed. Paul praises the Lord for giving him strength as his life is threatened. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of



the Pharisee and tax collector praying at the temple. The humble tax collector – not the self-righteous Pharisee – leaves justified.

MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Carmen DeWitt, Lila Green and Jack Hoag 10 a.m.: William Pearson, Hugh O'Neil, Peg Boyle and Carl Asaro

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 2-9: Totaled \$ 6,164.48 Envelopes: \$ 1,960.00 – Online: \$ 4,204.48 October 9-16: Totaled \$ 6,009.11 Envelopes: \$ 3,410.00 – Online: \$ 2,599.11 THANK YOU!

THIS WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. Saturday: 69 10 a.m. Sunday: 143

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 a day, so they were remembered collectively. In the eighth century, **November 1** was designated as that day of remembrance by Pope Gregory III.

All Saints Day is dedicated to the saints or all who have attained heaven. Although millions or even billions of people may already be saints, observances tend to focus on known saints or those recognized in the Canon of the Saints by the Catholic Church.

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 Tuesday, **November 1.** There will be no evening or vigil Mass.

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCES

To have your loved ones remembered at all the Masses in November, list the names on the envelope in your box of envelopes, or use the envelopes in the church vestibules and drop them in the collection box. The names will be placed on the altar.

To make an All Souls donation using WeShare, find the option under Second Collections and provide the names to the office.

MEMORIAL MASS SCHEDULED

The Consolation Ministry, which serves those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, is 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 5.**

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

NONE OF US CAN THINK WE ARE EXEMPT FROM CONCERN FOR THE POOR AND FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE. POPE FRANCIS



BLANKET MINISTRY BAKE SALE

Be sure to bring your sweet tooth to church the weekend of **November 5** and **6**. Along with

the Parish Council elections, there will be a **Coffee Social** and **Bake Sale** after both Masses in Deacon John Hall.

All proceeds from the sale of homebaked goods will go to our **Prayer Blanket Ministry**, which lovingly makes and distributes scores of blankets each year to those in need of comfort. The cost of all supplies – which continues to increase because of decreased availability of the fleece – is covered by your bake-sale participation and donations. Thank you for your invaluable support.

ELECTION UPDATE

The photos and bios of **Gale Britto**, **Tony Mazzeo**, **Kate Gallaher-Carson** and **Anne Savastano**, the four candidates vying for the three Parish Council seats that open in January, are in the church vestibules.

Plan to stop off in the hall right after Mass the weekend of **November 5-6.** Grab a cup of coffee, cast your vote and give into the temptation of fundraising baked goods!



LET'S TALK TURKEY

The Senior Thanksgiving Dinner is back!



After Mass on Saturday, November 19, a hearty Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings – including festive libations – will be served to registered parishioners, who are able to bring one guest. The guest ticket is \$10.

Seating is limited and will be filled on a first-come,

first-served basis. Signup – including payment for any guests – begins after the Masses this weekend.

As in the past, you're welcome to bring a dessert. For more info, contact Rick Dzurilla at 646-208-3552.

WANTED: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Carmelite Provincial Office in Middletown is seeking a mature, dependable and honest individual to work full time (40 hours per week, Monday-Friday) as an executive secretary for the provincial.

Please submit a cover letter of interest, along with a resume to: Very Reverend Mario Esposito, O.Carm., Carmelite Provincial Office, P.O. Box 3079, Middletown, NY 10940-0890 or via email to: <u>wward@carmelites.com</u>. "Would that all of us in the Church were what we already are by virtue of baptism: prophets, witnesses, missionaries of the Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the ends of the earth! Mary, Queen of the Missions, pray for us!" -Pope Francis World Mission Sunday message, 2022

