

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 27, 2024



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord declares himself to be the Father of Israel.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

Christ was made high priest by God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus

Focus: Have courage to follow the Lord on the way when he answers prayers.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus wanted his sight, and the Lord granted it. Bartimaeus then followed him on the way. As we encounter the Lord in the Eucharist, let us ask him for the courage to not only ask him for what we need, but to follow him on the way when he answers.

Liturgy of the Word

Jeremiah prophesies that the Lord will bring back his people from the land to which they were exiled. The author of Hebrews explains that just as the high priest can act as such only if he has been called by God to do so, so also Christ acts as our high priest because God has appointed him to do so. In the Gospel, Jesus restores the sight of Bartimaeus.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: **Kenneth Carson, Jr., Dolores Townley, Dennis Scullin and Fr. Pat McGuigan**

10 a.m.: **Jessica Lancellotti, Josh Miller, Janet Stinson and Aaron Stinson**

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Ushers

Since 2020, there's a new way to define time: BP and AP or before-pandemic and after-the-pandemic.

BP there were plenty of ushers for all the Masses at St. Paul's – no scheduling required. It was as if they magically appeared week after week without fail. Then came the shutdown and gradual return to AP normalcy. We had greeters – and these volunteers continue to play an important, welcoming role – but no traditional ushers.

"It hit me last Christmas as I was in the pew with our out-of-state relatives how much money the church was losing by not having ushers. Parishioners knew about the collection boxes but not visitors. ... And I knew ushers would be needed if we were to return to bringing up the gifts," says John Botti, who then spoke with Fr. Sean about formalizing this ministry.

Beginning last January, there has been a lead usher designated – yes, that means scheduled – for each Mass. That person arrives ahead of the crowd and ensures there are three others to assist with the collection.

"We try to mix it up by asking different people if they'd like to usher for the day," says John.

The lead usher also ensures there are people to bring up the gifts and reminds the gift-bearers when to step to the back of the church. If a late-comer is having trouble finding a seat, an usher can assist. And finally, the ushers keep the Communion lines going.

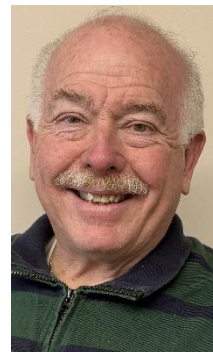
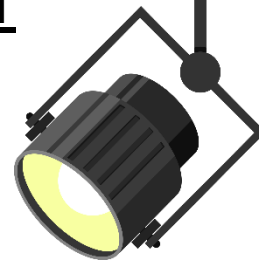
As during BP times, many of the lead ushers assume a weekly ushering role, even if they're not "scheduled." They simply like to usher.

"Still, we need a few more people to step up as lead ushers," says John.

The more people available to do so, the less of a burden it is on the others, especially when vacations and illness are factored in.

"This is really easy to do – and you're here anyway," says John.

For more information, contact John at anybotti@hvc.rr.com or 845-421-8213.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

October 14-20 \$ 7,416.76

Envelopes: \$ 1,960.00 – Online: \$ 5,456.72

THANK YOU!

LAST WEEKEND'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 87

10 a.m. – 162

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to Anna Cesca and Pat Willard upon the recent death of their mother, Annemarie Willard. Please keep them in your prayers.

NOVEMBER 1

All Saints All Souls

NOVEMBER 2

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

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

Appreciation Lunch

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.

Pasta Dinner

The Town of Wallkill Police Youth Coalition and the Wallkill East Rotary Club are hosting the first annual **Tom Nosworthy Veterans Pasta Dinner** at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, **November 19** at the Town of Wallkill Community Center. (Tom Nosworthy was a Navy veteran, former Town of Wallkill supervisor and town historian who died in September.)

Dinner includes pasta, salad, bread and beverages and is free to veterans and one guest each.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling Sal at 914-391-5099.

LET'S TALK TURKEY

The ever-popular **Senior Thanksgiving Dinner** will be served after Mass on **Saturday, November 23**.



A hearty, traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the anticipated favorites – 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, so be sure to sign up after Mass as soon as possible. Payment for guests needs to be made at that time. Dinner guests are welcome to bring desserts!

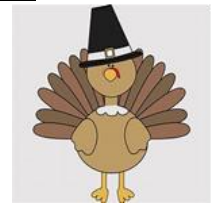
AND MORE TURKEY

It's hard to believe, but about 75 Thanksgiving Baskets (actually boxes) will again be assembled and distributed this month. And the team will do it all over again for Christmas.

That's a lot of turkeys! And hams. And sides...

If you are able to help, here's what's included in each holiday basket. Donations should be dropped off by **Friday, November 8**.

**TURKEYS - ROASTING CHICKENS - HAMS
STUFFING - CANNED YAMS
INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
CANNED PEAS - CORN - GREEN BEANS
GRAVY MIX - JARS OF GRAVY
CRANBERRY SAUCE
MAYONNAISE
COFFEE - TEA - COCOA MIX
SUGAR
APPLE JUICE - CANNED FRUIT
THANK YOU!**



IN THE LOOP

Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour before turning in **next Saturday night** as **Daylight Savings Time** ends.



Please drop off all jackets and coats for the **Wallkill East Rotary's annual Coat Collection Drive** by the end of next week.

The coats will be distributed to families in need from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, at the YMCA Center for Youth in Middletown. For more information, contact Peg Lucido at 845-304-2728.



There will be a round-table discussion of the movie "**Conclave**," based on the 2016 novel by Robert Harris, after the 10 a.m. Mass on **November 10**. See the movie and then come share your thoughts!



