
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 29, 2023



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Exodus 22:20-26

Second: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

FOCUS: *God gives us all we need to answer his call to love others.*

If we are to do any good for others, if we are to discern where God is calling us to serve, if we are to have the resources necessary to fulfill such a call, we must begin by seeking God and God's help first. We must start at the source of all generous love. We must be filled from the eternal font if we are to pour out to others.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, God commands his people not to oppress the weak. In the second reading, Paul commends the Thessalonians for placing their faith in God and becoming a model for others. In the Gospel, Jesus says the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God and the second is to love your neighbor as yourself.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Charles Schwope, Dorothy McCarthy and June Bartol

10 a.m.: Quintin Garcia, James Robert LaBianco and Barbara Sharper

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest condolences to Eileen Schwope upon the recent death of her husband, Charles. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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. next Saturday, November 4.**

For planning purposes, please call the office by **October 31** if there is someone you would like remembered on that day.

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 here at 9 a.m. this 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 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.

LET'S TALK TURKEY



Signup begins this weekend, **October 28-29**, 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!

...AND MORE TURKEY

It's hard to believe, but about 75 Thanksgiving Baskets will be assembled and distributed in just about three weeks. 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 10**.



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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

October 15-22: \$ 6,125.97

Envelopes: \$ 3,187.00 – Online: \$2,938.97

THANK YOU!

MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m.: 91

10 a.m.: 139

ANGELS INSPIRE THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is live this year! OK, so the actual tree is artificial – but it will actually be put up in Deacon John Hall the weekend of **November 11-12**.

And as was done before the pandemic prompted a virtual procedure, the tree will be decorated with angel tags for you to choose, each anonymously representing a child in need. Wrapped gifts – with the angel tag attached – must be returned by Sunday, **December 10**.

If anyone is aware of a family who could benefit from this annual holiday happening, please be an angel and call the office as soon as possible.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

The good news is there's an extra hour of sleep next Saturday night with the **end of Daylight Savings**

Time. But the bad news is it'll be dark by late afternoon.

Regardless, don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before turning in **next Saturday night**; otherwise, you'll be an hour early for Mass.



IN THE LOOP



A **Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair** will be held at St. Joseph's Church, 149 Cottage Street, Middletown from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on **Saturday, November 11**, in the Parish Center gymnasium. Highlights include a variety of vendors, white elephant table, raffle table, cookie walk and food. For information, call 845-343-6013.



Please drop off all jackets and coats for the **Wallkill East Rotary's annual Coat Collection Drive** by this Wednesday, November 1. They will be distributed to those in need from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, November 18, at the YMCA, 6 Liberty Street, Middletown, and from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Sunday, November 19, at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 17 High Street, Bloomingburg.



Our guest **November 18-19** to celebrate Mass and discuss the **2023 Annual Carmelite Appeal** will be Fr. Von Erick Maria Sandoval, O. Carm., who was ordained in May.

