

27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 3, 2021



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Rose Bounera, Louise Adams
and Dennis Scullin

10 a.m.: Jack Shapiro, Joe Britto, Richard Tolliver
and Michael Faso

WITH OPEN ARMS

Please welcome Luke Walter Panko, who was baptized into Saint Paul's faith community last weekend. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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.

17K TO BE 'CLOSED' FOR TWO WEEKS



Culvert work begins **Monday, October 4**, at a point just south of the church, which is expected to take about two weeks to complete. The state Department of Transportation is closing Route 17K between Route 302 in Bullville and Albany Post Road in

Montgomery. Local access, however, will be permitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 19-26: Totaled \$ 4,395.08

Envelopes: \$ 1,581.00 – Online: \$ 2,814.08

THANK YOU!

DAILY PRAYER

*Lord, help me to live this day,
quietly, easily;
to lean on your great strength,
trustfully, respectfully;
to wait for the unfolding of your will,
patiently, serenely;
to meet others, peacefully, joyfully;
to face tomorrow,
confidently, courageously. Amen.*
-www.daily-prayers.org

PARADISE LOST



I know that the fact that I am always searching for God, always struggling to discover the fullness of Love, always yearning for the complete Truth, tells me that I have already been given a taste of God, of Love and of Truth.

I can only look for something that I have, to some degree, already found. How can I search for beauty and truth unless that beauty and truth are already known to me in the depth of my heart? It seems that all of us human beings have deep inner memories of the paradise that we have lost.

Maybe the word "innocence" is better than the word "paradise." We were innocent before we started feeling guilty. We were in the light before we entered into the darkness. We were at home before we started to search for a home.

Deep in the recesses of our minds and hearts there lies hidden the treasure we seek. We know its preciousness, and we know that it holds the gift we most desire: A life stronger than death.

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PASS THE PARAPROSDOKIAN

Here's this week's figure of speech – with an unexpected twist – another from the paraprosdokian prolific Winston Churchill:

"War does not determine who is right – only who is left."

BLANKET MINISTRY UPDATE



Because the numbers of blankets and supply-shopping dollars are dropping just like the temperatures, our ever-proactive **Prayer Blanket Ministry** continues to plan accordingly.

As part of preparation for Confirmation, students will be supervised at the church while baking cookies for a sale after Mass the weekend of **November 6 and 7**. All the money generated by those with a sweet tooth goes to fund this sweet outreach.

Not only are scores of blankets lovingly distributed each year, but the cost of all supplies – which have increased this year because of decreased availability of the fleece – is covered by your bake-sale participation and generous donations. And the coordinator is a very smart shopper!

CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

Kevin Clarke, chief correspondent for America magazine and author of “Oscar Romero: Love Must Win Out,” addresses the horrific recent scene of patrol agents on horseback abusing Haitian immigrants at the border.

“... nobody should be surprised by this latest bit of ugliness at the border. Turning desperate people away from the border will always be ugly – because the official policy behind it is ugly,” Clarke writes. “U.S. immigration policy has not changed in decades beyond some tweaks around the edges that seem only to have enhanced its cruelty and ineffectiveness.”

To read the full article, visit:

<https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2021/09/24/border-patrol-immigration-haitian-asylum-refugee-migrant-texas-del-rio>

COPING WITH COVID

Catholic Charities invites anyone struggling with the death of a loved one due to COVID and/or the effects of the pandemic to its Coping with COVID Virtual Support Group via Zoom from 7-8:30 p.m. the following Thursdays: October 7 and 21; November 4 and 18 and December 2 and 16. Contact facilitator Gae Savino, LCSW, CT, at 914-391-5966 to register.

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, which meets virtually **10 a.m. Wednesdays**.

This is not Bible study. Rather, it's an opportunity to gather before weekend Mass, read the 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.

Wanted:
Encouragers

[We have a surplus of critics already, thanks.]

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YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE...

Who would argue that there's real value in decompressing from one's daily routine with some old-fashioned fun? A rousing game of virtual Scattergories allowed our youth to do just that last week - scatter their school stress! Then a few Scriptures were shared:

Hebrews 4:10 - For anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works just as God did from His.

Philippians 4:6-7 - Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

1 John 4:9 - This is how God showed his love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.

Finally, there was discussion about the new group solely for high-schoolers:

A colorful poster for a "HIGH SCHOOL MEETUP" on "SUNDAY OCT. 3" from "12-1:30PM" at "Deacon John Hall". The text "Snack & Chat" is written in yellow. The SPYM logo is in the bottom left. A QR code is in the bottom right with the text "QUESTIONS? EMAIL US: saintpaulsym@gmail.com" and "SAINTPAULS.YM" below it.

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