
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 30, 2022



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Wisdom 11:22–12:2

Second: Thessalonians 1:11–2:2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

FOCUS: *Receive the Lord with joy and be ready for change.*

Zacchaeus was not looking for a miracle; he just wanted to see Jesus. When Jesus called him, he came down quickly with great joy. When Jesus calls us, do we come quickly, or do we hesitate? Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist. As Zacchaeus did, we ought to receive him with great joy. For Zacchaeus received Jesus and was changed by the encounter. We, too, are meant to be transformed, for the sake of the world.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The author of the Book of Wisdom praises God for his love for all things he created and for the mercy he has on all people. Paul tells the Thessalonians that they always pray for them, that "...God may make [them] worthy of [their] calling." In the Gospel, Jesus calls Zacchaeus to come down from the tree, and the tax collector says he will give half his possessions away and repay what he owes anyone "...four times over."



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Raymond Foos, Johanna Schmidt and The Ryan, Borst & Costello Families

10 a.m.: John & Margaret Boyle, Janet Stinson and Aaron Stinson

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 16-23: Totaled \$ 5,344.68

Envelopes: \$ 2,644.00 – Online: \$ 2,700.68

THANK YOU!

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. this Tuesday, **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 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.

Please call the office Monday if there is someone you would like remembered.

VOTE AND SNACK

Plan to stop off in the hall right after Mass the weekend of **November 5-6**. Grab a cup of coffee, cast your ballot for three new Parish Council members and give in to the temptation of fundraising baked goods to support our Prayer Blanket Ministry.

THIS WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. Saturday: 60

10 a.m. Sunday: 216

RECAP OF LAST WEEKEND



MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY

Dozens of bags of freshly-popped popcorn and the Disney film “Coco” attracted 61 people to Religious Education’s Family Movie Night. Everyone’s feature-film focus was so intent for almost an hour and a half that no one even had to say “Shhhh!”



FOOD DRIVE SATURDAY

Our Christian Services ministry organized a food drive that included Our Lady of the Assumption Church, RECAP and Pine Bush Ecumenical Food Pantry. Joining forces maximized donations - as evidenced by the stream of cars with contents that filled the tables more than once!

HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY

Valentina Palma, in the photo at left taken by a youth photographer, poses with Scarecrow, the day’s mascot. She was just one of about 70 festive festival-goers ranging in age from 1 to 90, who harvested a ton of fun at our Youth Ministry’s annual event.

Trunk-or-treat sweets helped fuel the family-friendly activities that included an adults-versus-children obstacle course, bean-bag toss, corn hole, can jam, coloring and foosball – all amidst colorful costumes, autumn decorations and blue skies.



A LOOK AHEAD

❖ 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.

❖ Most Precious Blood School in Walden is hosting a **Veterans Day Celebration** at 9 a.m. Thursday, **November 10**. Each class will have a poem, song or reading to share, and coffee and treats will be served. Call (845) 778-3028 for more information.

❖ In October, thoughts turn to apples and autumnal hues, hayrides and Halloween – and wardrobe changes. It’s also the perfect time to donate those new or gently-used-but-no-longer-wanted coats and jackets in any style, and for any age, gender or season.



St. Paul’s will once again be participating in the **Walkill East Rotary’s annual Coat Collection Drive**. There will be a collection box in Deacon John Hall for clean, unwanted outerwear, which needs to be dropped off by **November 14**.

❖ Fr. Mark Zittle, O. Carm., will be our guest the weekend of November 12-13 to discuss the **2022 Annual Carmelite Appeal**.

❖ Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is inviting men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation to “**Moving Forward with Hope ... Coping with Life Alone**.” This is a multi-session remote program that begins 1 p.m. next Sunday, **November 6**, to coincide with the holiday season. Registration required; call Denise at 845-325-3147.

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