

31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 31, 2021



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Richard McClintock, Kathy Puntar and Marion Zagarese

10 a.m.: Gino Faraone, Harold Crane, Gloria F. Lee and Gerald Visconti

MEMORIAL MASS SCHEDULED

Our 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. next Saturday, November 6.**

For planning purposes, please call the office at 845-361-3107 **by this Wednesday** with how many people will attend and the name of the person to be remembered.



TREASURER'S REPORT

October 17-24: Totaled \$ 5,796.65

Envelopes: \$ 3,490.00 – Online: \$ 2,306.65

THANK YOU!

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION NEWS

A robust Parish Council election season, indeed! There are nine candidates vying for five seats:

Martin Stinson
Tom Fobert
Hector Hernandez
Julie Laurenzi
Beth Schick
Michael McGovern
JoAnn Kroner
And incumbents:
Pam Vogt
Kevin Green

Photos and bios will be posted in the East Wing vestibule, Deacon John Hall and on our website.

For those who cannot vote in person, please contact the office (845-361-3107) or Christine Forbes, the Parish Council chairperson, via email at (cforbes1208@gmail.com) for the link to vote online.

IMAGINE THERE'S NO JUDGING



Imagine having no need at all to judge anybody. Imagine having no desire to decide whether someone is a good or bad person. Imagine being completely free from the feeling that you have to make up your mind about the morality of someone's behavior. Imagine that you could say: "I am judging no one!"

Imagine... wouldn't that be true inner freedom? But we can only let go of the heavy burden of judging others when we don't mind carrying the light burden of being judged!

Can we free ourselves from the need to judge others? Yes, by claiming for ourselves the truth that we are the beloved daughters and sons of God. As long as we continue to live as if we are what we do, what we have and what other people think about us, we will remain filled with judgments, opinions, evaluations and condemnations. We will remain addicted to the need to put people and things in their "right" place.

To the degree that we embrace the truth that our identity is not rooted in our success, power, or popularity, we can let go of our need to judge. "Do not judge and you will not be judged; because the judgments you give are the judgments you will get." (Matthew 7:1)

Henri J. Nouwen

1932-1996

BLANKET MINISTRY BAKE SALE



Bring your sweet tooth to church next weekend, **November 6 and 7**. Along with the Parish Council elections, there will be a **bake sale** after both Masses in Deacon John Hall. The goodies will include cookies

baked Friday night by some of the Confirmation candidates under the watchful eye of Rick Dzurilla.

All proceeds 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 has increased this year because of decreased availability of the fleece – is covered by your bake-sale participation and donations. Thank you for your invaluable support.

A LOOK AT OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

Saint Paul's Youth Ministry, led by Chris Worthington and his wife, Deb Harrison, encourages kids in Grades 5-12 to gather for fun, fellowship and outreach so that they may "let their lights shine." (Matthew 5:16).

Of course, the pandemic has complicated everything, but the virtual Youth Ministry meetings provided stability during an unstable time with music, games and the opportunity to share concerns.



Summertime with social distancing found the kids enjoying ice cream once again from the Ice Cream Lady's truck, then chalk drawing and playing basketball in the St. Paul's parking lot. Sometimes there are age-appropriate breakout events/activities – most recently a snack-and-chat strictly for 9th- through 12-graders. Friends are always welcome

And by the time you read this, its second annual Family Harvest Festival, featuring a trunk-or-treat will have scared up some fall fun.

Check out the YM bulletin board in Deacon John Hall for pictures as well as the bulletin for updates. And follow us on Instagram at @saintpauls_ym.

Please reach out with any questions to saintpaulsym@gmail.com.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME 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, remember to set your clocks back an hour before turning in **next Saturday night**; otherwise, you'll be an hour early for Sunday Mass.

SHARE THE WARMTH

In October, thoughts turn to apples and autumnal hues, hayrides and Halloween – and wardrobe changes. Out with the shorts; in with the sweaters!

It's also the perfect time to assess outerwear – and donate those new or gently-used but nonetheless no-longer-wanted coats and jackets in any style, and for any age, gender or season. The kids grow quickly, styles and tastes change and suddenly that entryway closet is bursting at the seams.

Unfortunately, there are far too many people in our community who don't have that problem. They're not sure how to afford replacing coats for their children – even if mom and dad get one more year out of their gear that has already seen better days.



Enter the **Walkill East Rotary and its annual Coat Collection Drive**. This year, St. Paul's is able to actively participate by collecting *clean* jackets and coats in good condition. Just drop them off in a collection box in Deacon John Hall by **November 15**. Let's see if we can't help them top last year's total of almost 600 coats distributed to those in need.

PASS THE PARAPROSDOKIAN

Here's this week's paraprozdokian – a figure of speech with an unexpected twist – thanks to Tommy Cooper, born prematurely in Wales in 1921, but grew to become a six-foot-four-inch magician and prop comedian, known for his red fez:

"I used to be indecisive.
Now I am not so sure."

CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

Janet M. Peterworth, who recently completed her six-year term as president of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, Kentucky, gently challenges readers of her column in the Global Sisters Report. The title speaks volumes and draws from Jesus' words to Peter: "The times, they are a-changin'". Get used to it."

To read the full article, visit:

<https://www.globalsistersreport.org/news/ministry/column/times-they-are-changin-get-used-it>

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