

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 6, 2024



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Responsorial Psalm: 127(128)

Second reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16.

Focus: *God desires for us to love and be loved, as he loves.*

From the very beginning, the Lord made us to not be alone: We were created for a relationship with him and with one another. There is something truly worthy of awe – awesome – in knowing that God, the Creator of the Universe and all things, desires for us to love and be loved, as he loves. We are not just his creation; we are his children. His only Son is our brother. The kingdom belongs to us, if we embrace it with the childlike wonder it deserves.

Liturgy of the Word:

In the first reading, God creates a suitable partner for man, forming woman from his rib. In the second reading, the author writes about how Christ was, for a little while, made lower than the angels and therefore is not ashamed to call us brothers. In the Gospel, Jesus answers the Pharisees' question regarding the legality of divorce and reiterates the permanence of the marriage bond.



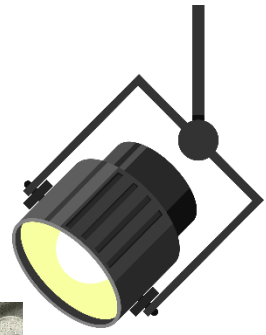
MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Thomas Short, Sister Annie Collins and Fr. Bill O'Brien

10 a.m.: Charles & Vinnie Steins, Michael Hoblin, Sandra Bristol-Maschi and Carl Asaro

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT : *The Archangels*

There's no public speaking involved. And they are allowed to be checking their phones during Mass.



For Tom Fobert, pictured above left, volunteering for, **St. Paul's Safety Committee also known as the Archangels** (formed by Archdiocese mandate in 2017), just made sense.

Tom's ah-ha moment came a couple of years ago after a presentation by Dennis Branham, the group's coordinator, pictured above right. Tom was looking for a way to get more involved, something that wouldn't conflict with everything else going on in his life.

"I'm already there at church with my family anyway," he says.

And although some members have first responder, military and/or medical experience, Tom doesn't – and it's NOT required.

What is required is the ability to observe and communicate any concerns with other team members. There are usually at least two at each Mass, but the number of volunteers has plummeted from 42 to just a handful today. Dennis is hoping people will become aware that along with bringing a measure of safety to the church, it's also a convenient way to serve.

An expectation of an Archangel is to take charge of a medical situation should one arise – control the space; delegate someone to call 911 so that there aren't 20 people doing the same thing; reach out to the nurse or other medical professional at Mass to assist until the ambulance arrives and the like.

More frequently, though, it's a matter of using the phone to monitor the cameras for latecomers – or that rare occasion when someone at the church door needs direction.

"It's also provided me the opportunity to meet new people," says Tom. "And the training is phenomenal."

Dennis has arranged the next training session for Monday evening, **November 4**, in Deacon John Hall. Existing Archangels will be recertified in CPR and use of the AED unit. Any new volunteers would be trained at that time, too.

For more information, contact Dennis at 845-283-4796 or dbranham@hvc.rr.com.



LET'S CONTINUE THE JOURNEY

Pope Francis has asked us to gather – clergy, religious and laity together – to listen to each other. The “goal” of this journeying together is not to create a new vision or pastoral plan with objectives. Rather, the goal is to be present with one another, to listen and learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and his Church.

Please join us for our **Second Listening Session** at 11 a.m. on **Sunday, October 20**. The Listening Sessions provide opportunities for us to:

- Realize that we journey to God together;
- Understand our diversity;
- Listen to the Holy Spirit;
- Anchor ourselves in prayer and the Word of God;
- Discern together for the good of all;
- Learn how to be open to the unexpected and take new steps.

So that we can plan efficiently, please fill in one of the tear-off sheets in your pew and place it either in the collection basket before October 20 or give it to one of the Deacons or Fr. Sean.

Light refreshments will be available, and the session will last about an hour-and-a-half. More information to follow.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

September 23-29 \$ 5,246.31

Envelopes: 2,241.00 – Online: \$ 3,005.31

THANK YOU!

LAST WEEKEND'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 89

10 a.m. – 169

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IN THE LOOP



At 2 p.m. **Sunday, October 6**, a **Mass for those with special needs** will be celebrated at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Middletown. Families and caregivers are invited with their loved ones who might be facing, for example, physical and developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorder or mental health challenges. For more information, call 834-343-4121.



The next **Parish Council** meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday, **October 8**, via Zoom. All parishioners are welcome. Call the office for the Zoom link. If you have a specific item to discuss, that needs to be put on the agenda beforehand.



The ChristLife Series concludes this fall with Sharing Christ. It starts at 5 p.m. on **Sunday, October 13**, with a shared meal, and ends on Saturday, November 24, with a retreat at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown. For more information or to register, contact Mark Carson at 845-551-2530 or carsonmark224@gmail.com; Kate Carson at 914-850-5107 or ktgcarson@gmail.com, or the office.



The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is hosting a **Fall Festival** – with pony and carriage rides, a petting zoo, bouncy houses, food for purchase and more at noon on **Sunday, October 13**. Admission is \$15 per person.



The next **Game Night** is **Friday, October 18**, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome, Bring snacks and your favorite game.



At 9 a.m. **Saturday, October 26**, the **six-week Bereavement Program** will again take place for anyone who did not attend last year. It is open to those struggling with the loss of a loved one – regardless of when that passing occurred. The group will continue to meet from 9-10:30 Saturday mornings through December 7, with the exception of November 2, which is the date of the annual Memorial Mass. To sign up, call Julie Laurenzi at 518-225-1170 or email Julie.laurenzi@gmail.com.



The weekend of **October 26-27**, there will be a **Bake Sale** after each Mass to benefit our Prayer Blanket ministry. More details to come next week.



The annual **Memorial Mass** to honor deceased relatives and friends will be celebrated at 10 a.m. here on **All Soul's Day, November 2**. Please contact the office by Friday, October 25, if you plan to attend the Mass so your loved one's name can then be included in the commemorative booklet.

