
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 8, 2023



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Isaiah 5:1-7

Second: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

FOCUS: *If we remain in Christ, we will bear fruit.*

Both the first reading and the Gospel describe the people of Israel as a vineyard. God has given them everything they need, sending prophets and even his own Son. Yet the vines have yielded wild grapes, and the prophets and the Son have been killed. The kingdom of God will be taken away from those who reject Christ and given instead to believers in Christ, who will produce its fruit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Isaiah sings of the vineyard that yielded wild grapes. Paul writes to the Philippians that they will have peace from God if they make their requests known to him and think about things that are worthy of praise.

Jesus tells a parable about a vineyard whose tenants killed the landowners' servants and son. He tells the chief priests and elders that the kingdom of God will be taken from them and given to a people that will produce its fruit.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Gladys Conner, Joseph O'Malley
and Francis Stein

10 a.m.: Fr. Pat McGuigan, Delia Vuksanovich
and the Ryan, Borst & Costello Families

The Church should be a community
where messed-up people are welcome,
outcasts are loved,
underdogs find a champion,
the hopeless find hope,
and the friendless find a friend.
- Clergy Coaching Network

MEMORIAL MASS SCHEDULED

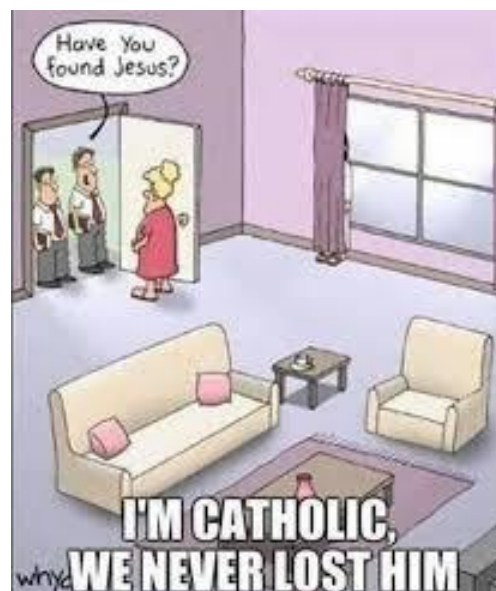
The Consolation Ministry, which serves those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, is once again organizing a **Memorial Mass** to honor our deceased relatives and friends, especially those who have died within the past year. It will be celebrated by Fr. Sean at **10 a.m. Saturday, November 4.**

For planning purposes, please call the office at 845-361-3107 if there is someone you would like remembered on that day.

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 vestibule 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.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

September 24-October 1: \$ 6,249.48

Envelopes: \$ 3,285.00 – Online: 2,964.48

THANK YOU!



STOP IN DEACON JOHN HALL
AFTER EITHER MASS THE WEEKEND
OF OCTOBER 28-29
TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN
CONNECT, GROW AND SERVE AT ST. PAUL'S!

BLANKET MINISTRY BAKE SALE



Be sure to bring your sweet tooth to church the weekend of **October 28** and **29**. Along with the **Ministry Fair**, there will be a **Coffee Social** and **Bake Sale** after both Masses in Deacon John Hall.

All proceeds from the sale of home-baked goods will go to our **Prayer Blanket Ministry**, which lovingly makes (Twice a year with the Confirmation class!) and distributes scores of blankets each year to those in need of comfort. And your bake-sale participation and donations completely cover the cost of the fleece, which is not inexpensive. Thank you for your invaluable support!

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 pass along those new or gently-used but nonetheless no-longer-wanted coats and jackets.

Once again, St. Paul's hall will be a collection site for the **Walkkill East Rotary's annual Coat Collection Drive**, which makes available hundreds of coats at no cost to those who need them. *Clean jackets and coats in good condition* may be dropped off during office hours or when coming to Mass through **the end of October**. Distribution will take place either November 11 or November 18.



MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m.: 99
10 a.m.: 129

IN THE LOOP

🍏 “What is Death? A Report from the Front Lines” is the title of a lecture with Dr. Charles Camosy, an author and Catholic moral theologian.

The lecture begins at 7 p.m. **Thursday, October 26, at the seminary in Yonkers or via Zoom**. The cost is \$25, and the Zoom link will be sent to all who register the day before the lecture. To register, visit:

<https://SJSCamosyLectureFall23.eventbrite.com>

For more information, call Joan Brisson, coordinator of operations, at 914-968-6200 x8145.

🍏 Musicians and music aficionados are invited to the first annual **Archdiocesan Musicians Breakfast** from 9-11 a.m. on **Saturday, October 28**, at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers - a chance to meet local parish musicians and listen to performances. The cost is \$30. For online registration, visit:

<https://parishmusiciansbreakfast.eventbrite.com>

For more information, call 914-968-6200, Ext. 8177.

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