
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 9, 2022



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Second: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

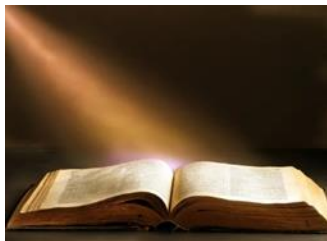
Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

FOCUS: The Lord has done great things for us.

Today's readings invite us to reflect on our gratitude for what God has done for us, particularly through Christ. It begins with acknowledging that it is the Lord who has acted on our behalf. Such recognition can, in turn, lead us to a greater appreciation for God's greatness, to a deeper faith and to true worship.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Naaman is healed after following Elisha's instructions to plunge himself into the Jordan seven times. Afterward, he pledges to offer sacrifice only to the Lord. Paul writes to Timothy that it is the Gospel of Jesus Christ for which he is suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. In the Gospel, Jesus is traveling throughout Samaria and Galilee when 10 lepers call to him, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" Jesus tells them to go show themselves to the priests, and the lepers are healed while on their way. Only one leper, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks to Jesus.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Fr. Pat McGuigan, Eileen Exiner,
Mary Butler and Sr. Francis Rafferty, S.C.

10 a.m.: Phyllis Muratti, Fr. Pat McGuigan,
Charles & Vinnie Steins
and Rose Lamberti

DEBUT OF THE CHILDREN'S MASS

Not only did the first Children's Mass go off without a hitch, it made an impression on many – even those not connected to any of the Religious Education students. In fact, one elderly couple returned to Mass last Sunday for the first time since the pandemic. Health concerns have kept them away – and they were so glad that this "uplifting" Mass was their welcome back. They had nothing but praise for the children.

Special thanks to:

Greeters: Molly Forbes (with mom, Christine) and A.J. Britto (with dad, Andy)

Lectors: Thomas Britto, Abigail Velasquez and Mia Ammendola

Gift Bearers: Aaron Faso and Madison Conklin

Choir: Kylie McPhillips, Gwendolyn Loennecker, Lucas Faso, Erica Conklin and April Conklin

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.

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

*"What unites us is much greater
than what divides us."*

g- Pope John XXIII

PREACHING AND SOCIAL MISSION

"Preaching that reflects the social dimensions of the Gospel is indispensable. Priests should not and need not impose an agenda on the liturgy to preach about justice. Rather, we urge those who preach not to ignore the regular opportunities provided by the liturgy to connect our faith and our everyday lives, to share biblical values on justice and peace.

"Week after week, day after day, the lectionary calls the community to reflect on the scriptural message of justice and peace. The pulpit is not a partisan rostrum and to try to make it one would be a mistake, but preaching that ignores the social dimensions of our faith does not truly reflect the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

- (US Bishops, "Communities of Salt and Light")

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 25-October 2: Totaled \$ 5,433.20
Envelopes: \$ 3,297.00 – Online: \$ 2,136.20

THANK YOU!

THIS WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. Saturday: 73

10 a.m. Sunday: 177



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AN OVERVIEW OF CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Our Christian Services ministry heeds Jesus' call to serve his people through outreach. There are many facets to this gem of a ministry, and here are some highlights:

At holiday time, volunteers shop, assemble and distribute **Thanksgiving** and **Christmas Baskets**. Coincidentally, the list of needed items for this season can be found on the flyer in this bulletin.

There is an active **Prayer Chain**, with dozens of people praying daily for those facing myriad challenges.

Periodically a group will convene, typically on a Friday evening, to replenish the **Prayer Blankets**. These no-sew fleece blankets are made as a community, blessed and then given to those in need of comfort.

Consolation Ministry members offer support and provide a packet of information and resources to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. They also attend wakes and funerals when possible.

At a funeral Mass at St. Paul's, those who serve in the **Arimathean Ministry** are present, as their schedules allow, to greet, usher, assist in the liturgy and by their presence, support and comfort the families of deceased parishioners.

There is a **Repast** team, which can prepare food for families after a funeral Mass at St. Paul's if requested at the time funeral arrangements are made.

The **Food Pantry** is busy. Although food is distributed throughout the week during office hours, volunteers pick up hundreds of pounds of food monthly from the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley.

Additional information – and sign-up sheets – will be provided at the Ministry Fair next weekend.

WANTED: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Carmelite Provincial Office in Middletown is seeking a mature, dependable and honest individual to work full time (40 hours per week, Monday-Friday) as an executive secretary for the provincial.

Please submit a cover letter of interest, along with a resume, no later than Friday, **October 21**, to: Very Reverend Mario Esposito, O.Carm., Carmelite Provincial Office, P.O. Box 3079, Middletown, NY 10940-0890 or via email to: ward@carmelites.com. A job description is available upon request.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

For three days every year, the Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is celebrated in Mexico and by those of Mexican descent. People come together in cemeteries and in their homes to remember their deceased loved ones. The last day of that celebration is November 2, traditionally All Souls Day in the Catholic Church.





Catholicism acknowledges both observances. In each, families as well as the larger family of faith, gather to affirm life in the midst of death – and the promise of eternal life. On All Souls Day it is with prayers for “all the faithful departed,” while during Dia de los Muertos, the living memories of the departed are also celebrated with graveside gatherings and decorated home altars.

How appropriate, then, for “Coco” to be selected by our Religious Education team for **Family Movie Night** at 6:30 p.m. **Friday, October 21**. Signup sheets are in Deacon John Hall.


Disney/Pixar's vibrant tale explores the traditions of the Day of the Dead, a child's desire to become a musician despite his family's wishes and the power of unconditional love. The story is told through Miguel, who embarks on an extraordinary journey to the magical land of his ancestors.

IN THE LOOP

 **“Women of the Waters Women's Retreat: Women in the Genealogy of Jesus”** will take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. **Saturday, November 5** at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon. Explore the complex lives of the women in Jesus' genealogy. Presented by Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries. The \$65 fee includes breakfast and lunch; register online by October 31: <https://bit.ly/womenofwaters2022>

 The **Feast of St. Teresa of Avila** will be celebrated at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel beginning with Mass at 10 a.m. next **Saturday, October 15**. Confessions follow from 11 a.m. until noon, and then a conference on St. Teresa will be presented by Fr. Marlon Beharry, Shrine chaplain, at 1 p.m. For information, call Carol Bezak, Shrine director, at 845-343-1879.

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