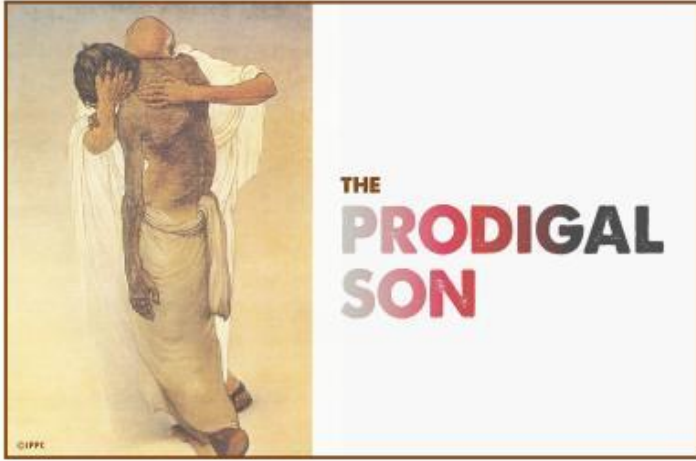


# 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

**Second:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17

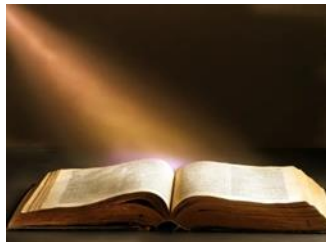
**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

**FOCUS:** *There is much joy when the lost are found.*

When we lose something, we tend to be tense and anxious until it is found. Then there is blessed relief! Similarly, when our relationship with God is broken, we feel a void that gnaws at our being until we remember that God's mercy endures forever. All we have to do is repent and seek reconciliation. And when that happens, God enfolds us with his love.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Moses persuades God not to punish his errant people. In his First Letter to Timothy, Paul writes that he is grateful to be an Apostle, strengthened by Christ Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus, tells the parables of the lost sheep, lost coin and the prodigal son.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**5 p.m.:** Thomas McHale, Nancy Wood  
Maryanne Reynolds and Carl Asaro  
**10 a.m.:** Bernie Laurenzi, Pegeen Comerford,  
Carole Bragin, Carlos Sanabria  
and Carl Asaro

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**August 28- September 4: Totaled \$ 5,233.40**

Envelopes: \$ 3,122.00 – Online: \$ 2,111.40

THANK YOU!

## PRODIGAL SON HUMOR

A Sunday school class was being quizzed. The teacher asked one youngster, "Who was sorry when the prodigal son returned home?" After deep thought, the boy said, "The fatter calf."

Then she asked what they thought the father might have said to his returning son as he raced out to greet him. "YOU'RE GROUNDED," was another's reply.

## CHILDREN'S MASS

Our Religious Education students will have something very special to look forward to this year: Periodic Children's Masses!

The first one has been scheduled for 10 a.m.

**Sunday, October 2**, at which the children will greet, read the Word of God, sing and present the gifts. Sign-up sheets are in Deacon John Hall for youngsters who want to volunteer to serve in one of those capacities.

Although the homilies will be written and delivered with the youngsters in mind, everyone is welcome.

## YES, THERE IS A FREE LUNCH!

Many have been getting antsy to get together to share a meal. While the return of the **Parish Picnic** seems the perfect opportunity, one parishioner was concerned about how the increase in ticket prices might impact some families and decided to cover costs anonymously.

All you need do is let us know if you will attend so we know how much food to buy. You can sign up this weekend after the Masses or call the office during the week.

The picnic begins at 1 p.m. next Sunday, **September 18**, at the Town of Crawford Park.



## OUR SAFETY TEAM,

You may not realize it, but while we joyfully sing our "Alleluias" or prayerfully acknowledge the holiness of God in our "Holy, Holy, Holy," some of our parishioners (women and men) are quietly doing all they can to make sure that we are comfortable, safe and secure. These volunteers are our **Safety Team, also known as the Archangels**. With the encouragement of Cardinal Dolan, and with help from the Orange County Sheriff, we have established a Safety Team to respond in cases of emergency.

More information will be available about the Safety Team at upcoming our Ministry Fair but, in the meantime, please think about becoming a member. While we pray that no church will face a mass shooting, churches of all sizes and locations are in danger of facing health emergencies, accidents, fire and other crises such as weather disasters.

**"A welcoming environment  
does not mean  
a defenseless one."**



### **A PRAYER: IN YOUR LOVING ARMS**

*God of love, we place in your loving arms  
the thousands of innocent lives  
that were lost  
on that unforgettable morning  
of September 11, 2001.  
We also remember the courage  
of the countless men and women  
who put their lives at risk  
in order to rescue, alleviate  
and bring solace to the afflicted.  
Help us to continue to work for a world  
free from every form of hatred,  
violence and ignorance.  
May terrorism - in all its forms -  
disappear from the face of the earth.  
Amen.*

*- Fr. Alberto Cutie*

*“If we learn nothing else from  
this tragedy,  
we learn that life is short  
and there is no time for hate.”*

*- Sandy Dahl,  
wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl,  
in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, 2002*

### **PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

Along with being 18, Catholic and a registered parishioner, what you really need in order to serve as a **Parish Council** member is just a couple of hours a month to spare – and a voice.

At the monthly Monday evening meetings, ministry reports are given and there are discussions about what’s going on, what’s needed and what can be improved. The Parish Council serves as an advisory committee to Fr. Sean, offering fresh ideas and perspectives.

Now is the time to be thinking about who you’d like to nominate for the three seats that need to be filled in January of 2023. A term is three years with the option to run for a second three-year term.

**Nomination forms** are in the church vestibules and need to be returned to the office no later than **Monday, October 3.**

### **BOOK CLUB’S NEXT CHAPTER**

A moving autobiography titled “The Sun Does Shine” will be the Book Club’s first selection for fall. In his autobiography, Anthony Ray Hinton, who spent 30 years on death row for a crime he did not commit, illustrates how a person’s imagination, humor and joy cannot be stolen – even if his freedom has been.

Participants will meet from 10-11:15 a.m. via Zoom beginning **September 20**, when the first five chapters will be covered. It is helpful to note passages to discuss while reading.

New members are very welcome and can contact the church office (845-361-3107) or Deacon Carl (carlloc@yahoo.com) for further details.

### **SPIRITUALITY REFLECTED IN ART**

A **Morning of Prayer** with Sr. Peggy Murphy, OP, titled “Art and Spirituality,” has been scheduled for 9:20-11 a.m. this Thursday, **September 15**, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

She will discuss Rembrandt’s “Return of the Prodigal Son,” which resonated with the artist because of his own losses, as well as the turbulence and “preaching” reflected in Caravaggio’s work “Taking of Christ.” Mass celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows will follow at 11:30 a.m.

The cost is \$20 per person. Call Carol Bezak, Shrine director, at 845-343-1879.

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