
24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First Reading - Isaiah 50:5-9a

The suffering servant of Yahweh is assured of God's help.

Second Reading - James 2:14-18

James teaches that faith must be demonstrated in one's works.

Gospel Reading - Mark 8:27-35

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

Focus: *Our lives must demonstrate our belief in Christ.*

Today we hear the question that is at the center of the entire Gospel: Who is Jesus, and what does it mean to follow him? We would do well to reflect on this question from time to time. Who do we say that Jesus is, and how do our actions demonstrate this belief?

Liturgy of the Word:

Isaiah prophesies of the servant of the Lord who has not turned his back on the Lord but has given his back to those who beat him, believing that the Lord is his help. In the second reading, James argues that faith without works is dead. In the Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples who they say he is. Peter answers, "You are the Christ." Jesus then says that anyone who wishes to follow him must take up his cross.

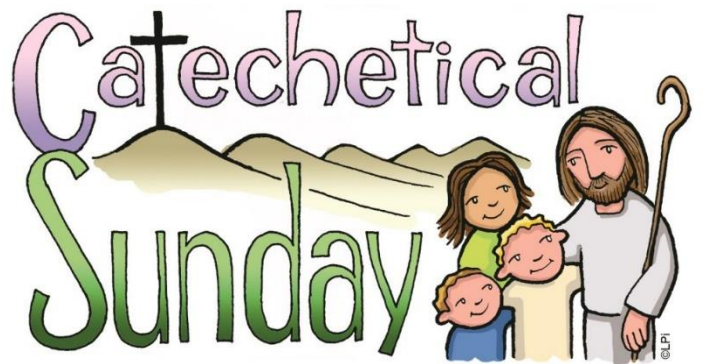
MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Sonia Del Pilar, Maryanne Reynolds and James Cardinal

10 a.m.: William Garry, Angela Burzanovic Steve Bates and Maryanne Reynolds

LAST WEEKEND'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 92
10 a.m. – 138



HONOR OUR CATECHISTS AND TEACHERS

The U.S. Bishops have designated today as Catechetical Sunday, a national day to honor all those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church. At Saint Paul's, we are so grateful for the dedicated ministry of these people who have accepted the call to catechize our children in our Faith Formation process.

As catechists all over the world are recognized today, it is also a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each one of us plays by virtue of our Baptism. The first catechists are the parents, but all of us are to bear witness to the Gospel through our actions.

Our catechists will formally be commissioned this weekend. We will also be recognizing:

Deb Harrison for 10 years of service

Erinn Sansalone for 10 years of service

Patty Brooks for 30 years of service

Debbie Hilgenfeldt for 35 years of service

Again, thank you to our entire 2024-25 catechetical team for answering the call.

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.

OK, there is one more small thing: You have to be able to receive emails and attend meetings via Zoom.

At those monthly meetings, ministry reports are first given. There are also 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 think about who you'd like to nominate for the three seats that need to be filled in January of 2025. 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 by **Monday, September 30.**



BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM SCHEDULED

There is no time limit in grief. There is no fast track to feeling better. And the life-changing loss of a loved one is not something to “get over.”

Rather, while grief is universal, it is at the same time a journey with a timeline as unique as the individual experiencing it.

At 9 a.m. **Saturday, October 26, the six-week Bereavement Program** will again take place at St. Paul's for those who did not attend last year. Julie Laurenzi, Liz Locatelli and Kate Gallaher Carson, who have completed the Archdiocese's training, will lead the sessions designed to support the bereaved as they continue on their own healing path. It is open to those struggling with the loss of a loved one – regardless of when that passing occurred.

Thereafter, the group will continue to meet from 9-10:30 Saturday mornings through December 7, with the exception of Saturday, November 2, which is the date of the annual **Memorial Mass** to honor deceased relatives and friends. (See below.)

For more information or to sign up, call Julie Laurenzi at 518-225-1170 or email Julie.laurenzi@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sharing Christ

The third in the ChristLife series, **Sharing Christ**, begins **Sunday, October 13**. Details are provided in this week's insert.

Memorial Mass

The annual **Memorial Mass** to honor deceased relatives and friends will be celebrated at 10 a.m. 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.

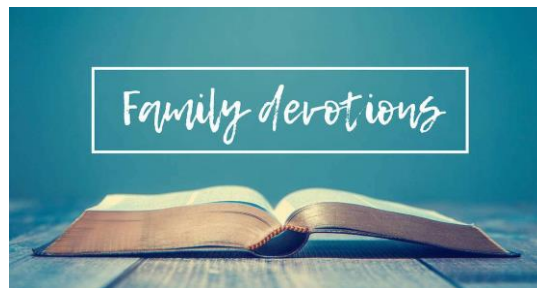
BOOK CLUB'S NEXT CHAPTER

The **Book Club** begins its new season via Zoom at 10 a.m. on Thursday, **September 19**, with a discussion of the opening pages (1-70) of “Conclave” by Robert Harris (Amazon \$16.20). This fictional page-turning thriller is set in the Vatican's secretive halls of power.

“The pope is dead. Behind the locked doors of the Sistine Chapel, one hundred and eighteen cardinals from all over the globe will gather to cast their votes in the world's most secretive election. They are holy men. But they are not immune to the human temptations of power and glory. And they are not above the tribalism and factionalism that consumes humanity. ...”



New members are always welcome. Contact the office or Deacon Carl (carlloc@yahoo.com) for details and the Zoom link.



HAVE YOU SEEN IT YET?

Chris Worthington and Deb Harrison, our youth ministers, have launched a new venture: The SPYM Family Devotional Series! Here's what they do:

They first review the reading in the “Living Faith: Daily Catholic Devotions” to ascertain the day's core message and then determine how to present it to their audience. A short video, which includes a Scripture reading and thoughts for our youth and their parents to reflect upon, is then recorded and uploaded.

Each weekday offers a new Devotional, which can be accessed using the YouTube link below or on Facebook and Instagram. Check it out!
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzyEey5tXCyu>

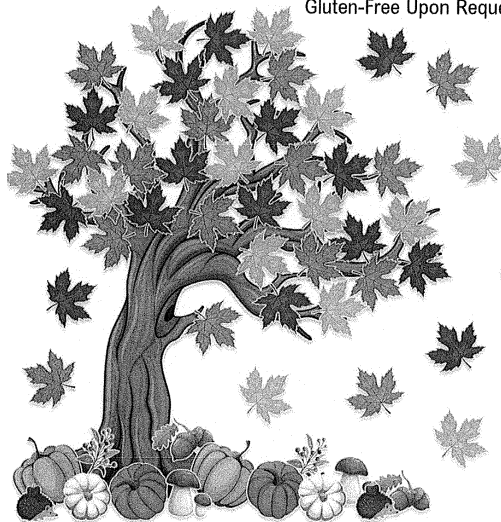
Forever Autumn Annual Dinner Dance

Friday, September 27

Wallkill Golf Club, Sands Rd., Wallkill

Hors D'oeuvres 6:30 pm 🍁 Dinner & Dancing 7:00 pm

Dining Choices: Sliced Steak, Chicken Francaise, Salmon, Vegetarian
Gluten-Free Upon Request



Hosted by
Our Lady of the
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TICKET PRICE

\$65.00

Cash Bar

For tickets, contact:
Church Office: 845-733-1477
Sam Osborne: 845-978-9702

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

September 2-8 \$7,330.52

Envelopes: \$2,777.00 – Online: \$4,553.52

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