

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

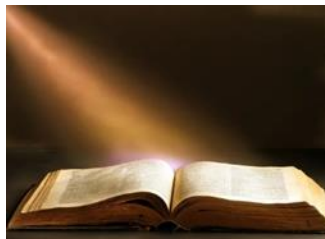
First: Amos 8:4-7
Second: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

FOCUS: *The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones.*

Loving God and neighbor are the highest priorities for Christians. The prophets challenged the Israelites when their love of wealth led to neglecting God and warned them against treating others unjustly and dishonestly. Jesus reinforces the message: Our relationship with God requires a commitment to a higher calling by remaining true to him and treating others with honesty, generosity and justice.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, Amos warns those who trample upon the needy that the Lord will not forget the way they have treated the poor. In the second reading, St. Paul advises Timothy to pray for everyone, including those in authority. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the dishonest steward to teach his disciples about trustworthiness.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: **Maryanne Reynolds, Jim Botti and Susan Skolnick**

10 a.m.: **Frances Hernandez, Scott Winship, William & Catherine Garry and Peg Boyle**

REAL TALK ABOUT ONLINE LIFE

If you don't know what LIMRL, P911 or other contemporary slang or emoji codes mean and you interact with tweens, teens or other internet-active youth, this talk is for you.

As if navigating adolescence is not tough enough, our current youth culture is immersed in a complex and confusing world of online communication and search access. Following Mass **next Sunday, September 25**, (from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.), Deb Harrison and Chris Worthington, Saint Paul's youth ministers, will present **an overview of online life**. Included will be messaging lingo, social media apps, online safety gaps, and the impact of social media and excessive screen time - along with ways to keep youth safe. Resources will be provided.



SUNDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY

Have you ever listened to the readings at Mass and struggled with the message? You're not alone. That was the inspiration for **Sunday Scripture Study**. It meets via ZOOM at **10 a.m. Wednesdays** to read the weekend's Scriptures and discuss them beforehand.

Meetings are informal. New participants are welcome; everyone attends as schedules allow. For more information, call Ernie Martin at 845-800-4342.

THE FOUNDATION OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Catholic social teaching is built on three principles: Human Dignity, Solidarity and Subsidiarity, the greatest of which the Church insists is the first, a correct understanding of the human person embodied in the principle of Human Dignity.



Human Dignity

recognizes that man is made in God's image and likeness. It is this that makes every human life sacred.

Solidarity flows from human dignity in that it "consists in the very fact that in God and with God I love even persons I do not like or even know."
(Pope Benedict XVI, 18)

Subsidiarity flows from human dignity in that it recognizes "in the person a subject who is always capable of giving something to others."
(Pope Benedict XVI, 16)

These principles are the threefold cornerstone of Catholic social teaching!

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 4-11: Totaled \$ 6,833.83
Envelopes: \$ 2,157.00 – Online: \$ 4,676.83
THANK YOU!



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Today, Catechetical Sunday, the third Sunday of September, is a national day to celebrate the handing down of our faith to the next generation. While catechists all over the world are being recognized, 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.

Last Sunday, our catechists were formally commissioned for ministry to our community (pictured above). We also honored **Peg Hoblin**, (photo to the right), who has been serving God in this capacity for 45 years!



Thank you to our entire 2022-23 catechetical team for answering the call:

Jessica Carpino

Coordinator of Religious Education

Sherri Andrikut

Tammy Bedell

Marisa Block

Patty Brooks

Morag Cuff

Sierra Cuff

Kathy Faiano

Deb Harrison

Debbie Hilgenfeldt

Peg Hoblin

Rose Mary Lancelotti

Laurie Lewis

Deacon Carl Locatelli

Liz Locatelli

Linda Loennecker

Megan Maragliano

Ernie Martin

Andrea Morris

Kim Porpora

Carol Renwick

Erinn Sansalone

Rebecca Suchy

Chris Worthington

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Now is the time to be thinking about who you'd like to nominate for the three Parish Council seats that need to be filled in January of 2023. The Parish Council serves as an advisory committee to Fr. Sean, offering fresh ideas and perspectives.

A term is three years with the option to run for a second three-year term. Nominees must be at least 18, Catholic and registered parishioners.

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

IN THE LOOP



The Wall That Heals is a three-quarter scale replica of the **Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.**, that travels across the country. It is now on Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church grounds, open for 24 hours **until 2 Sunday afternoon.** For more information, visit <http://twthmiddletown.org>.



Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is inviting men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation to an overnight healing weekend at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon from **October 14-16.** For information, call Janice at 845-490-7466 or Renee at 845-374-2101.



The **Hooked & Happy** group will meet at 6:30 p.m. **this Friday, September 22,** in Deacon John Hall. Everyone is invited to an evening of crafting and camaraderie. Bring a project.



Confessions will be heard **next Saturday, September 24,** from 3:30-4:30 p.m.



The **Book Club** resumes from 10-11:15 a.m. via Zoom **this Tuesday, September 20,** with discussion centered on the first five chapters of "The Sun Does Shine," an autobiography by Anthony Ray Hinton, who spent 30 years on death row for a crime he did not commit.

YARD SALE SUCCESS

Sellers, shoppers, sunshine, smiles and success! The SPYM first annual **Fall Community Yard Sale** to raise money for Saint Paul's Youth Ministry Program (SPYM) went great.

There were 11 sellers, including the Saint Paul's section stocked by donations from parishioners.

Thank you to the terrific volunteers! (Pictured are two of them, Jake Thompson, left, and Angelo Zullo.) Even more important than the money raised - due to the warm community and kindness of those involved in the day - was that some treasurer-hunters also expressed interest in joining St. Paul's! Praise God!



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