

25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



MASS INTENTIONS

- 5 p.m.: The Dorner Family, Maryanne Reynolds, Gregg Atlas and Jack Hoag
- 10 a.m.: Jack Shapiro, Francis Hernandez, Marie Lancellotti and Michael Faso

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Along with being 18, Catholic and a registered parishioner, what you really need 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, and fresh ideas and perspectives are crucial.

Now is the time to be thinking about who you'd like to nominate for the two seats that need to be filled in January of 2022. A term is three years with the option to run for a second three-year term.

Nomination forms will be available beginning this the weekend in the church vestibules or you can access an online nomination form via this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeF3tNZGFU6vHeRuBPC1bz3N2o77HBulG9z95Bs53l3Lx8ipQ/vi/ewform>

The link is also on our website (stpaulsbullville.org). Nominations are due no later than **October 3**. Paper forms can be returned to the office.

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 5-12: Totaled \$ 7,113.21

Envelopes: \$ 2,521.00 – Online: \$ 4,592.21

THANK YOU!

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AND MORE

Spiritual checkups are often performed during times of transition or crisis. And while our Adult Faith Formation Committee had planned a presentation on Spiritual Direction, the Spiritual Exercises and Carmelite Spirituality before the pandemic hit, these tools are probably even more relevant today to more people than ever before. The spotlight this week is on:

The Spiritual Exercises

The Spiritual Exercises grew out of St. Ignatius Loyola's personal journey from a carefree, materialistic youth to noble soldier and ultimately to founder of the Society of Jesus. In 1521, the then-officer in the Spanish Army was bedridden at a family castle while his leg healed from a cannonball's wrath. He fancied books about chivalry to encourage his heroic daydreams, but there were none. Instead, he spent the year reading about the saints and the life of Christ. He noticed a shift in his thinking: When he imagined himself performing the same deeds as the saints, there was peace and contentment in his heart. But when he envisioned himself courting the ladies and engaging in military feats, he felt empty.

He left the castle with a zeal to serve God, which included time spent living in a cave, seeking to grow in union with God and to discern God's will. He kept a journal that noted his emotions as he gained spiritual insight, which would become the foundation for The Spiritual Exercises. He added to these notes as he directed other people and discovered what "worked."



The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditations, prayers and contemplative practices he developed to help people deepen their relationship with God. For centuries, the Exercises took the form of a 30-day retreat spent in solitude and silence. In recent years, there has been a renewed emphasis that this is a program for laypeople. The most common way of going through the Exercises now is as a "retreat in daily life," also called the 19th Annotation Retreat, which involves a months-long program of daily prayer and weekly meetings with a spiritual director.

St. Paul's is fortunate to have spiritual directors available for sessions. Call the office for a referral.

PASS THE PARAPROSDOKIAN

Winston Churchill and Groucho Marx excelled at paraprosochians, figures of speech that lead the listener down the garden path to an unexpected ending. For example, Churchill is credited with, "If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong." And another of Groucho's: "In the morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas. How he got into my pajamas, I don't know." Here's another, author unknown:

"They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't."

We'll bring you a paraprosochian chuckle weekly.

WITH OPEN ARMS

Please welcome Ronan Michael Anginoli, who was baptized into St. Paul's faith community earlier this month. Please keep the family in your prayers.

POWER, PRIVILEGE AND RACE

Do you want to address racism but don't know where to begin?

Faith & Racial Equity: Exploring Power & Privilege is an eight-session program that awakens a realization of how the economic systems, public policies, cultural norms and hidden biases empower some and oppress others.

The first half of the program lays the groundwork for understanding and identifying racial privilege. Sessions 5-8 take a deeper dive into specific issues related to power and privilege, including affirmative action, the school-to-prison pipeline, disparities within the criminal justice system, and biases in media representation. As with all JustFaith Ministries' programs, participants will explore how their faith should inform their response to their learning, as well as discern action steps for working toward racial equity in their own communities.

This program will be offered via Zoom starting at **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 5**, and continuing every other week thereafter. The co-facilitators are Peter Adams and Julie Laurenzi. There is no charge.

Contact Lourdes Eyer at 664-0171 or Pat Davies 704-726-1082 for registration guidance and information. To learn more visit:

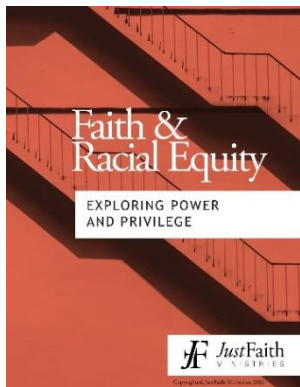
<https://justfaith.org/faith-and-racial-equity>

CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

Author John W. Miller notes that in this era of globalization, the true cost of the convenience to which Americans have grown accustomed – an unlimited supply of goods to click now to buy – needs attention.

"...if we are to talk about a moral economy, we need to understand global trade. Specifically, if we are to look at trade through the Catholic social teaching prism of care for the dignity of every human, we need to better see each person involved in making and shipping us the stuff we wear, ride, eat and sleep on, and the connections between them and us. And we need to understand that, like all things in capitalism, trade gives us something good (a higher quality of life) at a cost (the decimation of manufacturing jobs closer to home)," says Miller.

To read the complete article, visit <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2021/09/02/moral-economy-global-trade-hyperglobalization-241300>



PETS ALIVE FUNDRAISER

Not only is the fundraiser hosted by Walkkill East Rotary to benefit **Pets Alive of Middletown** a family-friendly event, it's Fido-friendly, too.

Although your four-legged companion might not be thrilled to learn that the day's festivities include a doggie costume contest!

Also on tap are live music, food and snacks for purchase, raffles and more. It's a rain-or-shine debut event from **noon-4 p.m. this Sunday, September 19**, under the pavilion at Thomas Bull Memorial Park in Montgomery. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for children ages 3 to 12. Children younger than 3 and fur-babies are free.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Last week, Deb Harrison opened the meeting with Jonathan Traylor's welcoming song, "The Table."

Ironically, a fork and candle – two table-worthy items – were part of the evening's discussion wherein participants were challenged to describe an object using antonyms. The group guessed that "soft, cold and stinky" referred to a candle. However, the fork seemed to hide under the table as "round, short and dull" did not reveal its identity – the only object to stump the group.

The others were: "Soft, dull, useless," a pencil; "round, hard, water resistant," a towel; "odorless, drab, lifeless," a flower; "tiny, wireless, boring," a TV; "ugly, stupid, weak," Baby Yoda; "dull, soft, impractical," scissors; "inconvenient, squishy, fragile," a cell phone; and lastly, "light, slow, plastic," a Lamborghini – what a way to make an exit!

Some Scripture verses shared:

Luke 1:37 – "For no word from God will ever fail."

John 15:13 - Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

2 Thessalonians 3:13 - And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

1 Samuel 16:7 - But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

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