
25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First Reading

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The just one is put to the test.

Second Reading

James 3:167-4:3

James teaches about the wisdom from above.

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

FOCUS: *Anyone who wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.*

Jesus' words in today's Gospel about being a servant to all are a reminder that the ways of the Lord are not the ways of the world. If we wish to be his disciples, we must have the courage to seek to understand God's ways and strive to love him with all our heart, and to love one another with humility and compassion.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The author of Wisdom recounts how the wicked plot to test the just to the point of torture and death. In the second reading, James contrasts the human passions that lead to conflicts and other problems in the community with the fruits of the "wisdom from above" – which is from God. Jesus teaches his disciples about his upcoming fate and the importance of being a servant to all.

MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Tyler Adkins, Joe Vespo
and Taylor Gallant

10 a.m.: Rosalina Rodriguez, Pegeen Comerford
and John & Constance Klosterman

HARVEST SOME FAMILY FUN

Come one, come all – and experience why we fall for autumn – as it's time for **St. Paul's Youth Ministry's** annual **Harvest Fest!**

Between 6 and 8 p.m. on **Friday, October 4**, the parking lot will serve up a sampling of this sensational season.

Costumed revelers can Trunk or Treat. Then fueled by all those sweets, there will be a bounty of activities to bounce through. Plus, **a blessing of animals** is planned to kick off this festival, which falls on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment. More details to come!

Remember, this isn't an event solely for the younger set. Those old enough to drive can play a critical role by "hosting" a trunk. The more candy-filled trunks, the more sugar, the more energy, the more fun!

Contact Deb and Chris at 845-248-3120 or saintpaulsym@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a spot.



CATECHISTS' COMMISSIONING

Last Sunday, this year's catechists were commissioned in their roles to educate our children and their parents in the faith.

The 2024-25 Religious Education Program began last Wednesday evening for fourth- through eighth-graders, and first- through third-grade classes are starting this Sunday. Program Director Peg Hoblin has plans to encourage students to **Follow, Watch, Listen and Learn** about Jesus that use some hands-on teaching techniques.

"I want to bring the program out of the classroom as well and foster community," she says.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

September 7-15 \$ 6,852.48

Envelopes: \$ 2,993.10 – Online: \$ 3,859.38

THANK YOU!



PICNIC PERFECT!

Faces – young and old, familiar and not-so – shined at the Town of Crawford Park last Sunday during the Parish Picnic. All the right ingredients were there: A seemingly endless supply of delicious fare thanks to a beyond-dedicated “kitchen” crew, folks having a ball playing volleyball, camaraderie and community.

And Helen Schwarting left with an extra treat - \$135 from the 50/50 raffle!



SHARING CHRIST **A SEVEN-WEEK MISSION**

Jesus said: “Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew, 4:19

The seven-week Christlife Series concludes this fall with Sharing Christ. It starts at 5 p.m. on **Sunday, October 13**, with a shared meal and ends on Saturday, November 24, with a retreat at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown.

A typical session begins with dinner, followed by a time of prayer and song. A video presentation and small group discussion, with closing prayer and song, round out the evening. Each session lasts two-and-a-half hours.

Even if you have not experienced prior sessions, this is your invitation to join us!

For more information or to register, please contact the church office or Mark or Kate Carson:

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LAST WEEKEND’S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 80
10 a.m. – 126

IN THE LOOP



Now is the time to think about who you’d like to nominate for the three **Parish Council** seats that will be vacated in January of 2025.

A term is three years with the option to run for a second three-year term. Nominees must be 18, Catholic, a registered parishioner and able to receive emails and attend meetings via Zoom. Nomination forms are in the church vestibules and have to be returned to the office by **Monday, September 30**.



At 9 a.m. **Saturday, October 26**, the **six-week Bereavement Program** will again take place for anyone who did not attend last year.

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



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.

