

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

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** Isaiah 55:6-9

**Second:** Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16a

**FOCUS:** *God rewards generously those who place their trust in him.*

In the Gospel, the workers hired first entered into a legal contract with the owner. Those hired later were promised what is just. They trusted in the owner's concept of "just." Those hired last weren't promised anything, yet they went to work. The landowner was generous to all who labored for him, giving to all what he chose to give.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Isaiah proclaims that God's ways are above our ways, and his thoughts are above our thoughts. Saint Paul writes that he longs to be with Christ yet wishes to remain on earth to minister in his name. The Gospel passage tells of the vineyard owner who hired laborers throughout the day and yet paid them all the same.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**5 p.m.:** Tyler Adkins, Stephen Kuhn  
and The Ryan, Borst & Costello Families

**10 a.m.:** Frank & Mary Kaleita, Socorro Sanabria  
and Rosalina Rodriguez

## MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m.: 125

10 a.m.: 178

*Charity may be a very short word,  
but with its tremendous meaning  
of pure love,  
it sums up man's entire relation  
to God  
and to his neighbor.*

*-- St Aelred of Rievaulx*

## Stewardship is...



...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say "I believe"

## WHAT IF YOUR PAYCHECK DIDN'T COME REGULARLY?

Most of our parishioners are blessed with consistent and dependable paychecks. Still, have you ever thought about how you would manage your bills and schedule your payments if you were never sure how much money you were going to have in your bank account?

This is a problem that our parish faces every month. Donations can fluctuate by a couple of thousand dollars each week.

While we are **most grateful for any gift that any parishioner** can give at **any time**, to help us maintain a more consistent cash flow, we offer an online giving program. Those parishioners who are using the program tell us it is a great help to them, too. It allows them to clearly budget the amount that they want to give back to God and helps them feel assured that their parish is receiving their gift even when they are out-of-town, too busy to remember an envelope or attending Mass at another parish.

If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please click the "online giving" link on our website, [stpaulsbullvill.org](http://stpaulsbullvill.org)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

**September 10-17: \$ 6,803.09**

Envelopes: \$ 2,325.00 – Online: 4,478.09

**THANK YOU!**

**ST. VINCENT  
de PAUL  
Feast Day:  
September 27  
Patron Saint  
of  
Charitable Societies**



### Reflection:

The Church is for all God's children, rich and poor, peasants and scholars, the sophisticated and the simple.

But obviously the greatest concern of the Church must be for those who need the most help - those made helpless by sickness, poverty, ignorance or cruelty. Vincent de Paul is a particularly appropriate patron for all Christians today, when hunger has become starvation, and the high living of the rich stands in more and more glaring contrast to the physical and moral degradation in which many of God's children are forced to live.

## 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 occasional meetings via Zoom.


At those monthly meetings, whether in-person or online, 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 2024. 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 2.**


 Teens and adults are invited to join the Capuchin community for **The Franciscan Hike & Mass**, an opportunity to get in shape physically and spiritually. Connect with nature, community and Christ on an easy-to-moderate four-mile-loop hike along two beautiful lakes with several planned stops. The free event takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on **Saturday, September 30**, at Harriman State Park. Fr. Erik Lenhart, OFM, Cap. will be the guide and Mass celebrant. Advance registration required: <https://bit.ly/francishike>

 Brother Mickey McGrath, OSFS, an artist and storyteller, will lead a conference titled: **"St. Titus Brandsma and His Fellow Carmelite Saints"** at the National Shrine of our Lady of Mount Carmel from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. **Thursday, October 12.** The deadline to register is October 1. The cost is \$45, which includes morning coffee and cake, plus lunch. Call Carol Bezak, Shrine director, at 845-343-1879, Ext. 22 for info.

 Musicians and music aficionados are invited to the first annual **Archdiocesan Musicians Breakfast** from 9-11 a.m. on **Saturday, October 28**, at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers.

Meet local parish musicians, listen to performances and pay tribute to the Rev. Anthony Sorgie, former professor and director of sacred music at the seminary, and the first recipient of the Saint Gregory the Great Award for Distinguished Service in Sacred Music.

The cost is \$30. For online registration, visit: <https://parishmusiciansbreakfast.eventbrite.com>  
For more information, call 914-968-6200, Ext. 8177.

 Fr. Justin Cinnante, O.Carmr. and Carol Bezak, director of the National Shrine of our Lady of Mount Carmel, will lead an eight-day **Catholic Italy Pilgrimage** from **March 31-April 7, 2024**, which begins in Rome. The cost is \$4,159 from JFK, with a \$50 early-booking discount for those who reserve by October 1. Questions? Call the Shrine office at 845-343-1879, Ext. 22.

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