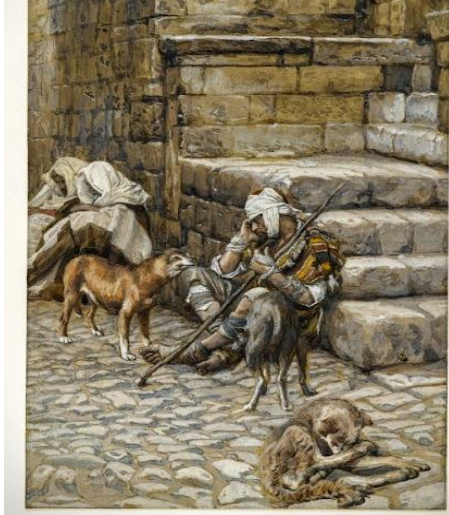

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Second: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

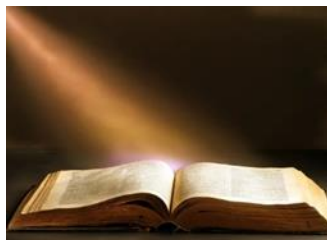
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

FOCUS: God's love and mercy must be manifest in our care for those around us.

Our actions and choices – how we live our lives as Christians – have an influence on others. For many, our actions as true disciples may be the only “homily” they will ever hear. As a community of faith, God's love and mercy must be manifest in our care for those around us, especially those in need.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The prophet Amos speaks for the Lord, saying that those who live for themselves without caring for others will find no favor before God. Paul encourages Timothy in his commitment and fidelity to the Gospel truth. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man and Lazarus.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Peg Boyle, Fr. Jose L. Del Toro
and the Ryan, Borst & Costello families

10 a.m.: Rosalina Rodriguez, Richard Tolliver,
Maria & Wladyslaw “Walter” Marzec
and Barbara Kalle-Vernooy

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 11-18: Totaled \$ 5,926.42

Envelopes: \$ 3,741.00 – Online: \$ 2,185.42

THANK YOU!

PARISH MEETING RECAP

To best give voice to the 50-60 who attended, the **Parish Meeting** on September 11 began with the group breaking into smaller groups to first discuss the Sunday Mass schedule.

The vast majority were in agreement that for now, the 10 o'clock Mass makes sense. The liturgy is much more robust, it is cost-efficient in terms of energy usage and there is a heightened sense of community – no “9 o'clockers” vs. “11 o'clockers.”

Collectively, though, people were flexible. Should the numbers swell, then we would have to return to two Sunday Masses, and the group agreed that 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. remain the best choices.

The greeters will count each person who enters the church for Mass and record the numbers. Those numbers will be analyzed for trends, and a threshold will be set that needs to be met or exceeded consistently before the Mass schedule will be revisited.

The meeting concluded with a segment of general comments. There was a resounding desire for the return of more social events, including themed dinners and potlucks. It was also suggested that we resume presenting gifts at Mass.

Once again, it comes down to volunteers; in particular, volunteers to pitch in with social activities and to usher at Mass. There is a lot riding on our Ministry Fair the weekend of October 15-16.

OUR ARIMATHEANS

The Arimathean ministry is named for Joseph of Arimathea, who took Jesus' body from the cross and buried it in his own tomb. In that same spirit, members of our ministry attend funeral Masses of St. Paul's parishioners according to their availability. They represent the parish and by their presence, give support to the family of the deceased.

This group of men and women assist the presider at funeral liturgies in offering a meaningful, comforting service – as well as hospitality and sympathy to bereaved families of fellow parishioners. This becomes particularly important in cases where the deceased had moved and there are few local familial connections.

Arimatheans will greet and usher guests and serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers and servers, as needed. It is also an opportunity to practice one of the Corporal Works of Mercy: *To bury the dead*. In the process, the Arimatheans help see our brothers and sisters Home by filling a few pews and lending their voices in prayer.

AT THE SHRINE

The Feast of **St. Therese of the Child Jesus** will be celebrated on Saturday, October 1, beginning with morning prayer at 9:30 a.m. followed by a conference with Fr. Justin Cinnante, O. Carm. until 11 a.m., when confessions will be heard. Mass is at noon, after which there will be a procession, blessing of roses and a potluck picnic. Call Carol Bezak, Shrine director, at 845-343-1879 for more information.



Adorable Alyanna, the youngest at the picnic, is shown with our beloved Deacon John, the oldest, and Joe Violante. Below are some of the hard-working volunteers. Note Rick's creative use for corn. And top right, the youngins challenge the adults in volleyball.



**PARISH PICNIC:
A MULTIGENERATIONAL SUCCESS**

How do you make some 165 picnickers happy?

Start with about 80 pounds of chicken, 150 pieces each of burgers and hot dogs; 200 ears of corn (donated by Froehlich's Farms in Montgomery), 160 pounds of salads and beans, 10 pounds of onions and eight tomatoes.

Add the volunteer labor from Rick and Julie Dzurilla and a team for this event of about 15, some of whom began their day at 8:30 a.m. hauling food and supplies from the church to the Town of Crawford Park.

Ensure the grill is lit by 10:30 a.m. and the buffet set up because scores of hungry revelers will form a long, serpentine line shortly after 1 p.m. Then a second trip to church to free the ice cream from the freezer.

In between, spirited games of volleyball – adults vs. kids – organized by the Youth Ministry, music, mingling, card games and a 50/50 raffle (won by Liz Locatelli and given back to St. Paul's) will keep folks engaged, making the hours fly by.

And this sunny afternoon of community, camaraderie and connection that happened last Sunday was available to all at no cost – thanks to the very generous parishioner who picked up the tab.

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.

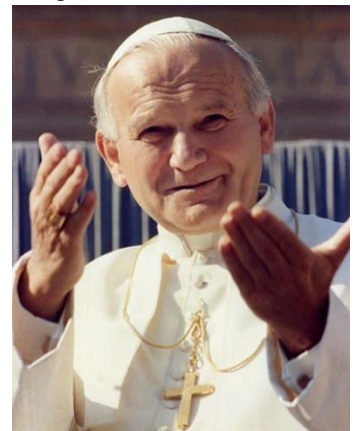
Meetings are informal. New participants are welcome; everyone attends as schedules allow. For more information, call Ernie Martin at 845-800-4342.

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-St. Pope John Paul II

