

# 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

5 p.m.: Joe Britto, Carl Asaro and Clare Costello

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

## **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.

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 in the church vestibules or you can access an online nomination form via this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeF3tNZGFU6vHeRuBPC1bz3N2o77HBulG9z95Bs5313Lx8ipQ/vi<sup>ew</sup>form>

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 12-19: Totaled \$ 6,265.13

Envelopes: \$ 3,234.79 – Online: \$ 3,030.34

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 Carmelite Journey**

Carmelite spirituality is a deepening of our Baptismal promises to live a life in union with God, which finds in the Gospel inspiration and strength. Becoming a Lay Carmelite is a call to open oneself to live in the presence of the living and true God who, in Christ, has come to live among us.

The process of becoming a Lay Carmelite calls one to be open to the transformation of mind and heart, of one's vision and actions. Joined with others desiring this same path toward the fullness of holiness, a deeper knowledge and life-giving union with Jesus Christ, one looks for the signs of God in family life, work, social and church responsibilities. The journey of prayer, community and service helps one recognize and cultivate the seed of salvation according to the Spirit of the Beatitudes.

Elijah and Mary are the spiritual founders of the Carmelite order. Their example of listening to the Word of God and trusting His message of how to live and serve Him for the good of all gives Carmelites their strength and encouragement in the ups and downs of our everyday lives.

One does not walk this journey alone but is in communion with others. A Lay Carmelite commits to meet with others monthly for prayer, spiritual enrichment from the Carmelite Charism and strength for ministry found through communal sharing.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the process of formation and to discern if the Carmelite way of life is where God is calling you, please read more about us on our website: [www.laycarmelite.com](http://www.laycarmelite.com) or call the Lay Carmelite Office at 344-2474 to speak with RoseMary Lancellotti, Provincial Coordinator for Lay Carmelites of the St. Elias Province.

## **17K TO BE 'CLOSED' FOR TWO WEEKS**

Culvert work begins

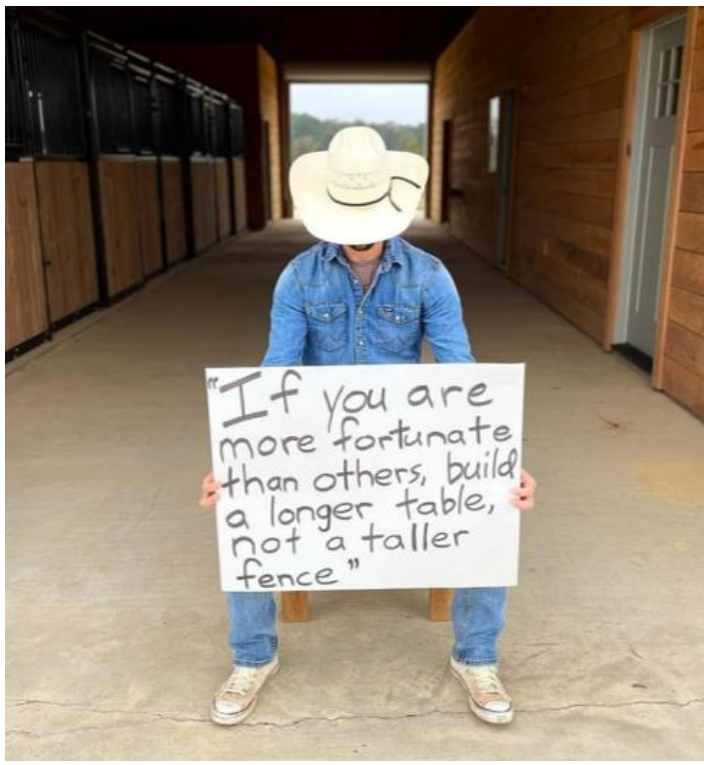
**Monday, October 4**, at a point just south of the church, which is expected to take about two weeks to complete. The state Department of Transportation is closing Route 17K between Route 302 in Bullville and Albany Post Road in Montgomery. Local access, however, will be permitted.



## **PASS THE PARAPROSDOKIAN**

Here's this week's figure of speech – with an unexpected twist – from an anonymous author:

*"Where there's a will, I want to be in it."*



## YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE...

Last week's meeting opened with song as Deb Harrison performed Rita Springer's "Home."

And then the evening's activity brought home the fact that personal interpretation can alter words. A variation of the game "Telephone" was played. Because of the virtual format, private chat (where a word is typed) was used rather than a whisper to communicate from one to another. The likelihood of a typed word changing each time shared was low.

Instead, everyone was instructed to put their own spin on the word. So "stapler," shown to the first participant, was conveyed to the next as "metal," which then became "shiny." The next person typed "reflection." "Reflection" became "shiny" again, which led to "diamond," "rock" and finally "music." Music is a far cry from a stapler.

Chris Worthington, the youth minister, seized the opportunity for discussion: "We are all called to spread Truth. When we are spreading Truth, it is ever important to not change or take out of context a particular verse in Scripture just to fit an agenda. We need to stick to the actual and whole Truth."

Scriptures were then shared:

**Philippians 4:8** - Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.

**Matthew 11:28** - Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

**Psalms 35:3** - Brandish spear and javelin against those who pursue me. Say to me, "I am your salvation."

**Romans 8:28** - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

**Proverbs 3:5-6** - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.

## ...AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The new Youth Ministry group strictly for ninth-through twelfth-graders kicks off at noon on **Sunday, October 3**, at the church.

## MEMORIAL MASS SCHEDULED

Our new Consolation Ministry, which serves those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, has organized a Memorial Mass to remember those who have died within the past year or so. It will be celebrated by Fr. Sean at **10 a.m. Saturday, November 6**.

## CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

Pope Francis has appointed more women to positions of authority than any previous pontiff, but the Vatican remains a largely male-dominated space with what some refer to as a "stained glass ceiling," which restricts the heights to which women can aspire.

Under that stained-glass ceiling, though, women are gaining ground. In 2019, 24 percent of employees at the Holy See were women, compared with 17.6 percent in 2010, continuing a gradual increase that began in earnest after the Second Vatican Council.

To read the complete article, visit

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/09/16/vatican-top-women-change-smerilli-becquart-scaraffia-241413>

## REPORTING ALLEGED ABUSE

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Eileen Mulcahy, victims assistance coordinator and vice chancellor, at 212-371-1000 Ext. 2949 or e-mail at [victimsassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimsassistance@archny.org). Information can be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org).

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