
23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First reading – Ezekiel 33:7-9

I appoint you as watchman for the house of Israel. If you fail to warn the wicked and they die in guilt, you're responsible. If you warn them and they don't turn, they die, but you're saved.

Second reading – Romans 13:8-10

Owing love to one another fulfills the law. The commandments are summarized by loving your neighbor as yourself, for love does no evil and is the complete fulfillment of the law.

Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

If a brother sins, discuss it privately, then with witnesses if needed, and finally with the church. What is agreed on earth reflects in heaven, and where people gather in Jesus' name, he is present.

Focus: God's loving presence is with us always.

God is with us, intimately close, just as Jesus was to the man in the Gospel today. In the Mass, Jesus reaches out to touch us and offer his healing. May we always be granted an open heart and clear vision to see his loving presence among us.

Liturgy of the Word:

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks for the Lord, saying to the frightened, "Be strong and fear not!" In the Letter from Saint James, we are encouraged to show no partiality because God chose the poor in the world to be heirs of the kingdom. In the Gospel, Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech impediment and all are exceedingly astonished.

MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: **Thomas McHale, Anne McCarthy and Maryanne Reynolds**

10 a.m.: **Sonia Del Pilar, Michael Joseph Faso, Maryanne Reynolds and Richard Tolliver**

BOOK CLUB'S NEXT CHAPTER

The **Book Club** will begin its new season via Zoom at 10 a.m. on Thursday, **September 19**, with a discussion of the opening pages (1-70) of "Conclave" by Robert Harris (Amazon \$16.20). This page-turning thriller is a work of fiction set in the Vatican's secretive halls of power.

"The pope is dead. Behind the locked doors of



the Sistine Chapel, one hundred and eighteen cardinals from all over the globe will gather to cast their votes in the world's most secretive election. They are holy men. But they are not immune to the human temptations of power and glory. And they are not above the tribalism and factionalism that consumes humanity. When all is said and done, one of them will become the most powerful spiritual figure on Earth."

New members are always welcome. Contact the office or Deacon Carl (carlloc@yahoo.com) for details and the Zoom link.

ALSO IN SEPTEMBER ...

- ❖ The next **Parish Council** meeting is 7 p.m. this Tuesday, **September 10**, via Zoom. All parishioners are welcome. Contact the office for the link. FYI, minutes from the meetings are posted on our website, www.stpaulsbullyville.org. Click "Parish Council" in the menu bar.
- ❖ The Parish Picnic kicks off at 1 p.m. Sunday, **September 15**, at the Town of Crawford Park on Lybolt Road. Tickets are \$15, and \$35 for an immediate family, available after the Masses and through the office.
- ❖ The fall **Scripture Discussion** will focus on the letters of St. Paul to the Philippians and Colossians, which he wrote from prison, and will use the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible. The group will meet from 10-11:15 a.m. Mondays via Zoom beginning on Monday, **September 16**. Former and new members are welcome. Contact Gail Van Tassel at 845-457-3432 or gailvantassel@yahoo.com to join the group and to get the book for \$14.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

August 26- September 1 \$ 5,406.51

Envelopes: \$ 2,691.50 – Online: \$ 2,715.01

THANK YOU!

BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM SCHEDULED

There is no time limit in grief. There is no fast track to feeling better. And the life-changing loss of a loved one is not something to "get over."

Rather, while grief is universal, it is at the same time a journey with a timeline as unique as the individual experiencing it.

At 9 a.m. **Saturday, October 26, the six-week Bereavement Program** will again take place at St. Paul's for those who did not attend last year. Julie Laurenzi, Liz Locatelli and Kate Gallaher Carson, who have completed the Archdiocese's training, will lead the sessions designed to support the bereaved as they continue on their own healing path. 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 honor deceased relatives and friends. (See below.)

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sharing Christ

The third in the ChristLife series, **Sharing Christ**, begins **Sunday, October 13**. Participation in the first two sessions is not required. Details coming soon.

Memorial Mass

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.



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*"The bee is more honored
than other animals,
not because she labors,
but because she labors for others."*
- St. John Chrysostom
Feast Day September 13

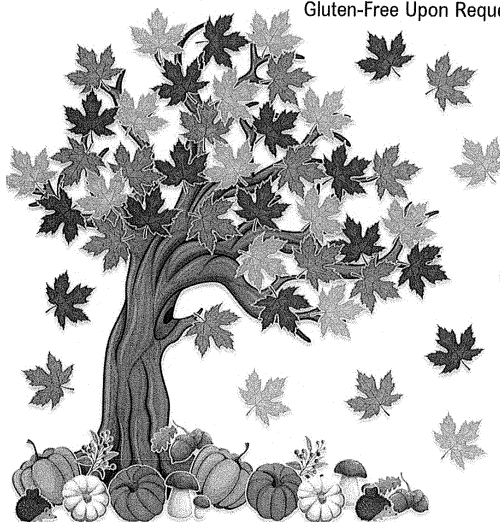
Forever Autumn Annual Dinner Dance

Friday, September 27

Walkkill Golf Club, Sands Rd., Walkkill

Hors D'oeuvres 6:30 pm  Dinner & Dancing 7:00 pm

Dining Choices: Sliced Steak, Chicken Francaise, Salmon, Vegetarian
Gluten-Free Upon Request



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For tickets, contact:
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LAST WEEKEND'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 69
10 a.m. – 148

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