

The Work of the People

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are approaching the end of another Liturgical Year. As we move into Autumn and the darkness grows, so do the ordinal Sundays of the Liturgical Year. We have just four more until the First Sunday of Advent. As I write this, the changing colors of the leaves and the fact that my outside plants have all but died are signs that the seasons are once again changing.

As we arrive at this point each year, the readings begin to focus more on the Second Coming and our preparation for that event. Today we are called once again to honest, genuine prayer and this is a way of us preparing for welcoming Christ into our lives every day and for doing the work of the Kingdom.

Sirach is part of the Wisdom literature of ancient Israel. The author affirms that the "Lord is a God of justice" and hears the cry of the oppressed and the lowly. The widows and orphans were especially vulnerable in society and their pleas do not go unheeded by God. But God has no favorites and hears the cry of all who willingly serve God.

This Sunday we hear once again from the Second Letter to Timothy. Within the letter today, the author recalls Paul's ministry and proclaims that the Lord will welcome him to the heavenly Kingdom. His "apologia" is both a testament to the commitment and energy he gave to his mission and profession of faith in the Lord who has sustained him.

In Luke's Gospel we hear the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. This parable has overtones that are easily connected to the First Reading and the Responsorial Psalm of today. Both the prayer of the tax collector and the Pharisee are heard by God; the lesson of the parable lies in the disposition of the ones who pray. The honesty and sincerity of the former and the lack of humility by the latter set them apart. The fact that the Pharisee was a religious leader and the tax collector a confessed sinner is not lost on Jesus' listeners. What each of them confesses may be true; what is in their hearts makes all the difference.

The reflection for this week is from Bishop Robert Morneau who is pastor of Resurrection Parish in Green Bay, Wisconsin and auxiliary bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Green Bay.

A good story has power, the power to alter our attitudes and thereby our behavior. Jesus told stories, one after the other, hoping to influence the minds and hearts of his audiences. One wonders what effect the parable in today's Gospel had on his listeners, people who were "convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else." Did any of them experience a conversion?

Perhaps we need not worry about them, but rather worry about ourselves. What impact does the behavior of the proud Pharisee and the humble tax collector have on our attitudes and our moral life? Important as fasting and tithing are, unless our inner life is grounded in the realization that we stand in need of God's mercy, we are in trouble. The tax collector models for us how we are to pray, pleading for God's mercy and knowing that we have sinned.

Jesus's teaching is direct and clear: humility, that is, living in the truth of things, puts us on the road to justification. God hears the cry of the poor and the pleas of those who ask for mercy. The reading from Sirach confirms God's willingness to hear and to respond to the lowly and needy. Unlike Shakespeare's "deaf heaven" (Sonnet 29), God does hear the cry of the oppressed and our petitions do reach heaven.

As we join the community in worship and as we enter into the presence of God in private prayer, we can be sure of this: God hears. For all our faults, if we come before the Lord in honesty and humility, we will be changed by the Lord's gifts of mercy and justification.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27

Monday: Eph. 2:19-22/Ps. 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk. 6:12-16
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps. 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk. 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps. 13:4-5, 6/Lk. 13:22-30
 Thursday: Rom. 8:31b-39/Ps. 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk. 13:31-35
 Friday: Rv. 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps. 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn. 3:1-3/Mt. 5:1-12a
 Saturday: Wis. 3:1-9/Rom. 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn. 6:37-40
 Sunday: Wis. 11:22; 12:2/Ps. 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes. 1:11
 2:2/Lk. 19:1-10

PRO-LIFE BANQUET

The Pro-Life Banquet will be Friday, November 1 at 6:30 pm at Pampered Palate Conference Center in Saegertown. Banquet tickets available by calling 814 967-3436. Price \$16/adults, \$10/children (12 and under).

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"I have competed well, I have finished the race..." (2 Tim 4:7). Whether you are young in age or nearing the probable end of your time on earth, review your lives together. What have you worked hard to achieve? What remains for you to do before the race is finished?

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org

#IGIVE CATHOLIC

#iGiveCatholic is a one-day online giving event for the faithful in dioceses across the nation (and the world) to come together and raise as many charitable dollars as possible for Catholic parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries. #Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. This year #iGiveCatholic is on #GivingTuesday, December 3, 2019 from 12:01 am to 11:59 pm (midnight to midnight) CST and takes place at IGiveCatholic.org.

*"Lord, thank you
for always having my good in mind."*

22:32 MEN'S CONFERENCE

Take advantage of the Early Bird Special and register yourself and your friends for a special price today for the upcoming 22:32 Men's Conference on February 29, 2020. Register today and strengthen yourself as well as your brothers in Christ. All faiths welcome. To register call 814 455-7364

WORSHIP

Monday, October 28
8:00 am + John Auer
Tuesday, October 29
8:00 am + Margaret Castoro (Mr & Mrs. Nelson Allea)
Wednesday, October 30
8:00 am + NO MASS
Thursday, October 31 - AT ST. BERNADETTE
5:00 pm + Richard Baker (Parishioners of St. Bernadette and St. Anthony)
Friday, November 1 - FIRST FRIDAY
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—AT ST. ANTHONY
7:00 pm + Living & Deceased Parishioners
Saturday, November 2
4:30 pm + Anthony Rembielak (Joan Rembielak and Phyllis & Bob Wronko)
Sunday, November 3
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
Heather Ann (Nowak) Dunnigan (John & Kay Weagraff)
9:30am + AT ST. ANTHONY
Living & Deceased Parishioners

PUMPKIN ROLLS

The sing-up sheets to order Pumpkin Rolls are on the bulletin boards at both entrances to the church. Price is \$10/roll. Final days to order are Nov. 26 & 17 with pick-up the weekend of Nov. 23 & 24.

ATTENTION
HARVEST FOOD VOLUNTEERS

There will be a STATE MANDATED safe handling training meeting for all 2nd Harvest Volunteers on November 22 at 1:00 pm at the Cambridge Springs Christian & Missionary Alliance Church.

Also on Dec. 20 during the 2nd Harvest the Dept. of Health will be there to offer immunizations for Hepatitis A. It is free and walk ins are welcome.

Thank you for serving our community with the love of Jesus!

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday - Wednesday - Friday AT ST. BERNADETTE
(Except Holy Days)
7:00 am - Communion Service
Tuesday, October 29
After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena
Saturday, November 2
3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions
Sunday, November 3
Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE
After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY
NOTE: Latin Mass will be the last Sunday of every month at 12:30 pm

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

St. Titus Church will hold its 45th Annual Santa's Workshop indoor craft show which will be held on Friday, Nov. 8 from 10 am - 8 pm and Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10 am - 4 pm at Cross Creek Resort in Titusville. Santa will make an appearance on Friday from 5 - 7 pm and Saturday from 1 - 3 pm. All proceeds benefit their Faith Formation program.

NOTE

Looking ahead—Sunday, Nov. 3, Daylight Savings Time ends. Please be aware so everyone will be on time for Mass on that Sunday.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

AT ST. ANTHONY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Hobson/Judy Hermann/Judy Kingston
Lector: Shawn Pfleger

Altar Servers: Payton Leandro/Robert Moats

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Hermann/Shawn Pfleger/Jim Samson
Lector: Julie Hobson

Altar Servers: Robert Moats/Sydney Zilhaver

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Bullman/Theresa Douglas/
Harriet McLaren/Barb Milligan

Lector: Vicki Eckstein

Altar Servers: Max Marteeny

ST. BERNADETTE'S

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Acker/C. Greco/J. Weagraff

Lector: B. Smith

Ushers: D. Nowak

Altar Servers: B. Greco

STEWARDSHIP

10/20/19

Offertory	\$516.00
Votives	59.00
World Mission	126.00
TOTAL	\$701.00

CSA: Pledged - \$9,225
Paid - \$8,395

*"Lord, have mercy on me,
a sinner!"*

BINGO - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, Nov. 4. Early Bird BINGO starts at 6:00 pm and the regular BINGO starts at 6:30 pm. Doors and kitchen open at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be available at a cost of \$5.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sun. Oct. 27-10:30 am - Religious Ed. Class at St. Anthony
Mon, Nov. 3-6:00 pm - Holy Name Society Mtg.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$903.00
Maintenance	378.00
Candles	27.00
All Souls	25.00
Propagation of the Faith	466.00
Donation for Roof	200.00
Reimbursement	39.75
CSA	275.00
TOTAL	\$2,313.75

Catholic Services Appeal
Pledged: \$23,867 Paid: \$22,132

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
