

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

The Work of the People

The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The coolness and crispness of fall mornings and evenings is once again with us. Leaves are beginning their annual change of appearance in preparation for their dying and returning to the earth from where they came. It is a reminder to us of the ashes to ashes and dust to dust cycle that everything that lives on this earth moves through in a lifetime. This movement can also remind us that there is a time for all things as Qoheleth (the teacher) reminds us. Dying and rising is very much the rhythm of our existence. In these last months of Ordinary Time, the Lectionary offers a rich array of texts for reflection and spiritual nourishment.

The text from the prophet Habakkuk is given to us in two parts. The first is the cry of the prophet who believes that God does not listen or intervene in his misery. The second part is God's response. God's response is not so much an answer but a vision which the prophet is to write down so all can know it.

In the Letter to Timothy the author encourages his disciple to be courageous and faithful and bearing witness to the Gospel. Perhaps Timothy has been timid in his "testimony to the Lord." So the author reminds him have his own struggles, including being imprisoned, and exhorts Timothy to be mindful of the strengths that come from God and from the help of the Holy Spirit that "dwells within us."

In the Gospel go to and the apostles are concerned with their own lack of faith, which they assume has to do with a certain quantity that needs to be increased. Jesus tells them that even if their faith is the size of a mustard seed they will be able to do what they have been asked to do. Jesus image of the mustard seed speaks of the quality of a commitment to their ministry and rather than a concern for how much or how great the results they accomplish.

The reflection for this Sunday is from *Blessings and Woes* by Megan McKenna who is an author, theologian, storyteller, and lecturer. She has taught in a number of schools, including Fordham University and Washington Theological Union.

Jesus tells two parables of a master and servant. In the first, the master dons an apron in delight when he finds his servants ready and he waits on them [Luke 12:35-38]! In the second, the master demands that the servants do what servants are required to do: wait on the master, serve his dinner, and continue with their duties. Although the stories appear to contradict each other, the two are in fact saying something vital about the blessings and woes. Blessed are those who are the servants of the kingdom, of the poor, and of God, for God will wait on them! And those of us who think of ourselves as disciples of the Master must be ready, must be careful. Earth

is for service, for plowing and tending the fields, and for worship. This is our duty as servants. . . . [We] must not expect to be rewarded for doing what we are supposed to do. We must not expect God to wait on us because we are disciples, or even beloved children. God does wait on us, but only if we have learned to wait on the poor, on the kingdom of justice and mercy, and on those who are the presence of God most rejected in our midst. This paradox of servants and masters is central to Luke's gospel. Jesus is the suffering servant of God, the master who waits on us, and we are disciples who follow our master's ways, donning our aprons and bowing before those in need. It is an honor to serve those whom God serves and that is a blessing in itself.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6

Monday: Jon 1:1; 2:1-2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk. 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps. 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk. 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps. 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk. 11:1-4
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps. 1:1-2, 3, 4, & 6/Lk. 11:5-13
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps. 9:2-3, 6 & 16, 8-9/Lk. 11:15-26
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps. 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk. 11:27-28
 Sunday: 2 Kgs. 5:14-17/Ps. 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/
 Lk. 17:11-19

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ROSARY MARCH

Join us at St. Peter Cathedral, W. 10th & Sassafras in downtown Erie on Sunday, October 13th at 2:00 pm for the World Apostolate of Fatima, Erie Division Rosary March. You are invited to march for ten blocks and pray the Rosary for peace as our Blessed Mother requested. For those unable to march, the Rosary will be recited in the Cathedral. The homilist will be Rev. Edward Lohse, Vicar General for the Erie Diocese.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Faith is one of those things we just can't get enough of! In today's gospel the apostles asked Jesus to "increase our faith." Where do you need an increase in faith: in yourself, your spouse, your children? In God? Faith equips us to overlook annoyances, helps us to forgive and urges us to ask forgiveness. "Lord, increase our faith!"

2019 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The 2019 Community Christmas Cantata is in the planning stages. Practices will be held on Sunday afternoons, 4 pm—5:30 pm, starting at the First United Methodist Church in Cambridge Springs. Those interested in raising their voices to celebrate the season and become part of the cantata should contact Tammy Peters, 398-2608, home, or 720-6526, cell, so as to reserve music for this most joyous event. Please contact her with any questions. The cantata will take place Nov. 30 at St. Paul's Lutheran at 7:00 pm and Dec. 1 at C.S. 1st United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm.

WORSHIP

Monday, October 7
8:00 am + Leona E. Auer

Tuesday, October 8
8:00 am + Edward Rembielak
(Joan Rembielak & Phyllis/Bob Wronko)

Wednesday, October 9
8:00 am + NO MASS

Thursday, October 10
8:00 am + Lenny Lange (Gerald & Martha Adamczyk)

Friday, October 11
8:00 am + John E. Auer

Saturday, October 12
4:30 pm + Henry, Frank & Frances Bialobocki
(Wandy Pilarczyk Family)

Sunday, October 13
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
Thomas Brunot (Joseph & Alice Johnson)
9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY
Living & Deceased Parishioners

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday - Wednesday - Friday AT ST. BERNADETTE
(Except Holy Days)
7:00 am - Communion Service

Tuesday, October 8
After Mass - St. Anthony Novena

Saturday, October 12
3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions

Sunday, October 13
Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE
After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY
NOTE: Latin Mass will be at 12:30 PM, the last Sunday of every month

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 - 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Hobson/Kathleen Lipkovich/Jim Samson
Lector: Julie Hobson
Altar Servers: Robert Moats/Sophia Mott

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 - 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Theresa Douglas/
Don Marteeny/Carol Rasavage

Lector: Vicki Eckstein
Altar Servers: Andrea Walker/Sydney Zilhaver

ST. BERNADETTE **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 - 8:00 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Sada/G. Beisler/D. Nowak
Lector: D. Capell/Mrs. Greco (if needed)
Ushers: S. Sada, Jr.
Altar Servers: Greco/Levis

STEWARDSHIP

9/29/19	
Offertory	\$398.00
Votives	29.00
Religious Educ.	10.00
Missionary Co-Op	<u>319.00</u>
TOTAL	\$756.00

CSA:
Pledged - \$8,525
Paid - \$7,645

SAVE THE DATE

Our Lady of the Lake Parish presents best-selling author and EWTN musician Vinny Flynn "Eucharistic Amazement and Awe" on Monday, Oct. 7th, Tuesday, Oct. 8th and Wed. Oct. 9th. All presentations are at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

MINISTERIUM EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

We are in need of many items for the food pantry. We could use any food really low on everything, totally out of peanut butter, tomato soup, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti, vegetable oil and toilet paper. Anything would be a blessing. Items can be put in the box in the gathering space.

ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER

St. Lawrence Church in Albion, PA will have their Annual Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 13 at St. Lawrence Center. Serving time is 11:30 am - 3:00 pm. Adults - \$10, Children - \$5 (under 6 free), take-outs - \$10.

OPEN HOUSES

Cathedral Prep's Open House will be held Sunday, October 20th from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. Please call 814 453-7737, ext. 3 with questions.
Villa Maria Academy's Open House will be on Sunday, October 27th from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. Please call 814 838-2061, ext. 3239 with questions.

SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Seton has made a link for parents to easily access a live Seton Newsletter. You can access this link on the Seton website site if you scroll down to the bottom under Seton Newsletter and click more info!

NOTE: Please check the Lost and Found on the table in the Gathering Space in case you have left personal items behind after mass.

BINGO - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be **Monday, October 7th**. 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. Chicken 'N Biscuits Dinner will be available at a cost of \$5.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Mon. Oct. 7 - 6:00 pm - Holy Name Society Mtg.
Sun. Oct. 13 - Holy Name Sunday
Sun. Oct. 20 - 10:30 am - Religious Education at St. Anthony

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$989.00
Maintenance	328.00
Reimbursement	2,863.26
Catholic Education	45.00
Candles	30.00
Donation	33.00
Religious Education	110.00
Rental	750.00
Missionary Co-Op	1,057.00
CSA	<u>250.00</u>
TOTAL	\$6,455.26

Catholic Services Appeal
Pledged: \$23,801 Paid: \$21,536

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
