

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 in bearing witness to the Gospel. Perhaps Timothy has been timid in his "testimony to the Lord." So, the author reminds him of 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 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 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

Monday: Gal. 1:6-12/Lk. 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal. 1:13-24/Lk. 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal. 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk. 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal. 3:1-5/Lk. 11:5-13

Friday: Gal. 3:7-14/Lk. 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal. 3:22-29/Lk. 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs. 5:14-17/2 Tm. 2:8-13/Lk. 17:11-19

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.

PUMPKIN ROLLS

Orders can be placed at both entrances to the church for Pumpkin Rolls. The cost is \$12/roll and can be picked up the week-end of Nov. 19 & 20, 2022. The last date for ordering these rolls is Nov. 5 & 6. Volunteers are needed for baking, please call Barb Milligan at 814 763-2410 for more information.

WORSHIP

Monday, October 3
 8:00 am + Mary Mukina (Joan Rembielak)
 Tuesday, October 4
 8:00 am + Kathleen Nowak (Bannister Family)
 Wednesday, October 5
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Thursday, October 6
 8:00 am + Ron Yusavage (Joan Smith)
 Friday, October 7- FIRST FRIDAY
 8:00 am + Charles Metzler (Josie Osiecki)
 Saturday, October 8
 4:30 pm + Deceased Members of Weidner Families
 (Ginger & Dick Kester)
 Sunday, October 9
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Richard Baker (Pauline Baker)
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 Living & Deceased Parishioners

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 4
 After Mass - St. Anthony Novena
 1:30 pm - AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Altar Rosary Society Mtg.
 Saturday, October 8
 3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession
 Sunday, October 9
 AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Before Mass - Confession
 AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 After Mass - Confession

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 ALTAR SERVERS**
 Sunday, October 9 - 9:30 am
 Max Marteeny

*“Holy Spirit,
 come alive in my family!
 Make us one.”*

ST. BERNADETTE MISSION STEWARDSHIP	
Offertory	\$625.00
Candles	9.00
TOTAL	\$634.00

**CHILD PROTECTION AND
 CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS**

October is Respect Life Month: Our faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful. The protection of children, youth and vulnerable adults from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this ideal. Anyone who suspects or knows of abuse should report it immediately. For information on reporting child abuse visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>

HHS RULING

On behalf of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Lawrence Persico asks parishioners to advocate against a recent rule proposed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that would prevent Catholic hospitals, clinics, assisted living facilities and health care workers from carrying out their work. The new rule does not guarantee the right of health care workers and religious facilities to conscientiously object to participating in procedures including abortion. The direct link to send a message to the HHS is <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/97764/Respond>. Please note the deadline for participation is Monday, Oct. 3.

PEOPLE FOR LIFE

People for Life’s annual Life Run 5K/10K & Fun Run is coming up on Saturday, October 8. Race time is 9:00 am. The Life Run also includes a Fun Walk on nearly level country roads in the northeast Erie County, PA wine region during the grape harvest. This event is for both runners and walkers. Register at www.peopleforlife.org/liferun.

*“Father,
 sometimes it’s hard to trust.
 Help me see your love today
 and put my trust in your faithfulness.”*

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA STEWARDSHIP	
Offertory	\$1,303.00
Maintenance	382.00
Candles	48.00
Catholic Education	35.00
CSA	120.00
TOTAL	\$1,888.00
Catholic Services Appeal	
Pledged: \$32,123	Paid: \$28,056

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
