

## The Work of the People

*The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

School is underway, the leaves on the trees are beginning to change into their brilliant hues, and the calendar told us this past week that we have entered into another season. Autumn is a season that reminds me of the dying and eventual rising that is the ebb and flow of life. Scripture calls us to a dying to self and a rising to a new life in Christ, a life that is for others. We hear of that dying to self once again in this week's readings.

Amos continues his denunciation of those who ignore the lot of others. In last Sunday's text it was the dishonest steward. Today Amos criticizes the rich who care only about their own comfort, ignoring the plight of the poor. He does not condemn their wealth but their complacency. Their wealth allows them to have lavish meals and the best oils; they drink wine from bowls as though there was no end to the abundance they enjoy. Their selfish actions will lead to their exile.

The Letter to Timothy encourages Timothy to be faithful to the commandment of God until the return of Jesus Christ. The author of the letter would know and expect that this letter would be read to the local gathering of believers and so the phrase "I charge you" could apply to those who listen to the reading of this letter as well as to Timothy. The words of the letter are also for us.

As we continue this section of Luke's Gospel, Jesus addresses the Pharisees with a parable that contrasts the actions of a rich man and a poor man. The contrast between those who care about others and those who do not, as noted in the Reading from the Book of Amos, is sharpened by the message of the parable. Jesus does not dwell on the status of the rich man but rather on his being oblivious to the needs of the poor man "lying at his door"; he was his neighbor.

The reflection for this Sunday is from *Welcoming the Word* by Sr. Verna Holyhead, SGS who was an Australian Sister of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St. Benedict.

If the rich man had recognized Lazarus as a "sixth brother" during his life and not been indifferent to him, there would not be the fixed gulf between them. The parable is a reminder that those who are attentive to the Word of God in Jesus will also be attentive to the poor and their needs.

We listen to this parable as brothers and sisters in the house of living stones, gathered together by

the One who has risen from the dead and comes to us in his Word and sacrament. Do we ever try to put human faces on those who lie at the gates of our institutions and nations, or allow ourselves to be challenged by those who are covered with contemporary sores: the unemployed, people with disabilities, asylum seekers, abused women and children? When "the poor" are just an abstract concept, they continue to be separated by a great chasm from their more fortunate sisters and brothers.

We must try to bridge the chasm in whatever way we can: through personal generosity, individual and group advocacy, information that stirs the heart to outreach, ethical business investments, or responsible voting; we are called to respond to the Word of God in this life. Like the rich man and his five brothers, no signs, no miracles, not even the Word of God, can break into and convert our hearts if we are determined to lock out the disadvantaged from our lives, because in them our poor brother Jesus still sits begging at our gates.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jb. 1:6-22/Lk. 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb. 1:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk. 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb. 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk. 9:57-62

Thursday: Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv. 12:7-12a/  
Jn. 1:47-51

Friday: Jb. 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk. 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb. 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk. 10:17-24

Sunday: Hb. 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm. 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk. 17:5-10

**ROSARY MARCH**

The 28th annual Erie Diocesan Rosary March will be held Sunday, October 9 at 2:00 pm in the parking lot of St. Jude the Apostle Church in Erie. The rosary also will be prayed inside the church at the same time for those who are unable to march. Following the rosary, there will be a special prayer service inside the church with exposition and Benediction. Father David Renne, vice rector of St. Mark Seminary, Erie, and a member of the faculty of Gannon University, Erie will be the guest homilist. This event is sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima. For more information, contact John Walsh at 814 868-1100.

*"Lord God,  
help me to always trust  
in your goodness and mercy."*

**WORSHIP**

Monday, September 26  
 8:00 am + Ciel Peters (Joan Rembielak)  
 Tuesday, September 27  
 8:00 am + Dec. of Webster/Gallant Families  
 (Harry & Robin Gallant)  
 Wednesday, September 28  
 8:00 am + NO MASS  
 Thursday, September 29  
 8:00 am + Ron Yusavage (Kathleen Lipkovich)  
 Friday, September 30  
 8:00 am + Kathleen Nowak (Latin Mass Community)  
 Saturday, October 1  
 4:30 pm + Liv. & Dec. Members of Hobson Families  
 (Vincent Hobson)  
 Sunday, October 2  
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION  
 Living & Deceased Parishioners  
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
 Geraldine Ciesielski

**PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR**

Tuesday, September 27  
 After Mass - St. Anthony Novena  
 Saturday, October 1  
 3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession  
 Sunday, October 2  
 AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION  
 Before Mass - Confession  
 AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
 Before Mass - Confession  
 Monday, October 3  
 5:00 pm - Doors open for BINGO

*“Lord,  
 thank you that you are the One  
 who knows me the best  
 and who loves me the most!”*

**ST. BERNADETTE  
 ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY**  
 Tuesday, October 4 - 1:00 pm - Meeting

ST. BERNADETTE MISSION STEWARDSHIP	
Offertory	\$904.00
Candles	3.00
Catholic Education	90.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$997.00</b>

**DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE  
 SUNDAY MASS**  
 Bishop Lawrence Persico will celebrate a Mass for Respect Life Sunday on Oct. 2 at 11:30 am at The Epiphany of the Lord Parish in Meadville. A reception immediately follows Mass. Prolife groups are encouraged to RSVP and attend together. Questions can be directed to Patrice Swick, director of the Social Justice and Life Office at sil@Erie RCD.org

**THANK YOU**  
 Thanks to the parishioners who generously donated to the Pallottine Fathers & Brothers, Our Lady of Good Health Province through the 2022 Missionary Cooperative Plan Appeal. A combined total of \$654 was collected from St. Anthony of Padua and St. Bernadette Mission that will help enable their important work to continue.

**BREAKFAST**  
 The Edinboro/Cambridge Springs Knights of Columbus will resume serving breakfast on the first Sunday of the month from October 2 through May 7 from 9 - 10:30 am at Our Lady of the Lake Social Hall. A delicious breakfast of ham, eggs, home fries, french toast sticks, pancakes, cinnamon rolls, orange juice, coffee, tea or milk immediately following the 8:00 am Mass, Take-outs are available. Price is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**  
*In today's gospel the rich man died and was condemned to "a place of torment" because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways. Evidently ignoring the poor was a family pattern. What is your family's attitude toward those who are poor?*

**CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER**  
 Sunday, October 16, 2022  
 St. Hippolyte Church  
 Rt. 27 in Frenchtown  
 Noon - 2:00 pm (or sold out)  
 Adults -\$10  
 Children - \$5.00  
 Free to children 5 and younger

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA STEWARDSHIP	
Offertory	\$910.00
Maintenance	244.00
CSA	330.00
Catholic Education	488.00
Candles	48.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,020.00</b>
Catholic Services Appeal	
Pledged: \$32,098.00	Paid: \$27,936.00

**CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA**

**CHURCH NO.:**

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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