

The Work of the People
The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we move more deeply into Autumn, we now move toward the end of this current Liturgical Year. We have this Sunday and two others before the Solemnity of Christ the King. As we move into November, we celebrate all of those who have gone before us and who are now living in God's heavenly kingdom. For this Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Collect (Opening Prayer) asks that we may be made to love what God commands.

In the First Reading this Sunday we hear from the prophet Jeremiah. Addressed to a people in exile, refugees scattered "to the ends of the world," Jeremiah underlines the great contrast between the weakness of the people and God's strength and faithfulness. Their restoration has nothing to do with their merit and everything to do with God's great love. Jeremiah offers us an image of God as a consoler, a shepherd who leads the people to refreshing streams, a road-building Father who is careful to see that no one stumbles along the way.

The Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews indicates that Melchizedek ranked over even Abraham, and because no one knew his ancestry, his priesthood was forever. The point the author makes over and over again is that Christ's priesthood is superior to any other; it is eternal and it is God the Father who has given him his glory.

In the Gospel of Mark Bartimaeus hears that Jesus is nearby and begins to call to him for help. By using the title "Son of David," he acknowledges Jesus as a successor to Israel's most important king. Although the crowds attempted to silence him, Bartimaeus's hope in Jesus proved more powerful than their objections. The very people who tried to suppress his shouts were sent to tell him to take courage because Jesus was calling him. Bartimaeus modeled the faith that the disciples had been failing to attain. Asking for healing rather than money, he responded to Jesus with the insight and courage to become a disciple and join him on the fateful road to Jerusalem.

The reflection this week is from *A Shimmering of Something* by Brian Doyle who is editor of the University of Portland's award-winning *Portland Magazine* and the author of many books.

It was in second grade that I discovered I could not see. This thought had never occurred to

me in all my years. When Sister Anne spun suddenly to write on the board, her rosary big as a halter desperately trying to catch up with a clack and clatter like railroad cars, I leaned over to one or the other of the kids near me to read what we were supposed to know. Isn't that why God made rows of desks, so you had good sight angles in all directions? But she noticed, did Sister Anne. She noticed each of us. She was probably all of twenty. We thought her ancient. But she knew which boy could not read, not even a little, and which of us didn't actually forget lunch, and who is wearing his older sister's winter coat with the lapels cut. She sent me to the nurse one time, perhaps I had a fever, but the note she wrote said check his eyes. Yes, I read it. The nurse put it on the corner of her desk and I peered at it later, worried I was being sent to Siberia or something. But that finished with me getting glasses, which changed everything. The universe had edges! I never did recover. Imagine what it was like to put on spectacles, for the first time, after never seeing the clarity and geometry of it all. Imagine the jolt of absolute stunned delight. Imagine that, just for a minute. All these years later I can't stop smiling.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom. 8:12-17/Lk. 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Rom. 8:18-25/Lk. 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rom. 8:26-30/Lk. 13:22-30
 Thursday: Eph. 2:19-22/Lk. 6:12-16
 Friday: Rom. 9:1-5/Lk. 14:1-6
 Saturday: Rom. 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk. 14:1, 7-11
 Sunday: Dr. 6:2-6/Heb. 7:23-28/Mk. 12:28b-34

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

*"Jesus, teach me to see the world
through your eyes of love."*

WORSHIP

Monday, October 25
 8:00 am + John E. Auer
 Tuesday, October 26
 8:00 am + Kathleen Nowak (Latin Mass Community)
 Wednesday, October 27
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Thursday, October 28
 8:00 am + Daniel Baker (Rita Baker & Family)
 Friday, October 29
 8:00 am + Vincent Novotny (PNA Lodge 1540)
 Saturday, October 30
 4:30 pm + Paul & Duane Hale
 (Joan Rembielak & Phyllis Wronko)
 Sunday, October 31
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Living & Deceased Parishioners
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 James Rasavage (John & Leona Kutz)
 12:30 pm + LATIN MASS
 Marilyn Cole/Mark Cole/Liv. & Dec. Members
 of Cole Family (Joyce Lyons)

NOTE: On Saturday, October 30 and Sunday, October 31 we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick at all Masses. Those who wish to receive the sacrament are asked to sit in the designated pews so that Fr. Mark may easily get to you.

OPEN HOUSE
 Cathedral Prep's Open House for middle school boys and girls, will be held on Sunday, October 31 from 10am - 2pm. There is an optional mass beforehand at 9:30am in the auditorium. Guided tours will be conducted. Learn how to graduate from Prep with a semester or more of college completed and about the millions in financial aid! Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing for tuition discounts.
 Cathedral Prep is located at 225 W. 9th St., Erie, PA. Please call 814 453-7737 ext. 3 with questions or email tim.dougherty@prep-villa.com

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 26
 After Mass - St. Anthony Novena
 Saturday, October 30
 3:30 - 4:15 pm - Confession (or by appointment)
 Sunday, October 31
 AT ST. BERNADETTE MISSION
 Before Mass - Confession
 AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 After Mass - Confession

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
 When Jesus asked the blind man "What do you want from me?" he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Pure and simple, that is prayer.

NOVEMBER BINGO DATES
 November 1st
 November 15th
 November 29th

DIOCESE TO OFFER PRAYER SERVICE FOR RACIAL HEALING
 The Diocese of Erie is continuing its commitment to racial justice with a prayer service - co-sponsored by Gannon University, the diocesan Social Justice and Life Office, and the Office of Faith Formation for Parish Support - on Nov. 4 at 7:00 pm at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel, 520 Peach St. Erie. Bishop Lawrence Persico will preside. All are invited to deepen their Catholic understanding of racial healing and how our Catholic faith can engage with racial justice. Contact Patrice Swick, director of Social Justice and Life, at pswick@eriercd.org with any questions.

ST. BERNADETTE MISSION STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$490.00
Candles	3.00
Mission Sunday	20.00
TOTAL	\$513.00

Catholic Services Appeal
 Pledged: \$7,050 Paid: \$6,990

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$653.00
Maintenance	166.00
Candles	40.00
All Souls	25.00
Simpson Donation	100.00
TOTAL	\$984.00

Catholic Services Appeal
 Pledged: \$28,505 Paid: \$26,288

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
