

The Work of the People

The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

This is the time in our Liturgical Year for us to move into the peace, quiet, and anticipation of the Advent season. We celebrate this week and next (at the great Solemnity of Christ as King of the Universe) the reality that God has all of creation in God's gentle and compassionate hands.

On this Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the prophet Malachi issues a dire warning about the end time. It will be a day of justice; the evildoers will be reduced to stubble by fire; but those who fear the name of the Lord will be saved. The words of the prophet would have been addressed to the people of Israel, calling them out of their infidelity to the covenant with God.

in his letter to the Church in Thessalonica Paul reminds the brothers and sisters of how he worked among them without expecting pay for his labors. He holds this up to them as an example that they are called to imitate. Apparently, Paul did not want to be a burden on their resources, though it is likely that they showed him some form of hospitality. He takes issue with those who have been busybodies, acting in a disorderly fashion. This is not acceptable among those who should be doing the Lord's work.

The Gospel passage in Luke is often referred to as an eschatological text; it points to the end times and includes cosmic signs and natural disasters that speak of the end of things known and familiar. The positive message is that only God has a hand in the matters of life and death and those who persevere in faith will not be saved by the events or the world but by God.

the reflection for this Sunday is from *Love Unknown* by Sr. Ruth Burrows who is a Carmelite nun at Quidenham Monastery in Norfolk, England.

[All] the Lord's prophets represent a band of faithful ones who, baffled though they were by events and the seeming absence of the Lord, struggled faithfully on in bitter suffering, carrying forward for us the torch of divine revelation, men and women "of whom the world was not worthy . . . And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had seen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect" (Heb 11:38-40). With our Christian insight, we discern a truth that is a continual challenge to each one of us. Israel was, indeed, God's chosen people with a particular vocation, but it was for God, not for them, to decide on how that vocation should be realized. They could not see into the future and see how truly, how mysteriously, the great promises to Israel would be fulfilled. . . .

Are we not struggling ourselves, every day, to assimilate what the Lord was trying to teach his people long ago? Our only real need is God. We are made for God. Our destiny is in God and he created us in order to bring us to it. We persist in wanting to be god to

thinking that we know the shape of our destiny and how to reach it. Like our religious ancestors we are unable to believe that God will be God to us in every way if only we will let him. The more highly developed a people, the wider their knowledge and ability to control worldly factors, the greater the danger of illusion. . . . Seen through the eyes of faith this is a desolate landscape but it remains God's world for which Jesus died and over which the Spirit broods. As disciples of Christ in this historical age, our lives must proclaim: "The Lord is God!"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17

Monday: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/
Mt. 14:22-33

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps. 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk. 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc. 7:1, 20-31/Ps. 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b & 15/
Lk. 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc. 2:15-29/Ps. 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk. 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc, 4:3-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a,
12bcd/Lk. 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc. 6: 1-13/Ps. 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 & 19/Lk. 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm. 5:1-3/Ps. 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col. 1:12-20/
Lk. 23:35-43

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On the weekend of November 23-24, a second collection will be taken up in our parishes for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

As you may know, CCHD is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops which works to break the cycle of poverty by helping people with low income participate in decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities.

Half of the funds from this collection remain in the Diocese of Erie to fight poverty in our local communities. Your 2018 contributions funded six local organizations and programs including Erie DAWN, Inter-Church Ministries, Bishop's Breakfast Program, Maria House Project, Mercy Center for Women and the Sisters of Saint Joseph Neighborhood Network. Each of these organizations are committed to eradicating poverty and improving the areas in which they serve.

From expanding a youth work experience program to fixing a roof so individuals can live safely in community, the work of CCHD is on-going. The Gospel message compels us to assist others in finding creative solutions to poverty, so that we are able to break the cycle of dependence and powerlessness in society.

This work is not possible without the support of dedicated Catholics like you. Please consider helping us to uphold human dignity and alleviate poverty by giving generously to the second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

WORSHIP

Monday, November 18
8:00 am + Louise Rembielak (Joan Rembielak and Phyllis & Bob Wronko)

Tuesday, November 19
8:00 am + Dec. Members of Mercier/Pankul Families (Mary Pankul)

Wednesday, November 20
7:00 am+ AT ST. BERNADETTE
Living & Deceased Parishioners

Thursday, November 21
8:00 am + Living & Dec. Members of PNA Lodge 1540

Friday, November 22
8:00 am + John Auer

Saturday, November 23
4:30 pm + Maria Black (Mary Mulligan-Haines)

Sunday, November 24
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
Lottie Weagraff (John & Kay Weagraff)
9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY
Living & Deceased Parishioners
12:30 pm + LATIN MASS
Thomas Wesdock (Alan Wolfe)

#iGIVECATHOLIC IT'S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3!

1. Visit the website
2. Search for our Parish
3. Donate \$25 or more (the minimum online donation)

Giving is easy, just go to www.iGiveCatholic.org, search by diocese to St. Anthony of Padua.
We are less than one month away from #iGiveCatholic on #Giving Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Remember your online donation will go toward the roof repair for our church.
Give early! Advanced giving runs November 18—December 2. Please check bulletin inserts.

PUMPKIN ROLLS

This is the final weekend to order your pumpkin rolls! Sign-up sheets are at both entrances to the Church. Price is \$10/rolls. Pick up of rolls will be after Mass the weekend of Nov. 23 and 24.

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Monday, November 18
5:00 pm - Doors open for BINGO

Tuesday, November 19
After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena

Saturday, November 23
3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions

Sunday, November 24
Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE
After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY
10:30 am - Religious Ed Classes for both St. Anthony & St. Bernadette at St. Anthony

NOTE: Latin Mass will be the last Sunday of every month at 12:30 pm

ST. ANTHONY CASH GIVEAWAY AND GAME NIGHT

Cash Giveaway and Game Night tickets are being distributed after weekend Masses. The event will take place on Sat. Jan. 25, 2020. Ticket prices are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Ticket monies are to be returned no later than Jan. 11, 2020. and can be placed in the collection baskets. Your assistance will make this annual fundraiser event successful, so please pick up your tickets.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Hermann/Shawn Pflieger/Jim Samson
Lector: Kathleen Lipkovich
Altar Servers: Payton Leandro/Sydney Zilhaver

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Theresa Douglas/Harriet McLaren/Barb Milligan
Lector: Marie Marteeny
Altar Servers: Sophia Mott/Andrea Walker

ST. BERNADETTE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: D, Nowak/A. Braymer/G. Beisler
Lector: M. Braymer
Ushers: S. Styborski
Altar Servers: A/MR. Braymer

STEWARDSHIP

11/10/19	
Offertory	\$499.00
Votives	23.00
Human Dev.	30.00
CCD	35.00
Misc.	50.00
Memorial Gift	100.00
Immac. Concep.	10.00
TOTAL	\$747.00

COMMUNITY LUNCH

There will be a Community Lunch at the C.S. 1st Methodist Church on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 11:30—12:30 pm. This is a great time for fellowship and a good meal. Carry-outs are available. For more information call 398-4049

BINGO - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, November 18. 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. Stuffed Shells Dinner will be available at a cost of \$5.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sun. Nov. 24 - 10:30 am - Religious Education Classes at St. Anthony of Padua

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$846.00
Maintenance	368.00
Needy	200.00
All Souls	10.00
All Saints	10.00
Energy Needs	139.00
Candles	33.00
CSA	<u>120.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,726.00

Catholic Services Appeal
Pledged: \$23,867 Paid: \$22,542

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
