

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

The Work of the People*The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

The Word of God is the Word of Life. We are so fortunate to have such easy access to the Word and we are called to make it the Word of our lives. Ask God each time you hear the Word proclaimed: "What do you want me to hear from your Word today?" This Sunday is also Catechetical Sunday and so we as God's assembled people offer a blessing for students and catechists and call all to a commitment to lifelong formation in God's Word.

The prophet Amos strikes out at those who exploit the poor and take advantage of those he calls "the lowly" when they come to the marketplace. The prophet uses the very words of the dishonest merchants as his judgment against them. His condemnation lies in reminding them that God will not forget their wrongdoing.

The author of Paul's Letter to Timothy instructs Timothy to exhort the believers to pray. It seems that the author expects these prayers of petition and thanksgiving to be done by the community at their common worship. Another reason for prayer is that God desires such prayer. These prayers are for the salvation of others, for God desires everyone to be saved. This is prayer that we continue today in the context of our worship.

In Luke's Gospel Jesus presents the parable of the unjust steward. This is a lesson about judging wisely worldly affairs and serving God instead of mammon. The commendation of the unjust steward makes the meaning of the parable difficult to grasp. The "children of this world" are contrasted with "the children of light"; the former are good at worldly affairs but the latter are charged with the "true wealth" that God will bestow on them. Several sayings attributed to Jesus all concerning wealth, follow the parable. All call us to examine our attitude toward, and use of, money.

The reflection for this Sunday is from *Lovely in Eyes Not His* by Fr. Walter Burghardt, SJ (1914-2008) who spent much of his career as a scholar of Church History and Theology. He was a spellbinding preacher whose powerful calls for social justice and understanding influenced generations of priests and pastors.

The parable of the Dishonest Manager is a challenge to every Christian, more especially if you are gifted with the good things of earth, or hold in your hands the living or dying of others, or your ears ring . . . with the applause of appreciative audiences, with the screeching and howling of frenzied fans. It is then especially that you have to confront the wisdom of the world with the foolishness of God, with the folly of the Beatitudes: Blessed are the poor in spirit and those persecuted for Christ, the meek and those who mourn, the merciful and the makers of peace, the pure in heart and those who thirst for righteousness (cf. Mt 5:3-12).

So then, look into your heart this Sunday of crisis. Discover what towers top your list of goals. See where God

stands on the list, where money, power, fame, whatever. Then, like our manager friend but even more shrewdly, take the IOU you have with God, rip it up, write a new one – this time not less but more, this time in tune with the command of Old Testament and New: "I shall love the Lord my God with all my heart, all my soul, all my mind, all my strength." While you're at it, you might as well add: "and I shall love others, all others, as I love myself."

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN

The weekend of September 28th and 29th, a Missionary Cooperative speaker will be here from the Diocese of Norwich, Outreach to Haiti to inform us of the Helping Haitians Help Haitians. These mission dioceses and groups rely on this money to continue their work. Please submit your envelope for the Missionary Cooperative, which you will find in the back of your envelope box, at next weeks masses. Thank you in advance for your help with the missions.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22

Monday: Ezr. 1:1-6/Ps. 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk. 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezr. 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps. 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk. 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr. 9:5-9/Tb. 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk. 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg. 1:1-8/Ps. 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b/Lk. 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg. 2:1-9/Ps. 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk. 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec. 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer. 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk. 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Am. 6:1a, 4-7/Ps. 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/ 1 Tm. 6:11-16/Lk. 16:19-31

THANK YOU

Last weekend our parish took up a second collection to help support the lifelong faith formation and educational needs of our parish and diocese. Many parishioners responded generously. If you missed last week's Catholic Education Collection, please consider a donation in next week's collection basket.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP HOLY HOUR

Monday, Sept. 23 at 7:00 pm St. Brigids Church, Meadville will have a Praise & Worship Holy Hour. If you have any intention you've been praying for, come and lay it at Jesus' feet during an hour of intercessory prayer & praise before the Eucharist.

FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR

St. Anthony of Padua is in need of someone to fill the position of Faith Formation Coordinator. If interested, please contact the rectory at 814 398-4234.

12 HOURS OF GIVING

Crawford gives—supporting Seton Catholic School. Donations accepted online at www.crawfordgives.org/setonschool October 1 from 8 am - 8 pm.

WORSHIP

Monday, September 23
 8:00 am + John E. Auer
 Tuesday, September 24
 8:00 am + Maria (Dina) Black (Mary Mulligan-Haines)
 Wednesday, September 25
 7:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
 Living & Deceased Parishioners
 Thursday, September 26
 8:00 am + Joseph Yusavage (Family)
 Friday, September 27
 8:00 am + Mary Mukina (Joan Rembielak/Phyllis & Bob Wronko)
 Saturday, September 28
 4:30 pm + Terry Behr (Dale & Carole Schoack)
 Sunday, September 29
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
 Fred Weagraff (John & Kay Weagraff)
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY
 Janet Orlop (Ed & Joyce Mailliard)
 12:30 pm + LATIN MASS AT ST. ANTHONY
 William P. Lyons, Sr. (Michael E. Barchini)

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday - Wednesday - Friday AT ST. BERNADETTE
 (Except Holy Days)
 7:00 am - Communion Service
 Tuesday, September 24
 After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena
 Saturday, September 28
 3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions
 Sunday, September 29
 Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE
 After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY
 Religious Education Classes for both St. Anthony & St. Bernadette
NOTE: Latin Mass is at 12:30 pm the last Sunday of the month

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - 4:30 PM
 Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Hermann/Judy Kingston/Jim Samson
 Lector: Kathleen Lipkovich
 Altar Servers: Robert Moats/Sophia Mott

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - 9:30 AM
 Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Larry Douglas/
 Christine Krzyziak/Barb Milligan
 Lector: Marie Marteeny
 Altar Servers: Paige Tucker/Andrea Walker

ST. BERNADETTE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - 8:00 AM
 Eucharistic Ministers: D. Nowak/A. Braymer/G. Beisler
 Lector: M. Braymer
 Ushers: S. Styborski
 Altar Servers: A/M/R. Braymer

STEWARDSHIP

9/15/19	
Offertory	\$333.00
Votives	9.00
Catholic Educ.	<u>94.00</u>
TOTAL	\$436.00

CSA: Pledged—\$8,525
 Paid—\$7,545

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don't be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today, we "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.

NEEDED

Our Religious Education program is in need of an elementary teacher to team teach for this upcoming year. If interested, please contact the rectory at 398-4234.

CRAFT FAIR

On Saturday, October 5, 2019 St. Anthony of Padua will be holding their 2nd Annual Craft Fair from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Parishioners are asked to provide a baked item of their choice that will be sold during this fundraiser. Items can be dropped off in the kitchen on Friday, Oct. 4 from 3 pm - 7 pm or on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 7 am - 9 am. Thank you in advance for your willingness to contribute to this event.

CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS
HERITAGE SOCIETY

Hotels of Cambridge Springs's Past, presented by Cambridge Springs Heritage Society will be held at Cambridge Springs First Baptist Church on Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm. Refreshments to follow, public invited.

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.

BINGO - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, September 30. 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. A Salisbury Steak Dinner will be available at a cost of \$5.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sun, Sept. 22—Religious Education Classes at St. Anthony

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$1,106.00
Maintenance	297.00
Rosaries	7.00
Candles	21.00
CSA	350.00
Donation for Roof Repair	50.00
Catholic Education	<u>429.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,260.00

Catholic Services Appeal
 Pledged: \$23,761 Paid: \$19,146

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
