



**TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
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No servant can serve two masters.
He will either hate one and love the other,
or be devoted to one and
despise the other.
You cannot serve both God and
mammon." Luke 16, 12 -13

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

**HOLY TRINITY
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday – Friday
In the Dom Boze Chapel **8:00 am**
Saturday Vigil Mass **5:00 pm**
Sunday **10:00 am**
Holy Days of Obligation **5:30 pm**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Monday – Friday
Closed for Lunch 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Closed Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Pre – Baptismal program for parents who desire to share their faith with their children is held monthly in one of the parishes in the Erie East Deanery. Call the Parish Office for the schedule. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics and obtain a Letter of Recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sponsor.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: **Saturday – 4:15 – 4:45 pm**
Individual Confessions by appointment call Office to schedule.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Before a date is scheduled the engaged couple is to meet with one of the priests at least six months in advance to complete the required preparation.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Can be requested when a parishioner is seriously ill or in danger of death, please contact the Office. With the privacy laws we do not always know when a parishioner is hospitalized or in a nursing care facility, if they would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion from the Eucharistic Minister or priest let us know.

Parish Catholic Education Program – PCEP Holy Trinity Parish will assist with tuition costs for families who desire a Catholic School Education for their children in the primary or secondary level. To be eligible for the Parish Grant, families must actively participate in the program and attend Mass and be involved.

PLEASE REMEMBER HOLY TRINITY IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING
As you meet with your attorney or financial planner consider the needs of our Parish Family for future years as a legacy to you and your family with your generous remembrance.

BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE: Submit to the Parish Office for the following weekend bulletin – Monday by Noon

*“A Parish built on tradition...
where everyone is Welcome.”*

Sept. 22, 2019
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

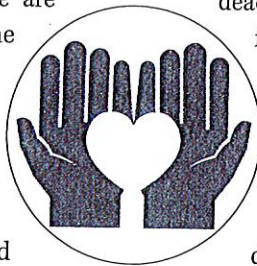
WHATEVER IT TAKES TO ATTAIN LIFE ETERNAL

REFLECTION:

Every human being wants things. We all have known people who say they want a better job, a wonderful spouse or to be in better shape. But we also know that many people fail to get what they claim to want because they don't put in the work that is needed.

On the other hand, there are people who have the discipline to do whatever it takes for as long as it takes to realize their goals. Dr. Rodrigue Mortel is a fine example. An esteemed obstetrician and gynecologist, Mortel pioneered a new method of treating women with endometrial cancer. But that must have seemed like a distant pipe dream for him when he was growing up in his native Haiti during the 1930s and '40s. His family lived in abject poverty, dwelling in a small one-room hut without running water or electricity.

Mortel was never inclined to shame or self-pity. Rather, already as a preteen, he began to make vows to himself (and God) to further his education, to lift his family out of poverty and to build a home for his mother. He went to college and medical school via Haiti's highly competitive public education system, and he recalls studying his medical texts outdoors under the lights at a gas station because the electricity was better there than at home.



In 1983, he became the first black foreign-educated physician to chair the obstetrics and gynecology department at Penn State University. Of course, he did lift his family out of poverty, and he did build that home for his mother and another for his sister. Mortel — now a permanent deacon — also built and provided funding for several schools in and around his hometown. The schools are Catholic, and they exclusively serve the poorest of the poor.

In today's Gospel, Jesus does not intend to praise the unjust steward for his dishonesty, his laziness or his shady bookkeeping. Rather, Jesus commends in the steward what he has richly blessed in the life of Mortel — a willingness to foresee and to do whatever it might take to ensure a prosperous future while he still had time and ability to do so.

The key difference, of course, is that the unjust steward was entirely self-interested, whereas Mortel's dreams were always focused on the other. Mortel's generosity was borne of love — for his family, for the poor and for Jesus and the Gospel. The parable asks us would-be disciples today: How badly do you desire to follow Jesus and to work to build up the reign of God? What will you sacrifice to make that happen? And are you ready to start now?

OPENING the Word:

First Reading

AM 8:4-7

Amos denounces the wealthy, who care only about personal gain and who do not hesitate to cheat the poor.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 113:1-2, 4-8

"Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor"

Second Reading

1 TM 2:1-8

Paul advises prayer for "all in authority," including pagans, because God "wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth."

Gospel

LK 16:1-13

The parable of the unjust steward urges would-be disciples to choose radical commitment to the coming reign of God while there is still time.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- How much are you willing to sacrifice in order to follow Jesus and serve the Gospel?
- Does our consumerist culture still "trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land"?
- How might the world change if Christians followed Paul's advice to Timothy — namely, that "supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone"?

'KEEP MOVING FORWARD'

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 21 – 25 Sunday

Ordinary

5:00 + Joanne Torres (Jack & Sandy Kempisty)

Sunday, September 22 – 25 Sunday Ordinary

10:00 + For the People Holy Trinity Parish

Monday, September 23 – St. Padre Pio

Mass at St. Stanislaus

Tuesday, September 24 – Weekday

8:00 + Peter Kranz (Clair & Char)

Wednesday, September 25 – Weekday

No Mass

Thursday, September 26 – Saints Cosmos & Damian

8:00 + Archpriest John Matusiak (Matusiak Family)

Friday, September 27 – St. Vincent de Paul

8:00 + For the Sick and Hospitalized

Saturday, September 28 – 26 Sunday

Ordinary

5:00 + Nick Muntean (Bernard Markiewicz)

Sunday, September 29 – 26 Sunday Ordinary

10:00 + For the People of Holy Trinity Parish

WEEKLY OFFERING – Sept. 15, 2019

Regular Offertory \$1,570.00 49/146 mailed

Loose Cash \$ 47.00

Total Offertory \$1,617.00

Votive Candles \$ 50.00

Mass Attendance: 5:00: 49 & 10:00: 79

This Week

July 1 to date

Dream Goal \$3,000.00 \$33,000.00

Amount Needed \$2,365.00 \$26,580.00

Amount received \$1,617.00 \$25,108.00

Net over/short (\$ 748.00) (\$1,472.00)

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL – 2019

As of September 23, we are happy to report:

Pledges: \$26,185.00

Paid: \$23,815.00 \$ Due: \$2,370.00

80 families have contributed to the 2019 CSA.

MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 28 & 29

Lectors

5:00 PM Theresa Ignaczak

10AM Sue Carpenter

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 PM Dave Thiemann & Sue Trochowski

10:00AM Edie Luniewski, Len Sebastian &

Dorothy Carlson

Altar Servers

5:00 PM Chris Beres

10:00 AM Brooklyn LaZar &

Roman Luniewski

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

After today's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives. We see this in the First Reading from Amos. The Lord has harsh words for those who would take advantage of the poor, and whose priorities are not aligned with God's. In the Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul gives us the antidote to the self-centeredness condemned in our First Reading. The antidote is to imitate Christ, "who gave Himself as a ransom for all." Rather than thinking of Himself and how to "get ahead," Christ gave Himself away — completely — for our sake. That is how we are to live. In our Gospel passage from Luke, the Lord shows us how to bridge the gap between worldly thinking and priorities, and eternal thinking and priorities. Jesus tells the parable of the corrupt but clever steward who is about to get fired when the master discovers the steward has been squandering his property. Realizing his imminent unemployed status, the clever steward reaches out to the various debtors of his master to wheel and deal with them, making friends who would look out for him when he became jobless. What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families and as a parish? of God's kingdom on the earth? That's our lesson and our challenge.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK:

September 23 – Jane Thiemann
September 24 – Dave Czerwinski
September 25 – Jack Kempisty
September 26 – Connie Knecht

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

22 Rev. David Carter
23 Rev. Robert A. Manning
24 Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McSweeney
25 Rev. Peter Pierjok, OSB
26 Rev. Glenn Whitman
27 Rev. David Whiteford
28 Rev. Andrew Boyd

BUSINESS OWNERS, OR SELF-EMPLOYED PERSONS

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community! Advertising space available on the back page of our new combined weekly bulletin which will debut on October 13th. Contact one of the Ad reps soon to reserve your space.

Sue Novosel @ 1-800-477-4574 x 6318 or by email: snovosel@4LPi.com

Tim Weir @ 1 – 800-477-4574 x 6568 or by email: tweir@4LPi.com

HOSPITAL VISITS If you or a family member are in the hospital, please make sure when you are admitted that you tell them you are a Catholic and belong to Holy Trinity or St. Stanislaus Parish. St. Vincent Hospital and UPMC Hamot Hospital both have new systems in place that will not give out names due to HIPAA. If one of the priests goes to the hospital to visit they will give him names but only if one of our partnered parishes is listed as their parish. You or a family member can always call directly to the Parish Office and let us know you are a patient and would like a visit. Any questions, please call the Parish Office or talk to one of our priests.

Our Sympathy and Prayers to the family of Robert Kempisty on the death of their father and brother. May he Rest in Peace!

13th Annual Oktoberfest

WIN A GERMAN RIVER CRUISE
FOR TWO PLUS \$5000 CASH or
\$15,000 CASH!

St. Joseph Church

October 4th, 5th, & 6th, 2019
FRIDAY 5-11 PM, Saturday, 1-11 PM
Sunday 12 -6 PM

AUTHENTIC GERMAN FOOD

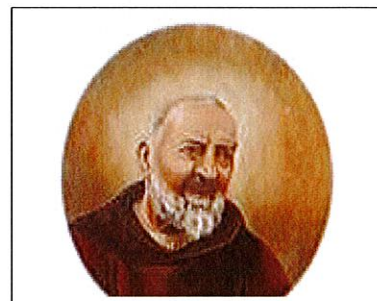
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CHURCH TOURS * PHOTO BOOTH
OVER 150 GIFT THEME BASKETS

October is Respect Life Month

The Respect Life Program, sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, begins in October. October is observed as Respect Life Month. This year's theme, "Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life," will be featured October 2019 through September 2020. This is a year-round, nationwide effort to help Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with building a culture that cherishes every human life. The U.S. bishops produce printed and digital tools and resources to help leaders throughout the Catholic Church integrate the Gospel of Life into their work or ministry. The action guide and downloadable resources at www.respectlife.org/october.

Padre Pio original name Francesco Forgione, also called **St. Pio** of Pietrelcina, born May 25, 1887, Pietrelcina, Italy. He died September 23, 1968, at San Giovanni Rotondo Monastery and was canonized a Saint on June 16, 2002; his feast day September 23rd.



THIRTY-ONE CLUB – VOCATIONS

- 22) Kathy Wisniewski
- 23) Heidi Jankowski
- 24) Len Sebastian
- 25) Jack Kempisty
- 26) Patricia Straub
- 27) Sr. Maxine Kaminski
- 28) Dorothy & Mead Carlson

Son of God Prayer Group to hold healing Mass in Erie is holding a healing Mass Oct. 8 beginning at 6:15 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church, 2701 East Ave., Erie. Participating clergy include Father Johnathan Schmolt, Father Jerry Priscaro and Deacon Jerry Peterson. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. to allow time to write petitions on a simulated brick wall that will be presented at the offertory. Individual prayers for healing will follow Mass. For questions, call Pat Montefiori at 823-3968.

Marriage Moments 9-22-19

For the Spring Equinox (March 20) I suggested that you celebrate equality in your marriage by balancing whatever "spring cleaning" was necessary. For the Fall Equinox (Sept. 23) perhaps you can balance the tasks of putting away summer equipment. Balance this "work" with each sharing a favorite summer memory.

Transitions: A Peer Support Group

Are you Widowed, Separated or divorced? Consider attending Transitions, a peer support group offered monthly at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. Call 824-1265 The next meeting is Sunday, September 29th from 2 – 4 pm. This month's topic is: "Stress and Relaxation Chair Exercises."

A Family Perspective - 9/22/19

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.

Seminary Visit Day

St. Mark Seminary in Erie is hosting a Seminary Visit Day on September 29 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Any young man in high school who has thought about being a priest or is considering application to seminary is invited — with his parents — for Mass, brunch, a tour of the seminary and a conference. Please RSVP to Father Michael Polinek, vocations director, at 824-1200.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - HONEY

A husband was watching his wife who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off, he asked what she would like for the big day. "I'd like to be eight again," she said. On the morning of her birthday, he made her a big bowl of Fruit Loops and then took her to Waldamere. He put her on every ride in the park. Five hours later her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a happy meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie, popcorn and a soda. Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed. He leaned over her with a big smile and asked, "Well, dear, what was it like being eight again?" Her eyes slowly opened and she said, "I meant my dress size, you idiot!" The moral of the story: Even when a husband is listening, he is going to get it wrong.

ANNUAL PARISH DAY: St. Stanislaus Parish has their Annual Parish Day on Sunday, October 6, 2019, from Noon until 5:00 PM. A delicious "Polish Platter Dinner" will be served. Cost for Adults - \$11.00; Children (6 -12) - \$5.00; and children under 5 – free. All festivities take place in the Parish Hall located at 520 East 1th Street. There will be Special Awards Drawings, Fresh Baked Goods, a gift auction, theme baskets, raffles and children's games. Fun for all ages get-together to enjoy with your family and friends. All proceeds benefit their Parish.

HOLY TRINITY USHER MEETING
Mark Tuesday, September 24th on your calendar to attend the monthly meeting of our ushers at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Space. Men and women are welcome to serve our Parish in this Ministry.

WE DON'T ALWAYS KNOW unless you inform the Parish Office if a family member is unable to attend Mass, or now resides in a nursing home, or would like to be on our visiting list. Please call the Parish Office with this information. If your children are grown and reside with you or no longer reside with you, they should not be listed as members under your name, they should register themselves as members of their Church. If you move or your phone number has changed including email, please let us know as well. Call 456-0671 with any changes or new information.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH
FALL FESTIVAL**

1626 West 26th Street, Erie, Pa

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th

Noon – 5:00PM

Children and Adult Games – Bake Sale –
Theme Basket Raffle –

\$500. Drawing every half hour from
12:30pm to 3:00pm

At 3:30pm \$1,500...4:00pm
\$2,500...4:30pm \$3,000

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING \$5,000. at
5:00pm

\$50. Additional prize if winner is present

Tickets are \$5 each

Flu Shots available Noon - 4:00pm



COME JOIN THE FUN AT BLESSED
SACRAMENT FALL FESTIVAL!!!

DID YOU KNOW? If you are visiting another parish in the Diocese for weekend Mass you can put your Holy Trinity envelope in their collection basket and they will forward the envelope to us. This is great for busy families, who may occasionally have to go to another church for a different Mass time.

"I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, he will not ask, 'How many good things have you done in your life?' rather he will ask, 'How much love did you put into what *you did*?'"
Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Parable of the Unjust Steward

Luke 16:1-13

Word Search Puzzle

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Sunday, Sep 22, 2019

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Who's the boss?

A parish secretary worked at an urban church with five resident priests. One priest was retired, two had ministries elsewhere, and two were actively engaged in the parish itself. The secretary worked for all five men, handling incoming calls and written correspondence, crafting bulletins, running errands, even sewing the occasional loose button or laundering a stained sweater. No matter whose task she performed first, she never escaped the charge of favoritism, because anything more than one boss doesn't work. If Jesus is our Lord, everything and everybody else takes a backseat.

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13 (135). *"No servant can serve two masters."*

Monday, Sep 23, 2019

MEMORIAL OF PIUS OF PIETRELICINA, PRIEST

Mark his words

Padre Pio was a popular but controversial figure during his lifetime and has remained so since his death in 1968. He is said to have exhibited signs of the stigmata (visible wounds on his hands echoing Jesus' wounds on the cross). Some believed they were real, others were skeptical, including several popes who isolated him and had medical examiners weigh in. Whatever the case, his advice for living a faithful life rings true: "living humbly, being disinterested, prudent, just, patient, kind, chaste, meek, diligent, carrying out one's duties for no other reason than that of pleasing God, and receiving from Him alone the reward one deserves." Let that advice be the mark of your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 (449). *"No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed."*

Tuesday, Sep 24, 2019

May we have a word?

Church leaders have chosen scripture passages to be read in private and proclaimed publicly at Mass every day of the year. A daughter in Illinois, a cousin in England, friends in El Salvador, the pope in Rome, and the guest at a Catholic Worker House—every Catholic involved in a liturgy is reading or hearing these same scripture passages. The church strongly encourages us to read from the Bible and promises that the Holy Spirit will give a "spiritual understanding of the word to those who read it." Read today's scripture passages and ask for the grace of one small insight.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21 (450). *"My mother and brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."*

Wednesday, Sep 25, 2019

Gather us in

It's no accident that Jesus chose 12 apostles. Calling together his first 12 followers symbolized the reuniting of the 12 tribes of Israel that God chose to be a light to the world, the 12 tribes that had camped in the wilderness with the Tabernacle at the center, the 12 tribes that had then disastrously dispersed. In fact, all of

Jesus' ministry would be an invitation for all kinds of people to come together and rejoin the fold—the healed leper could now live with his family again, the woman at the well could be the town hero instead of a pariah. How will you honor the Good Shepherd, who gathers people together instead of driving them apart?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451). *"He summoned the Twelve."*

Thursday, Sep 26, 2019

MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

Have a sterling reputation

The details of their lives are lost in antiquity, but the early martyrs and reputed twin brothers Cosmas and Damian apparently were skilled medics and are revered for having offered medical care without charge. They were called the *Anargyrio*, Greek for "the silverless ones." Acting in this way, they are said to have attracted many to the Christian life. You, too, can evangelize simply by doing what you are good at with a Christian spirit. Whatever your calling in life, carry out your duties in such a way as to be an inspiration to others. That is the best evangelization!

TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452). *"Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways!"*

Friday, Sep 27, 2019

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

From poverty to true wealth

"Three hots and a cot." That motive, which draws some from poverty into priesthood, applied initially to Saint Vincent. A social climber, his father's muddy shoes embarrassed him when Dad visited the seminary. Consider his transformation by grace: Once he left hobnobbing with the wealthy behind, Vincent founded a congregation to educate priests, as well as hospitals, orphanages, and homes for the mentally ill. He founded the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac and revolutionized convents, making their cloister the "streets of the city." Pray Vincent's dying prayer until it's yours: "We have done what you commanded, do now what you have promised."

TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22 (453). *"Jesus was praying in solitude."*

Saturday, Sep 28, 2019

MEMORIAL OF WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

Stand up for what is right

The upbeat tune to the Christmas carol "Good King Wenceslaus" belies the violent tragedy of the life of Wenceslaus I, duke of Bohemia. His mother murdered his grandmother to seize control, and Wenceslaus was then murdered by his brother. Both victims died defending the Christian faith. Political unrest has always been a reality, and Wenceslaus is a role model for taking a public stand for what's right even when under enormous threat. Find in him the courage to take the high road in our tumultuous times.

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). *"The Son of Man is to be handed over to men."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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