

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

The Lord replied,
"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it
would obey you."

Luke 17, 5 - 6

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 6, 2019

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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."*

October 6, 2019
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH SEES GOD IN ALL THINGS

REFLECTION:

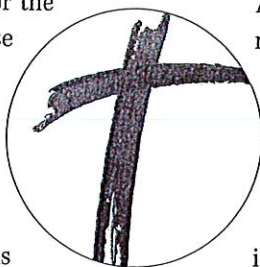
Faith makes a difference in the way life is viewed and in the way we understand the world. Some see the world as a dangerous place, but they walk through it using their faith as protection, while others avoid as much engagement as possible. People like Jean Vanier, the founder of the L'Arche group homes for the intellectually challenged, chose the eyes of faith and walked through life wholeheartedly.

Using the compassionate eyes his faith provided him, Vanier saw despair and loneliness in those on the margins and decided to do something. His faith reminded him that every human being has the same sacred truth: We are all created in God's image and likeness. It is this sacred truth that is revered within everyone with respect and dignity. Vanier's faith placed in him the power to give these people the gift of his heart in friendship. He became their friend.

Like Jean Vanier and everyone with faith, it makes a big difference how they live and approach life. As 2 Timothy today suggests, "It stirs into the flame" of their faith, revealing God's purpose and plan for their lives while they walk on his earth, keeping them pointed toward their destiny beyond. Faith may be tiny as a mustard

seed, but when it splits open, it teaches us about Jesus.

The purpose faith gives is to live life with magnanimous gratitude to the God who made them. This gratefulness shapes their lives, encouraging them to use their gifts to live their lives to the fullest.



At the same time, many others need assistance to live life to the fullest, and those that have more can share their abundance. When faith-filled people reach out to serve neighbors as Vanier did, this is an act of adoration to God the Father. The moment disciples show service to others in need, God is praised.

Faith also keeps God's promises alive when believers are overwhelmed with darkness and their courage begins to waver. Faith supplies the trust that disciples need to remember that God is simply behind that darkness waiting to assist. His presence will carry their cross when it becomes too much to endure alone.

Timothy's letter also reminds readers that faith is tested in times of trouble. It is a pledge of ultimate proof of a positive outcome for all lives lived gratefully. Faith's goodness is bountiful and everlasting, and there is enough for every generation of believers to share.

OPENING the Word:

First Reading

HAB 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Habakkuk delivers a warning, reminding his contemporaries that Yahweh surely will have the last word. While waiting for Yahweh, the just ones need to stay faithful.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

"If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts."

Second Reading

2 TM 1:6-8, 13-14

Timothy is encouraged to show his faith courageously and with strength, to preserve it without blemish as if a precious trust was handed over to him.

Gospel

LK 17:5-10

Luke joins two of Jesus' pronouncements revealing the power of faith. This incredible power is given freely and undeservedly to all believers.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

- How do you view the world in which you live?
- Is God easy to find in your worldview?
- Is it easy or difficult for you to see another's "sacred underneath"?
- When troubles test your faith, how do you move on?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 5 – 27 Sunday Ordinary

5:00 + Albert & Carolyn DiMattio

Sunday, October 6 – 27 Sunday Ordinary

10:00 + For the People of Holy Trinity Parish

Monday, October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 + Mass at St. Stanislaus

Tuesday, October 8 - Weekday

8:00 + Kulig, Laczewski & Habas Families

Wednesday, October 9 – SS. Denis & John

Leonardi

No Mass

Thursday, October 10 – Weekday

8:00 + Poor Souls

Friday, October. 11 – St. John XXIII, Pope

8:00 + Msgr. John D. Daniszewski

Saturday, October 12 -28 Sunday Ordinary

5:00 + John Lanuha (Daughter, Lillian, & Fam)

Sunday, October 13 – 28 Sunday Ordinary

10:00 + For the People of Holy Trinity Parish

WEEKLY OFFERING – September 29, 2019

Regular Offertory \$2,385.00 48/146 mailed

Loose Cash \$ 78.00

Total Offertory \$2,463.00

Votive Candles \$ 30.00

Mass Attendance: 5:00: 44 & 10:00: 88

This Week

July 1 to date

Dream Goal \$3,000.00 \$39,000.00

Amount we need \$2,365.00 \$31,310.00

Amount received: \$2,463.00 \$28,960.00

Net over/short 98.00 (\$2,350.00)

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

As of September 29, there is no change:

Pledges: \$26,185.00

Paid : \$23,815.00

Due \$ 2,370.00

Assessment: \$12,421.00

80 families have contributed to the CSA.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized, ill, homebound, and in nursing facilities, as well as those who care for them. Please pray, too, for those in the military and those who serve us in various service careers.

MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 12/13

Lectors

5:00 PM Robert Koziel

10:00AM Kathy Smith

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 PM Alice & Robert Koziel

10:00AM Kathy Smith, Eric Simora &

Dorothy Carlson

Altar Servers

5:00 PM Mia & Nina Mangini

10:00 AM Marcus & Lauren Brieger

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life — a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom — is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards. Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest. But living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable! The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God. The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to Him. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility. The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.

Zabawa wrap up meeting will be held Saturday October 12, 9:00 am in the gathering room. **The Zabawa Thank You dinner will be Wednesday October 23, 6:00pm** at the Social Center, reservations need to be in by Friday October 18. Call the parish office to make your reservations (456-0671).

A Family Perspective - 10/6/19

Faith is one of those things we just can't get enough of! In today's gospel the apostles asked Jesus to "Increase our faith." Where do you need an increase in faith: in yourself, your spouse, your children? In God? Faith equips us to overlook annoyances, helps us to forgive and urges us to ask forgiveness. "Lord, increase our faith!"

Marriage Moments 10-6-2019

"Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord." (Habakkuk 1:3) These days life can often feel like everything is falling apart - politically, within our Church, even within our family. Lean on your spouse for strength. Rest in the arms of your beloved as a reminder of God's love enveloping both husband and wife.

25th Annual Erie Diocesan Rosary March

Plan now to attend the 25th annual Erie Diocesan Rosary March. This year marks Fatima's 102-year anniversary. The event will be October 13 at St. Peter Cathedral, 10th and Sassafras Streets, Erie, PA at 2 p.m. Speaker is Msgr. Edward Lohse. For more information, please call John Walsh (814) 868-1100. Sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY. A POWERFUL PRAYER.

Child Protection & Creating Safe Environments Diocesan Code of Conduct

The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The *privilege* is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The *responsibility* is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct. The code is included in the diocesan *Policy for the Protection of Children*, which also includes mandates for creating safe environments. To read the policy, go to <https://www.eriercd.org/images/sections/childprotection/pdf/CURRENTPolicy.pdf> For more information, contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, at the diocesan offices at 824-1195.

Cathedral Prep

Open House will be held on Sunday, October 20th from 12pm – 3pm. Guided tours will include interactive classroom demonstrations, a hands-on look at our STEM Offerings, advanced science experiments, performances by our MVP program, access to our 3-D printers, info on how to graduate high school with a semester or more of college completed, and more. Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing for tuition discounts. Cathedral Prep is located at 225 West 9th Street, Erie, PA. Please call 453-7737 ext. 3 with questions.

World Mission Month Each October, the universal Catholic Church observes Mission Month and World Mission Sunday. This year, Pope Francis calls on all dioceses throughout the world to celebrate Mission Month, coordinating special events throughout October. Bishop Lawrence Persico will celebrate Mass on Oct. 6 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church in Erie.

JOIN US FOR THE RECITATION OF THE ROSARY ON THE SUNDAYS OF OCTOBER
AT 9:30AM IN THE CHURCH..

St. Stanislaus Parish Day

Today, October 6th, 2019 Noon to 5:00pm Polish Platter Dinner. Cost for Adults-\$11, Children (6-12) \$5, and Children under 5-free. Festivities are in the Parish Hall at 520 E 13th St. Special Awards, Fresh Baked Goods, Chinese Auction, Theme Baskets, Raffles & Children's games. Proceeds benefit their Parish.

31 CLUB PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

- 6) Msgr Dan Magraw
- 7) Ed Korytowski
- 8) Steve Rimpa
- 9) Marcia Nitczynski
- 10) Tony Jankowski
- 11) Sandy Kempisty
- 12) Edie Luniewski

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

- 6 Rev. B. LaMounte Sayers
- 7 Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McSweeney
- 8 Rev. Thomas M. Brooks
- 9 Rev. Joseph V. Dougherty
- 10 Rev. V. David Foradori
- 11 Rev. Walter E. Packard
- 12 Rev. Edward J. Walk

The Seasons of Life

If you live in the northern part of our country, you see the signs all around. Leaves turn from green to yellow to orange or red, then fall and fade to brown. Birds slowly disappear for the south. Grass withers underfoot. "To everything there is a season," we read in Ecclesiastes. The natural world speaks spiritual truths, if only we have ears to hear. God invites each and every one of us into the seasonal progression of our own conversion. No matter who we are, each of us has something in our life that is ready to turn. Is it an area where we're weary? A good habit we've been putting off? A familial reconciliation that needs to happen? As the world passes from one season to another, where is God inviting you to turn toward Him?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

October 6 – Ted Wardzinski
October 10 – Cindy Pelkowski
October 11 – Skip Ignaczak
October 12 – Shirley Schultz

Short Fall Jokes

What did the tree say to autumn?
leaf me alone.

What did one autumn leaf say to another? I'm falling for you.

Why did summer catch autumn?
Because autumn is fall.

How do you fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch

Why are trees very forgiving? Because in the Fall they "Let It Go" and in the Spring they "turn over a new leaf".

What falls in autumn? Leaves!

What is the cutest season? Awwtumn.

What do you call a large colorful pile of leaves? The Great Barrier Leaf.

Did you hear about the tree that had to take time off of work in autumn?
It was on paid leaf.

What do you give to a pumpkin who is trying to quit smoking? A pumpkin patch!

How do leaves get from place to place?
With autumn-mobiles.

What did a tree fighting with autumn say? That's it, I'm leaving.

What will fall on the lawn first?
An autumn leaf or a Christmas catalogue?

What do you call a tree that doubts autumn? Disbe-leaf.

Kathy Benes and Kathy Smith are our coordinators of the Prayer Chain. Simply call either Kathy to request prayer/intention for an individual.
Kathy Benes @898-1091 or Kathy Smith @ 814-392-8974 (call or text)

FALL FISH AND PIEROGI DINNER

Our Lady of Mount Carmel announces a new tradition on Friday, October 11 serving from 7:00 until 11:00PM. The menu is the same as their Lenten Dinners, including all their homemade sides. Prices are adults - \$10.00, children under 12 - \$5.00 and under 6 are free. Take-outs are available. Join them in Scheffner Hall as they celebrate halfway to Holy Week.

St. Lawrence Church – Albion

Annual Roast Beef Dinner
Sunday, October 13, 2019
129 East Pearl Street – Albion, PA
Use Elk Street Entrance
Serving Time: 11:30AM until 3:00PM
Adults: \$10, Child \$5 (under 6 free)
Take-outs - \$10.00

Lesson in Patience

A mother and her two sons were heading to the church's gathering space after Mass when the boys began arguing over who would be first in line to get a doughnut. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were here," she told them, "he would say, 'Let my brother go first. I can wait.'" The younger boy turned to his brother and said, "You be Jesus."

A Morning Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, so far today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped or lost my temper. I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, or self-centered. I am really happy about that so far. But in a few minutes I'm going to be getting out of bed and then I'm going to need a lot of help. Thank you! Amen.

How Much Is Enough?

During a conversation about good stewardship of money and time, my daughter shared that sometimes doing the best thing was so hard for her to do. It wasn't always a matter of right and wrong, black and white, but a matter of better and best. I began to reflect on the truth of her statement. When confronted with a decision, we can sometimes be given a choice of good, better, and best. We fool ourselves into believing that the good choice is not a bad one, so it must be enough. However, we have essentially placed a limit on our generosity or commitment with our false sense of good stewardship. Jesus calls us in different ways every day. Sometimes the cost to us is clear. Yet sometimes there is no clear metric. When called to love, how much love is enough? When someone needs our time, how many hours is enough? When a small gift will bring about a positive outcome, what could a larger gift accomplish? Don't be fooled by Jesus' teaching of the mustard seed. He was speaking to those who were caught up in concerns of status, uncertainty of heart, and lack of true faith. Jesus taught with parables and then demonstrated true faith and generosity by his crucifixion. Perhaps the mustard seed of faith allows us to move mountains and trees so that we may see through to the horizon of the cross. In the cross, we find the real metric of love and generosity that is for all who follow Him. Tracy Earl Welliver

Please Note: the new parish office email: parishoffice@holytrinityrc.org The Time Warner one is no longer functional. Please in your computer, phone or I-pad.

Next week we begin our combined bulletin for Holy Trinity – Saint Stanislaus. We are grateful to our advertisers who will make the Sunday Bulletin possible at no cost to either parish. If you would like to place an AD contact either Tim or Sue. We ask our parishioners to be patient as we work out the format and present you with news and educational and spiritual items about our Catholic Faith. If you have ideas or suggestions, or If you have items for your parish organization, please submit them to Father Jason ten days in advance of the desired bulletin you wish it to be published.

Increase our Faith

Luke 17:5-10

Word Search Puzzle

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servant	plowing	sheep
table	apron	drink
grateful	commanded	unprofitable

Sunday, Oct 06, 2019

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Valuing all of life

We desire happiness and avoid suffering. We might turn the page quickly on the faces of hungry children or cross the street to escape an encounter with the homeless. The prophet Habakkuk objected to the sight of violence and misery in his generation. If the anguish was so apparent to him, why did God not see it too and respond? God does respond—in sending ambassadors of divine will to act. This Respect Life Month, how will you respond in Jesus' name?

TODAY'S READINGS: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10 (141). *"Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?"*

Monday, Oct 07, 2019

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Mother of Mercy, pray for us

To some, the Rosary can seem like a static form of prayer. In reality, Catholics pray a form of the Dominican Rosary that's been evolving since the 1400s. In 1917 the Fatima Prayer was included. In 2002, John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries—used on Thursdays—joining three other sets of mysteries as meditations on the life of Jesus: Glorious (Sun./Wed.), Joyful (Mon./Sat.), and Sorrowful (Tue./Fri.). What's more, you can pray merely a decade—10 Hail Marys—on your own or as part of a Rosary Circle. You can pray it with beads or your own 10 fingers. You can pray with others as you go running or kneel at church with parishioners. No matter how you pray the Rosary, the concluding "Hail Holy Queen" reminds us that Mary is our life, our sweetness, and our hope as we strive to emulate her mercy.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11; Luke 10:25-37 (461). *"He answered, 'The one who treated him with mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"*

Tuesday, Oct 08, 2019

Balance your Martha with your Mary

People who look after practical details often feel bad when they recognize themselves as Martha in today's reading. However, Catholicism has long made room for both the practical and the prayerful, and ideally we integrate the two. For instance, monks pray frequently but must spend part of each day on income-producing work. Likewise parents with small children can be intensely busy but routinely fold those small fingers together for prayer at meals and day's end. No matter our station in life, we can keep marrying the focus of Martha with the focus of Mary by pausing during the day to lift our lives to God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42 (462). *"Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."*

Wednesday, Oct 09, 2019

MEMORIAL OF DENIS, BISHOP, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Your life is your most effective witness

Saint Denis—first bishop of Paris and patron saint of France—was so gifted at winning people over to Christ that he and two fellow missionaries provoked the ire of local leaders, leading to their martyrdom. Depictions of Denis in iconography—a cephalophore ("head-carrier") saint, his head held in his hands—

remind us that Christian faith is so much more than a head trip, asking us to commit our hearts, and perhaps our very lives, to the radical love Jesus preached. Saint Denis, pray for us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4 (463). *"Do not subject us to the final test."*

Thursday, Oct 10, 2019

Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door

In 1893 Francis Thompson published his famous poem "The Hound of Heaven" about God's relentless pursuit of the human heart—a love story, in verse, that captured the imagination of Catholic literary greats G.K. Chesterton and J.R.R. Tolkien. But as Jesus reminds us today, it's OK to be as persistent in return. Like the man who bangs on a friend's door in the middle of the night, begging a favor, our pestering of God always pays off. Saint Teresa of Avila knew this love story well: "This Beloved of ours is merciful and good. Besides, he so deeply longs for our love that he keeps calling us to come closer." Which is why she also said this about prayer: "You pay God a compliment by asking great things of him." Go ahead. Knock.

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13 (464). *"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."*

Friday, Oct 11, 2019

MEMORIAL OF JOHN XXIII, POPE

Beauty more than skin deep

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born in 1881 in Italy, the fourth of 13 children. He reigned as pope from 1958 to his death in 1963. He is best known for convening the Second Vatican Council. Earlier in his career, when he was made apostolic nuncio to France, a rival for the position characterized him as an "old fogey." And when he first saw himself in the mirror in his new papal vestments, he remarked "this man will be a disaster on television!" Remembering this "old fogey" saint, pray today for someone you know who may not measure up to cultural standards of beauty but is beatified in God's eyes.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26 (465). *"Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters."*

Saturday, Oct 12, 2019

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mother Mary comes to me

Fridays are traditionally the day for Catholics to remember Christ's Passion and death. Sundays are always our celebration of his Resurrection. So where does that leave us with Saturdays, the day in between? According to the great saints Bernard of Clairvaux, Thomas Aquinas, and Bonaventure, it leaves us remembering Mary—as the one who never left Jesus's side, a mother cradling his body at the foot of the cross the way she cradled him as an infant. The church honors Mary as the greatest disciple and our steadfast mother by setting aside every Saturday that isn't already claimed by another saint's observance. Trust that she never leaves your side, either, by remembering to pray the Memorare today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28 (466). *"A woman from the crowd called out and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that carried you.'"*

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



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