

THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 18, 2022



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(Closed 12:00PM - 1:00PM, Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays)

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgy:
Saturday at 4:00PM; Sunday at 9:00AM
*** Daily Eucharist: Call the Parish Office**

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Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity

Partners in Faith & Mission



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“You cannot serve both God and mammon.” Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real “god” we worship. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over “never having enough,” an “I can’t afford it” mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world’s problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

“Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God’s will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)” This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God’s kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God’s kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do.

Readings for the week of September 18, 2022

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13
Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1-4/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Am 6:1, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Sacrament of Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation programs are hosted at Saint Luke’s Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

Confirmation preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint Luke’s Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.6920).

Sacrament of Holy Orders: God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Scott Jabo, at 1.814.824.1181.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

Sacrament of the Sick: Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is important that family members notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs to be Anointed.

Leave A Legacy: Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.

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“PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN” MINISTRY

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Saint Stanislaus Office (814-452-6606).

“PRAYERLINE” MINISTRY

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452.3395) from St. Stanislaus, or Kathy (392-8974) at Holy Trinity.

PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

“PRAYER SHAWL” MINISTRY

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Sue (450-2987).

THE “ZABAWA COMMITTEE”

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray (882-1032).

PROLIFE COMMUNITY

This ministry advocates through for the protection of all human life from conception until natural death through prayer, education, and action.

“PRAYER CANDLE” MAKING MINISTRY

This ministry makes prayer candles from the church’s left over bee’s wax. They meet on Wednesdays, from 10AM - Noon in St. Stanislaus Parish Hall. No experience necessary.

ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please Check: New Registration Change of Address Change of Telephone Number

Change of E-mail Moving out of Parish Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome

Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Sept. 19th - Private Intention
 Tues., Sept. 20th - Rita Przepierski (Family)
 Wed., Sept. 21st - Gerry Stuczynski (St. Stan's Class of '69)
 Thurs., Sept. 22nd - Gabriella Wlodarczyk (Family)
 Fri., Sept. 23rd - Don Kinecki (Joan Oldenski & Family)
 Sat., Sept. 24th, 4:00PM - Mary Radomski (Family)
 Sun., Sept. 25th, 9:00AM - For the People of St. Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of **VICTORIA & JOSEPH BANISZEWSKI**, as gifted by Diane and Rich.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY RAFFLE

Sales are underway for the Holy Name Society monthly lottery raffle for October. Tickets can be purchased from any Holy Name member, in the sacristy, or at the Parish Office. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

PARISH DAY PREPARATIONS

The Women's Society is in need of donations of *new* items for the Parish Day gift auction. Your donations are very much appreciated and can be dropped off at the Parish Office/Nazareth Center. Thank you for your ongoing support!

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Parish Day preparations are well underway. We would like to ask you to consider donating some baked goods for our Bake Sale. This has proven to be a huge fundraiser for our Parish Day. Thanks, in advance, to all who work to make this a successful day!

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.



WEEKLY OFFERING (SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2022)

| | This Week | July 1 to date |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Amount we need | \$4,156.00 | \$45,716.00 |
| Amount Received | \$1,720.00 | \$25,184.00 |
| Net over/under | (\$2,436.00) | (\$20,184.00) |

Mass Attendance: 4:00PM = 43; 9:00AM = 51
 Envelopes: 42/168



SSJ SOUP KITCHEN

The next time we will be collecting donated goods for the SSJ Soup Kitchen (individually wrapped items like Little Debbie's and Hostess) will be on the weekend of **SEPTEMBER 19TH**. They can also be brought to the Nazareth Center between 2:00-3:00PM on Monday, September 20th.

SSJ THANK YOU DINNER

For all who generously gave desserts to the SSJ soup kitchen this past year, the Volunteer Appreciation dinner will be held on Thursday, September 22 at 5:00PM. The dinner will be hosted at the Saint Paul Center. RSVPs can be made with Joanne (814.454.7814). Please do so by September 16th.

Most people don't intend on being selfish. The reality of selfishness usually lies in the grey shades of our decision-making. We would never go out of our way to kick a homeless person begging by the highway exit. We would never steal money from our parish collection plate. But would we drive past the homeless person without even extending a thought or a prayer toward his need? Would we justify stinginess in time, talent, and treasure because of our own comfort? We all have been guilty of transgressions such as these in the past. We will fall again in the future. Most of the evil in this world can be traced back to a feeling of entitlement that lurks deep within each of us — a frantic concern for our own good that we find difficult to shake. The same instinct that compelled Eve to reach for the fruit that would give her the knowledge of good and evil still compels people to focus on what they are owed, on what they have "earned," on what they have "coming to them." We are so tempted to fix the scales. We are so tempted to keep score. We would do well to remember that our God is not a God who keeps score. He is not a God who acts entitled or who tacks on extra dues, taking as much as He can get. He is a God who seats the lowly with princes. He is a God who seeks avenues for reconciliation and mercy.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Holy Trinity Parish Community



The sanctuary candle burns this week in memory of **DANIEL PATALITA**, as gifted by Pearl and Kathy.



9/21 - Stanley Dubowski
 9/23 - Jane Thiemann
 9/24 - Dave Czerwinski

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Sept. 19th - All Souls
 Tues., Sept. 20th - All Souls
 Wed., Sept. 21st - All Deceased Fathers
 Thurs., Sept. 22nd - All Deceased Mothers
 Fri., Sept. 23rd - All Souls
 Sat., Sept. 24th, 5:15PM - The People of Holy Trinity Parish (Pro Populo)
 Sun., Sept. 25th, 10:30AM - Delphine Gorniak (Luniewski Family)

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 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? What if we got as creative as the "bad steward" in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and the advancement of God's kingdom on the earth? That's our lesson and our challenge.

USHER MEETING

The next Ushers' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 7:00 PM, in the social center. New members are always welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS

...to Hannah (Sebastian) and Anthony Colvin who were married Saturday, September 10, here at Holy Trinity by Father Chris Singer.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

Last Sunday after the 10:30 AM Mass, Monsignor Dan baptized his great, great nephew, Bentley James Wisniewski, son of Alyssa (Truchanowicz) and James Wisniewski.

PARENTING POINTERS

"There was a rich man...and lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus." (Luke 16:19-20) Is your family rich or poor? It probably depends on who you compare yourself to. Talk with your child about how you might help someone poorer than you.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 11th, 2022

Regular Offering: \$2,608.00 (28/130)

| | THIS WEEK | JULY 1 TO DATE |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| Dream Goal: | \$4,000.00 | \$39,000.00 |
| Budgeted: | \$2,400.00 | \$21,600.00 |
| Total Offertory: | \$2,608.00 | \$22,545.00 |
| Net (over/under): | \$208.00 | \$945.00 |

Attendance: 5:15PM = 33; 10:30AM = 38

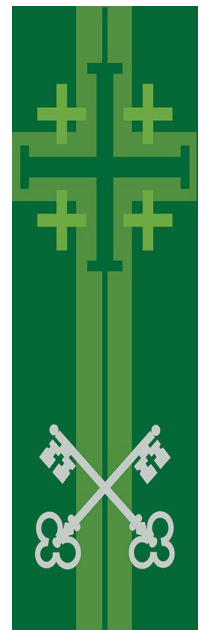
The Dishonest Manager

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." Luke 16:10 (NIV)
 The puzzle is based on Luke 16:1-13 (NIV).



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| TRUST | MONEY | PROPERTY | DEBTORS | DISHONEST |



"You cannot serve both God and mammon."

- Luke 16:13

News for Our Partnership

MEN'S CURSILLO: OCTOBER 14-16, 2022

All men of the parish who would like to make Cursillo for a spiritual experience you won't forget. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact someone who has made one to sponsor you.

EUCCHARISTIC RENEWAL

Saint Gregory Parish (48 South Pearl Street, North East) is inviting everyone to "Days of Eucharistic Renewal" on September 26-28. Mass will be celebrated at 8AM on Monday, September 26. At 6:30PM, there will be an evening presentation entitled "You Satisfy a Hungry Heart... With the Word of God," with hospitality to follow. Tuesday, September 27, Mass will be at 9:30AM with the school children. The evening session is at 6:30PM and is entitled "You Satisfy a Hungry Heart... With God's Mercy." Opportunities for confession will follow. Wednesday, September 28, Mass will be at 8:00AM and at 6:30PM. Hospitality will follow. Fr. Kevin McDonald, CSSR will be the presenter.

ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

The Marriage and Family Life Office is hosting an Engagement Encounter weekend this October 14-16, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide engaged couples the tools for a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here's what folks have loved in the past: Time as a couple to focus on their relationship, a community that prays and has fun together, a non-judgmental atmosphere, the chance to set a good foundation for their marriage, and the opportunity to retreat from busy wedding details and enjoy each other. Learn more or register at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this October!

RESPECT LIFE MASS

All are invited to celebrate life on October 2 at 11:30am at The Epiphany of the Lord Parish, 353 Pine Street Meadville, PA 16335. There will be a reception to follow immediately after. Pro-life Groups are encouraged to RSVP and attend together. Groups can RSVP by visiting the Social Justice and Life webpage at www.ErieRCD.org/socialjusticelife or by calling 814-824-1250.

ON RETREAT...

Msgr. Dan will be making his annual retreat at Good Shepherd Church, West Middlesex, PA, with a number of priests from the Diocese. Keep him and those priests in your prayers this week. In case of an emergency call Father Jason at St. Stan's.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

28TH ANNUAL ERIE DIOCESAN ROSARY

Please join us at St Jude the Apostle Church on March October 9th, 2022 at 2PM to pray the Rosary and take part in Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Ross R. Maceli, our new pastor, has welcomed us to use the Church and parking lot for the March which will be held rain or shine. Homilist will be Vice-Rector Fr. David M. Renne, for St. Mark Seminary. Fr. Jerry S. Priscaro, our Spiritual Director will lead the Rosary in the Church.

FAITH FORMATION AT ST. LUKE'S

Our faith formation program is for children in Kindergarten through 10th grade, for children wanting to receive the sacraments, and for adults wanting to join the Catholic Church. For more information or any questions, contact Sr. Carmen Maldonado. She can be reached at 814-825-6020 (ext. 5), or email faithformation@slerie.org. All public school students should register now for their religious education sessions this coming year.



THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

9/19) Bill Dyakon, Rob Lintleman, & Fr. Jason Glover; 9/20) Ed Korytowski; 9/21) Darlene Vlahos & Dorothy Mielnik;
9/22) Suzanne Sundy & Kathy Wisniewski; 9/23) Heidi Jankowski & Gina Lintelman;
9/24) Len Sebastian, Tom Widomski, & Diane Valahovic; 9/25) Kathy Ciecierski, Jack Kempisty, & Helen Zimmerman

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

9/19) Fr. Bill Barron; 9/20) Fr. Mark O'Hern; 9/21) Fr. Nick Rouch; 9/22) Msgr. Andy Karg; 9/23) All in Consecrated Life;
9/24) Fr. Tom Trocchio; 9/25) Fr. Monty Sayers

Sunday, Sep 18, 2022

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

"I ask that supplications, prayers... for kings and for all in authority."

Tell the greatest stories ever

On this Catechetical Sunday, we lift up those who give instruction as religion teachers. Catechism doesn't have to be dull. Fantasy writer George McDonald made spiritual realities come alive. His stories inspired C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Mark Twain, and J.M. Barrie to do the same. Look for good storytellers. As Pope Francis said in his 2020 address to communicators, "Each of us knows different stories that have the fragrance of the Gospel, that have borne witness to the Love that transforms life. These stories cry out to be shared!"

Monday, Sep 19, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JANUARIUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18

"For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible, and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light."

See the miracles in everyday life

Little is known about the life of Januarius, a bishop and martyr who died in the year 305, but he's famous for a miracle that continues to happen all these centuries later. Three times a year in the cathedral in Naples, Italy, the faithful gather to witness a sample of his blood, kept in sealed glass, liquify and even bubble. There is no definitive explanation, and the blood cannot be studied since the vial is not allowed to be opened out of fear of permanent damage. Sound incredible? Some say yes. But does it even compare to the extraordinary tenets of your faith? Now that's something much more consequential to marvel—every day of the year.

Tuesday, Sep 20, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG, MARTYRS

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21

"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."

Companions on the journey

South Korea has one of the largest Catholic populations in all of Asia. Andrew Kim Tae-gön—the first Korean priest—played a role. As did Paul Chöng Ha-sang, a lay Catholic born of a martyr who was martyred himself. Pope John Paul II stressed: "Even though the Christians in the first half century had only two priests from China to assist them for a time, they deepened their unity in Christ through prayer and fraternal love... The splendid flowering of the Church in Korea today is indeed the fruit of the heroic witness of the Martyrs."

Wednesday, Sep 21, 2022

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

"I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Even tax collectors need a patron

Though we don't know much about the apostle Matthew, we do know that he was a tax collector. And because of this, he was persona non grata in the Jewish community. It was the occupying Romans who demanded those taxes, so Matthew and his fellow taxmen were seen as collaborators. From the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus laid out the invitation to break out of righteous categories and see beyond narrow prejudices. A reminder for us to do the same.

Thursday, Sep 22, 2022

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9

"But Herod said, 'John I beheaded.

Who then is this about whom I hear such things?'"

Celebrate Earth, our common home

Many Catholics are still getting used to the Season of Creation, which spans the period from September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care for Creation) to October 4 (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). Initiated in 1989 and embraced by Catholics in 2015, this ecumenical season is meant to celebrate care for our common home. Leaders encourage the faithful to pray and take action to honor and preserve our planet. With more than a week left of the season, there's time to celebrate in your own style: be it a prayerful outdoor time, an environmental letter to a legislator, or a look at the ecology encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. Seasonofcreation.org offers even more ideas.

Friday, Sep 23, 2022

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22

"There is an appointed time for everything..."

Scripture makes Billboard's Top 10

We don't often see Bible songs hit the pop music charts. But a song by singer-songwriter and social activist Pete Seeger did just that. Written in the late 1950s, the song "Turn! Turn! Turn!" would explode to international popularity in 1965 when recorded by the Byrds. Not bad for lyrics written well over 2,000 years ago! The song is based on the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Not every popular use of the Bible turns out well, but Seeger's did, perhaps because he left the verses largely intact. Consider other scripture passages that are music to your ears.

Saturday, Sep 24, 2022

Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8; Luke 9:43b-45

"Pay attention to what I am telling you."

The clock is ticking

The Spanish philosopher Miguel de Unamuno is quoted as having said the entire gospel came down to this phrase: "Wake up!" That's something we can all keep in mind and take to heart when we find ourselves simply going through the motions, sleepwalking through the day. The Benedictines put it another way: "Keep death ever before you." Now that's a wake-up call if there ever was one! Do something good, kind, generous—and do it today, while there is still time!

