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**26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY**

9:00 am – Celebration of the Eucharist

~~10:00 am – Fellowship Hour~~

### **OPENING HYMN**

**“TO THEE, WE COME, O LORD OUR GOD”**

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,

Before Thine altar, Father

Thou knowest best our yearning hearts;

This supplication answer.

Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,

Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

Under Thy cross we stand prepared,

To serve Thee with devotion;

Be it with sweat of blood or tears,

Or humble resignation.

For we Thy people are, O Lord,

Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.



### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

(Psalm 113:1-2)

V. The Lord protects the stranger, sustains  
the orphan and the widow, but thwarts  
the way of the wicked

R. The Lord shall reign forever; your God,  
Zion, through all generations.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and  
to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever  
shall be world without end. Amen.

### **THE GLORIA**

Glory to God in the Highest,

And peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God, and Father

We worship You; we give You thanks

We praise you for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father

Lord God, Lamb of God

You take away the sins of the world

Have mercy on us

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

Receive our prayer

For you alone are the Holy One

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ

With the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Your Son has  
taught us that all we possess we have in trust  
from You. Help us to be faithful in our  
stewardship so that in earning, we may be just,  
and in spending, honorable. May we not seek our  
own indulgence, but Your glory and the good of  
others. We ask this through the same Jesus  
Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



### **LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD A READING FROM AMOS THE PROPHET**

(Amos 6:1, 4-7)

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the  
complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory,  
stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat  
lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall!

Improvising to the music of the harp, like David, they devise their own accompaniment. They drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the best oils; yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph! Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to be to God.

**GRADUAL**

(Psalm 146: 5-7a)

V. Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob; whose hope is in the Lord their God.

R. The Make of heaven and earth, the seas and all that is in them, Who keeps faith forever.

**A READING FROM THE 1<sup>ST</sup> LETTER OF  
ST. PAUL TO TIMOTHY**

(1 Timothy 6:11-16)

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble confession, to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ that the blessed and only ruler will make manifest at the proper time, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, and whom no human being has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

(Proverbs 21:13)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor will himself also call and not be heard.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE**

(Luke 16:19-31)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



### **THE NICENE CREED**

**(325 AD)**

I believe in One God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth  
Of all that is seen and unseen.  
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
The only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten not made  
Of one being with the Father.  
Through Him all things were made  
For us and for our salvation.  
He came down from heaven:  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
He was born of the Virgin Mary  
**AND BECAME MAN.**  
For our sake, He was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again  
in fulfillment of the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and  
Is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
To judge the living and the dead,  
And His kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord and Giver of Life  
Who proceeds from the Father,  
With the Father and the Son  
He is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in One, Holy, Catholic  
and Apostolic Church  
I acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
I look for the resurrection  
of the dead  
And the + life of the world to come.  
Amen.



### **OFFERTORY VERSE**

**(Proverbs 21:3)**

V. To do what is right and just is more acceptable to  
the Lord than sacrifice.

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Lord our God, accept the gifts of praise and  
thanksgiving which we offer You for Your great  
mercies already afforded us. Let us be thankful for  
what You have given us and make us mindful of the  
needs of others. We ask this through the same Jesus  
Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Let us Pray: Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the  
Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly  
present. I love You above all things and I long for  
You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You  
sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my  
heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite  
myself with You; may I never be separated from You.  
Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord  
and Savior. Amen.

### **COMMUNION VERSE**

**(Proverbs 22:22-23)**

V. Injure not the poor because they are poor, nor  
crush the needy at the gate; for the Lord will  
defend their cause and will plunder the lives of  
those who plunder them.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

V. The Lord be with you.  
R. And also with you.  
V. Let us pray. Compassionate Lord, Jesus, give us,  
who have received Your Body and Blood, the  
grace to see You in all who are poor and to  
always be ready to love and serve them for Your  
sake. For You live and reign with the Father and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
R. Amen.



## THE LAZARUSES OF THE WORLD

I consider Sunday's Gospel about Lazarus, as one of the most meaningful stories of the New Testament, for I believe that this Parable of Jesus, represents a core teaching of His ministry, a call for compassion.

You know, that whenever this rabbi from Galilee taught, He offered not only moral teachings, but also deeper spiritual insights into the kingdom of God. In this story, our Lord addresses the Pharisees, who represented the "rich man."

We learn that Lazarus was a poor man who was homeless and destitute, that he laid at the door of a rich man who as Luke records Jesus as saying; "one who was dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day."

Not only did Lazarus suffer from hunger, but he also had sores, a possible sign of malnutrition, leading to his condition. We further read that Lazarus, would have eaten whatever scraps fell from the table of the "rich man," and was probably in competition with the dogs for scraps. Luke records that they even his sores.

You know, there are so many Lazarus's in today's world and there are so many of the rich who think only about their own excesses. Do you know that in Hinduism and Buddhism, the cause of all suffering is "desire, self-attachment, and ignorance?"

I think of the current problem of the countless immigrants who are striving to make a better life for themselves and their children. Everyone knows that the immigration problem has existed for decades, and everyone knows that the problem is getting worst, but I also believe that the answer is not in using immigrants as "political pawns," for those who indiscriminately send people to unannounced locations without providing them with the basics.

Inscribed on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty as these words, taken from the sonnet of **"The New Colossus"** by the American poet Emma Lazarus (1849–1887). She wrote the poem in 1883 to

raise money for the construction of a pedestal for the Statue of Liberty. In 1903, the poem was cast onto a bronze plaque and mounted inside the pedestal's lower level.

**"Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"**

The other focus of this story is about the judgement of Lazarus and the rich man and should remind each of us of our own judgement. For so many, their concerns do not go beyond their own lives. We see the selfishness and greed and I am reminded of what someone once said to me, that "the rich will never give up their homes in the Hamptons." Although none of us can individually solve the world's problems of hunger and poverty, there is a need for those who can't seem to get enough, to examine themselves, instead of discarding whatever "scraps" are left to the destitute of our world. It is a call for justice.

We read about the judgement of the "rich man" who died, begged for mercy, even a drop of water to soothe his suffering.

From the Nicaean Creed, written and compiled in 325 A.D. we read that: "He [Jesus] ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end."

In the Nicaean Creed we see a "righteous" judgement, of the "karma" of one's thoughts, words and actions. The great spiritual teachers, throughout the millenniums, have taught of such a "judgement day" as our lives end.

Jesus concludes this story with the agony of the "rich man" who wanted to warn his five brothers of their coming judgement with these words: "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." There will be those who will ignore all wisdom, but there will be others who see the wisdom in the Jesus as found in Matthew 25:40, 45 that "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did it for Me, and as often as you did not do the least of these, you did not do it for Me."

## **NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025**

### **27<sup>th</sup> WEEK IN THE ORDINARY**

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional Rite.

### **MINISTRY OF LAY READERS**

Words of appreciation to the following men and women of our Parish, who have volunteered their time to proclaim the "Word of God."

Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> Josh Tudryn  
Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> Cheryl Major  
Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Boschen



### **PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

**"And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick." - Luke 2:9**

May we pray for the health and healing for all those, who we remember in our prayers, especially for: George and Janet Sadowski, Wayne Shaw, Richard Foster, Carolyn Rapalye, Karen Herzig and Linda Puchalski, Bill Durkee, Jerry Pawlikowski, Paula Winn, Stefanik Gadecki, Marge Sanderson, Brandon Poe, baby James, Liam & Evelyn Spatcher, Jennie Harrington, Eric Rose, Lori Lukomski, C.J. Panell, Mick Szumski, Tosia & Toka Bara, Laurie Lis, Bp. Paul Sobiechowski, Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak, Todd Odell, David Moskin, Laurie Lis, Renata Wos, Jan Clark, and Joey De Fayette, Zoe Kinnunen, Bożena Piaskowy, as well as all our own personal intentions:

**Let us Pray:** O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness, stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way are ailing. Deliver them, according to Your will, from all their present sicknesses and illnessness, and grant them recovery in Jesus' holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, and are One God. Amen.



## **OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

**"Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." - Philippians 2:4**

### **Our Food Ministry: "To Feed the Hungry"**

**"I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat."**  
- Matthew 25:35

**Our next grocery "give-a-way" date will be Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am.**

We also wish to thank all those who have donated to our food ministry. Donations of items needed as well monetary gifts will be greatly appreciated.



### **We are still in need of the following:**

- Cereals and instant oatmeal.
- Fruit juices, - V8, Apple and Cranberry juices.
- Powder milk / condensed milk.
- Hot chocolate and tea bags.
- Pasta and spaghetti sauce.
- Boxes of Mac-n-cheese.
- Canned tuna in water.
- Canned meats- chicken, salmon, etc.
- Ramen noodles.
- Soups- all varieties.
- Canned veggies and fruits.
- Children's snack packs

**Please note:** Also, through our Parish ministries, we are continuing to collect "full sized" containers of **personal care items and cleaning items** to aid others in need. All items collected, will be donated to the various survival centers in our area. Items needed:

- Bar soaps and body wash, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, hand sanitizers, toilet paper, and personal products for incontinence (pads & panty liners, baby powder, baby wipes and diapers.
- Liquid dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, bathroom and kitchen cleansers, dish sponges/scrubbers, trash bags.



## **ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION WEDNESDAYS AT NOON - CALL TO PRAYER**

In the month of October, our Eastern Diocese has called upon all its members and others to offer prayer at 12:00 noon each Wednesday:

### **LET US PRAY**

**Lord**, bless us with the wisdom to praise You in Spirit and in truth, so that by following Your holy will, we may gain eternal salvation. May we be instruments of Your divine plan that righteousness may triumph over evil. May Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

**Our Father**, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## **OTHER PARISH NEWS**

### **HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH**

## *Fall* **Bazaar**

Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am to 12 noon

15 Thayer Street (off Sugarloaf St.)

South Deerfield, MA

### **POLISH FOOD**

Including Homemade Pierogi and Golabki

Pies - Soups - Baked Goods

And Raffle



**Pierogi:** I want to thank the f men and woman of our Parish who this past Saturday made 96.5 dozen cabbage pierogi.

I want to post the following information for our Fall Bazaar which will be held on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.



### **PIEROGI**

Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am - cheese

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am- potato / cheese



### **GALABKI:**

I want to thank Buddy Lafleur for heading up the making of galabki. Please contact Buddy at (413) 584-4008 if you can help. The dates for making galabki:

**Tues. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>** - 9:00 am - Coring and cooking cabbage

**Wed. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 11:00 am - Preparing meat and rice mixture, preparing pans;

**Thurs. Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>** - 9:00 am - Rolling galabki, counting and cooking.

**Fri. Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>** - 9:00 am - Packaging galabki, pricing and refrigerating.



### **APPLE PIES:**

I want to thank the ladies of our Parish in advance for the making of apple pies.. The date for making apple pies: will be Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

### **Also**

- There is a sign-up sheet for workers found in the sanctuary of our Church.
- We also are currently accepting gift cards and monetary donations for our raffle. Please see Sue Dibrindisi for more information.
- We are also asking that those who will be preparing cakes, pies, etc. for our raffle to please bring them no later than Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. We also ask that no prices be listed on your donations.