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Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel passage is a challenge for those of us who have more than enough resources to meet our needs. We are challenged when confronted with true poverty. People, who through no fault of their own, struggle daily to get their basic needs met. Christ calls us to love one another as we love ourselves. To help one another as we would like to be helped. To be an expression of God's presence in the world as we were created to be.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. Tom

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil **Sunday:** 9:30 am **Wednesday:** 9:00am - Mass for Healing with Anointing

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Saint of the Day

September 29, Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Angels

Scripture speaks of three Archangels who serve God in special ways. Michael is depicted as a warrior who battles Satan and his minions. *Then war broke out in heaven; **Michael** and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back. Revelation 12:7* Gabriel carried God's message to Zacharia and Mary. *In the sixth month, the angel **Gabriel** was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth. Luke 1:26* Raphael carried prayers to the altar of God. *I am **Raphael**, one of the seven angels who stand and serve before the Glory of the Lord. Tobit 12:15*

September 30, St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor (345-420)

A student of languages, St. Jerome served Pope Damasus as secretary before retiring to Bethlehem, where he continued to write and serve the Church. St. Jerome is best known for his translation of the Scriptures into Latin, known as the Vulgate, and for his Scripture commentaries.

October 1, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor (1873-1897)

As a youth, Therese entered the Carmelites at Lisieux, France, so is often known as St. Therese of Lisieux or "the Little Flower." Throughout her life, she was known for her great humility and simplicity of life. The spiritual depth of her autobiographical writings earned her the title "Doctor of the Church."

October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels

This observance honors the angels who watch over us with care throughout our lives on earth, as attested in Scripture.

See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father. Matthew 18:10

When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. Luke 16:22

October 4, St. Francis of Assisi, Religious (1181?-1226)

Born into a wealthy family, Francis eventually rejected his worldly goods and embraced a life of poverty and preaching. He founded religious orders of men and women as well as an order of laity. He strove to bring all people to love of God and neighbor and is known for his care of animals and for introducing the Christmas creche.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, the 29th Colossal Kielbasa, 12noon to 5pm. Frank Porto band to play 3-5pm.

Friday, October 4 Feast of St. Francis. Blessing of animals at Church, 10am-2pm, 5-7pm.

Sunday, October 6 Meeting of Women's Society after coffee hour.

Monday, October 7 An evening of Rosary stringing, 6:30-8:30pm. Join us for food and fellowship! If you plan to come, please let Fr. Tom know.

BY THE WEEK

Saturdays: Stepping Class with Mercy Tabernacle
10:00 am-12:00 pm
Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
12:30 - 2:30 pm
Cub Scouts 5:45-7:30 pm
Mondays: Scouts 7:00-8:30 pm
Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Wednesdays: Mass for Healing, 9:00am
AA Meeting 12:00 pm
Thursdays: AA Men's Meeting 7:30 pm

FLAG DONATION



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For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact Father Tom by Wednesday: trpwalsh@gmail.com

READERS ROSTER

<u>September 29</u>	<u>October 6</u>	<u>October 13</u>
Nancy Anzalone	Dee Smith	Rob Mongillo

The roster for the entire year is posted on the Church web site. On the Home page click on the link *Schedule for Lectors* in the *Information* box.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for Bill Petrino. That he may be brought to wholeness and know God's peace.

Prayers for Jane Pelland as she continues her recovery.

Continued prayers for Frank Bonitatebus. That God's healing grace may be with him.

We offer healing prays for Wendell Barry. That he may be strengthened and encouraged.

We pray for Irene Smith as she seeks treatment. That she may be comforted and encouraged.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Seeking Volunteers for the Christmas Bazaar

All those interested in helping to make this year's Christmas Bazaar being held on Saturday, December 7th, a success please see Yvonne. She can be reached at 860-417-9748 or send an email to ywalsh070@gmail.com.

Wednesday Morning Healing Mass

Mass for Healing with anointing is celebrated every Wednesday morning at 9am. We look forward to your being with us as we pray for physical as well as spiritual healing.

Quarter Night

St. Joseph's annual quarter night is scheduled for Saturday evening October 26h with doors opening as 6:00PM. We hope you can join us for an evening of fun and prizes! It's recommended that tables be reserved to assure your participation. Prize donations are being accepted and may be turned over to any member of the ladies' society. A prize value minimum is suggested at \$5.00. Additional information to follow.

YMSR Corner

Colossal Kielbasa Food Stand - 9/29
Live music: Frank Porto Band - Featuring our own Ed Bednarski

Football Frenzy Winners:
Jackpot: Shaun & Kathy Norris
Dunkin Card: Tiffany H

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Sunday Readings

First Reading

Amos 6:1, 4-7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos

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.

**The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

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.

**The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, Alleluia

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

