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Dear Parishioners,

Lord increase my faith. Lord, strengthen me. How many times have we prayed these or similar words? The value of these sentiments is that they surface for us an awareness of our need for the Lord in our lives. *I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. John 15: NABRE*

In today's Gospel passage Jesus responds to the apostle's request for more faith. He tells them that if they have faith the size of a mustard seed they could do great things. What Jesus is saying is that faith is a powerful force and motivator in our lives, and that a little goes a long way. Our challenge is to recognize this and to respond in faith to the needs of the world. Consider the saints listed in this bulletin. They were able to accomplish great things in spite of the obstacles they faced. So can we.

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

October 6: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin (1811-1849)

Born in Quebec, Marie Rose founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. This religious community provided desperately needed education to the children of Canada.

October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial

This memorial is observed on the anniversary of the Battle of Lepanto, when a fleet from several Catholic countries defeated the fleet of the Ottoman Empire, severely limiting the expansion of the Ottoman Empire in Europe. The Catholic fleet attributed their victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary invoked through the praying of the Rosary. In the Rosary, we recall key moments in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, reflecting ever more deeply on his Paschal Mystery.

October 9: St. John Leonardi, Priest (1541?-1609)

Though his first training was as a pharmacist, in his life as a priest, John Leonardi was dedicated to the religious education of young people and to the spread of the faith through the foreign missions. His work with the latter laid the foundation for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, an organization that continues to support the Catholic missions around the world.

October 15: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (1515-1582)

Better known as Teresa of Avila, she worked to reform and renew the Carmelite Order of nuns, assisting in the foundation of the Discalced Carmelites. Her mystical contemplative experiences and her writings about them are noted for their spiritual and theological depth.

October 16: St. Hedwig, Religious (1174?-1243)

The wife of a Polish ruler, she devoted herself to the practice of her faith and to good works throughout her life. After her husband's death, she lived in a monastery, distributing her worldly goods and living a life of prayer and penance.

October 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr (d. 107?)

This bishop of Antioch was condemned to suffer martyrdom in Rome. While traveling to Rome for his execution, he wrote letters to the Christian communities along the way. These letters provide profound insight into the Church, life in Christ, and the nature of martyrdom.

October 18: St. Luke, Evangelist, Feast

This feast honors the writer of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, often called Luke-Acts. Luke traveled with Paul and helped proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the nations.

PARISH CALENDAR

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

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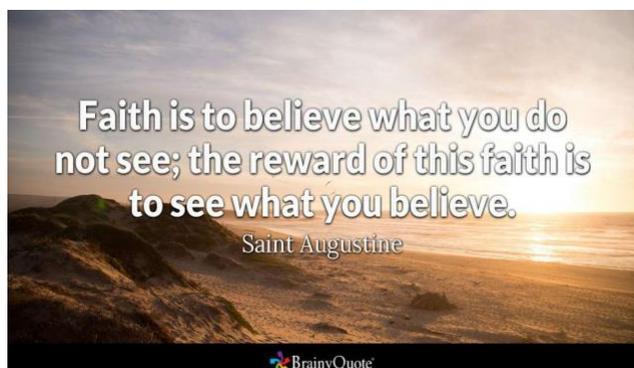
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For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact Father Tom by Wednesday: trpwalsh@gmail.com

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. May he 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

Altar Flower Arrangements

Altar flower arrangements donated by Carol Murdzia in honor of her late husband Richard commemorating the 20th anniversary of his passing. May Richard rest in peace.

Fall Clean Up!

Thank you Darlene, Jeanine, and Yvonne for all your hard work cleaning and organizing our Church. A much needed effort that is greatly appreciated.

Fall Welcome Arrangement

Our talented Meg Krasko crafted the beautiful Fall Welcome Arrangement that she donated to the Church. Many thanks Meg for helping to make our Church such a beautiful space!

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.

Quarter Night

St. Joseph's annual quarter night is scheduled for Saturday evening October 26^h 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.

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Sunday Readings

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk

How long, O LORD? I cry for help
but you do not listen!
I cry out to you, "Violence!"
but you do not intervene.
Why do you let me see ruin;
why must I look at misery?
Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and clamorous discord.
Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets,
so that one can read it readily.
For the vision still has its time,
presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint;
if it delays, wait for it,
it will surely come, it will not be late.
The rash one has no integrity;
but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.

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

Responsorial Psalm

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

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved:
I remind you, to stir into flame the gift of God that
you have through the imposition of my hands.
For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control.
So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our
Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake;
but bear your share of hardship for the gospel
with the strength that comes from God.

Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from
me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit
that dwells within us.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia

The word of the Lord remains forever.
This is the word that has been proclaimed to you.
Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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.

"Who among you would say to your servant
who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the
field,
'Come here immediately and take your place at table'?
Would he not rather say to him,
'Prepare something for me to eat.
Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink.
You may eat and drink when I am finished'?
Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was
commanded?
So should it be with you. When you have done all you
have been commanded, say,
'We are unprofitable servants;
we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

