Dear Friends,

**On Your Mark, Get Set, Go to Work!**

"Son, go out and work in the vineyard today" (Matthew 21:28), says a man to his son in Jesus' parable to the chief priests and elders. Three things from this statement of Jesus are worth our reflection today. First, he says, "go." The word from Jesus is a command, not an appeal or suggestion. If the Lord says the active word, get going, our only response is just to do it! Go!! There is no room for procrastination or dilly-dallying. When we hear the Lord's command either from his still tiny voice in our conscience or when we hear directly from his Sacred Word, let's act on his instruction because it must be for our good that he urges us on. It is "the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5) who did the Father's will immediately and with humility.

Second, Jesus says to go out to "work." Jesus calls us to work out our salvation by surrendering our wills to his Father's Will. Yes, we cannot obtain our redemption or live a life of holiness on account of our work alone, but as St. Augustine affirms, "God cannot save us without us." God needs our cooperation to work with him in saving us and helping us to live a life of virtue. Third, Jesus sends us to go out into his vineyard to work. The vineyard is the world, our church inclusive. There are a place and a context where we go to work, with family and friends, in the neighborhood and social media. We are in the world to make it a better place by making sure we bring the grace of the Gospel and message of the Kingdom to everyone we meet, the good and the bad alike, to virtuous and wayward people.

Many people in our parish frequently respond to Jesus’ command to go out and work in God's vineyard. I think of groups like St. Vincent de Paul, served by Andy Gladfelter, Men’s Club led by Mike Minnick, RCIA and Religious Education catechists led by Vicky Kern and Georgann Azzalina respectively, Liturgy support team (cantor/musician Corinne, lectors, sacristan Sandy, John Gulya’s led ushers, Knights of Columbus, Dr. Martin and Michael Checco-led TMIY Saturday morning men’s faith-growth meetings, and so forth.

It was the 20th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood of Christ on September 23, 2020. I want to thank all who came to celebrate with me at our daily parish mass and all the prayers and cards, and especially the surprise celebratory signage, balloons, and cake by parish office staff. All of you are a big part of what keeps me going out daily to work in God’s vineyard (not just the Starbucks coffee! ).

Enjoy the transition from summer into autumn, my favorite season! (I can’t wait to go leaf-peeping in New England).

In Christ, our High Priest,

Fr. Bernard Oniwe, OP
Pastor
### MASS INTENTIONS

**DAILY MASS: HISTORIC CHURCH (HC)**

**WEEKEND MASSES: CHURCH (C) & PARISH HALL (PH)**

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### OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES ILLUMINATE THIS WEEK FOR:

**~ HISTORIC CHURCH ~**

- In Loving Memory of Jo & Larry O’Neill
  Given by the Telenko Family

**~ CHURCH ~**

- In Loving Memory of Frank J Martin
  Given by the Martin

### MASS ATTENDANCE

**SEPTEMBER 19/20, 2020**

Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 - 111

Sunday Masses
8:30 - 77
10:30 - 138

Streaming - 181 Views

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### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Actions speak louder than words. What are your actions saying? Can your word be trusted? Turning from evil and doing good is what God wants. (Matthew 21:28 -32). If God may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit our website at www.hbgdiocese.org, call Father Jonathan Sawicki at (717) 657-4804, or write: frjsawicki@hbgdiocese.org.

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### THANK YOU TO OUR BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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### OFFICE NEWS

~ The October issue of the **WORD among us**, Daily Meditations is available on a table in the Narthex and on a table outside the Parish Hall.
**Scripture Readings**

**Week of September 27, 2020**

**Sunday**

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; Phil 2:1-11, or
Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

**Monday**

Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday**

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

**Wednesday**

Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Jb 9:1-12, 14-15; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday**

Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

**Friday**

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

Jb 38:1, 12-21; Jb 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Saturday**

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

**Sunday**

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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**Stewardship**

**September 19/20, 2020**

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**“YOUTH MESSAGES OF STEWARDSHIP & TALENT”**

“I helped make a family campfire.”

“I used my manners.”

“I helped stack chairs at school.”

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**GROWING OUR FAITH & STRENGTHENING OUR MINISTRY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

TOTAL AMOUNT PLEDGED: $2,105,144.48
TOTAL PAID TO DATE: $1,791,354.88
TOTAL DUE: $313,789.60

Thank you for your continued support!

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**COMMUNITY CUPBOARD OF ELIZABETHTOWN**

This is the last week we are collecting for the Cupboard.
A list of items needed in available in the Narthex.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
YOU HAVE BEEN SO KIND.

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**Diocese of Harrisburg**

**6th Annual Women’s Conference (Virtual)**

Conference Registration, schedule, and other information is available at [www.hbgdiocese.org/women](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/women) for the sixth annual Diocesan Women's Conference, taking place Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 9 am – 12:15 pm. This year’s conference is Virtual. The theme is *Catholic Women: Our Place at the Table*. The keynote is from Emily Stimpson Chapman, nationally known Catholic author, speaker, and blogger. The title of her keynote address is: Tasting the Love of God: Finding Healing and Joy at the Catholic Table. Other featured speakers are Bishop Ronald Gainer and Mrs. Megan Murphy. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration as well as Praise and Worship music. Cost this year is just $10 per person. Registration this year is online only. Please join us for this fabulous conference!

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**St Martin de Porres**

Patron Saint of Healthcare Workers and those seeking Social & Racial Justice

Through the kindness of a parish family, we are able to provide prayer cards for St Martin Porres. We cannot think of a better time then right now, to offer the special graces of St Martin. Please stop by the table in the Narthex and pick up a prayer card for your family.

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- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Want Envelopes  No Envelopes

New Parishioners: If you are new in the area of our Parish, we invite you to register as members. Please drop this information into the Offertory Basket or mail to Parish Office.
HELP SAVE LIVES

Help us celebrate 40 Days of Life! We will be reciting the rosary on Sundays starting this Sunday, September 27th and continuing through November 1st. We will recite the rosary after the 8:30 Mass in front of our Mary Statue, weather permitting. If necessary we will move inside.

We will also participate in a special “Coast to Coast Rosary” on Sunday, October 11th at 4:00pm at the Historic Church. Stay tuned for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY KICKOFF EVENT

Saturday, October 11, 1pm-4pm
Outside at the Church
Food, Games, Friends and Fun
Open to students in grades 6-12

Any questions, email Shawn Marker at cym@stpeteretown.org or call (717)953-4542

It is not too late to join our 2020-2021 RCIA Program. If you are interested in learning more about Catholicism or interested in joining the Catholic Faith, please join us on Tuesdays at 7:00pm.

For inquiries or more information call Vicky Kern at 717-438-7955 or the Parish Office, 717-367-1255.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL
ANGEL OF HOPE

On the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul, we are asking for your preparation to help as we enter this last quarter of 2020. Due to the various health concerns and limitations at schools and churches, we have decided to change the format of our annual Angel of Hope program. Our program benefits approximately 100 children in the Elizabethtown Area Schools and Our Lady of Angels parochial school in Columbia. On Oct 24-25, there will be a special collection to raise money to purchase gift cards for those families in need.

At that time, instead of our traditional distribution of cards with specific gift requests from the families, we are asking parishioners who are able, to donate by cash or check an amount approximately equal to what they would normally spend on the gifts. Those parishioners who are attending Mass on line can make their donations during the week at the parish office or by mail. Families in need will be requesting gift cards from specific merchants, and we will divide the funds equally amongst those asking for help.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Just a reminder...

Religious Education registration is open now until October 9th. Families may register and make payments online by completing the online form or downloading a hard copy. Forms are also available in the Narthex and outside of the Parish Office. Instruction this year is available for either in person or at home online learning. There are many changes this year due to the pandemic, but our commitment to faith formation in our parish is steady! Please email Georgann Azzalina at cre@stpeteretown.org with any additional questions or concerns.

Important Dates and Times

10/7/20  Catechist Dinner & Meeting (6:00 - 7:30PM)
10/14/20 Religious Education begins for PreK4 (6:45 - 7:35PM)
10/14/20 Religious Education begins for K through 6th Grade (6:30 - 7:35PM)
10/25/20 Confirmation Prep RE begins for 7th and 8th Grade (6:00 - 7:30PM)

Online Instruction follows the same calendar as In Person, but does not need to report at scheduled times. However, there will be weekly assignments and requirements.

TBD  Parent Meeting ~ 2nd Grade Families
TBD  Parent Meetings ~ 7th & 8th Grade Families

GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS

Friday, October, 02, 2020

Michele Switalski, Annette Eckinger, Eileen Rider and Gail Mohr

A few of our cleaning teams are in need of help. If you are able to help please call the office!!