

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday, September 26, 2010  
11:00 am**

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and all those in need of healing in our parish community

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**Reading I**

Amos 6: 1, 4-7

**A reading from the book of the prophet Amos**

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

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.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10

R: Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Happy he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free.**

R: Praise the Lord, my soul!

**The Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those that were bowed down; the Lord loves the just. The lord protects strengers.**

R: Praise the Lord, my soul!

**The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Sion, through all generations. Alleluia.**

R: Praise the Lord, my soul!

## **Reading II**

I Timothy 6: 11-16

### **A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy**

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

Man of God that you are, seek after integrity, piety, faith, love, steadfastness, and a gentle spirit. Fight the good fight of faith. Take firm hold on the everlasting life to which you were called when, in the presence of many witnesses, you made your noble profession of faith. Before God, who gives life to all, and before Christ Jesus, who in bearing witness made his noble profession before Pontius Pilate, I charge you to keep God's command without blame or reproach until our Lord Jesus Christ shall appear. This appearance God will bring to pass at his chosen time. He is the blessed and only ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords who alone has immortality and who dwells in inapproachable light, whom no human being has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and everlasting rule! Amen.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Alleluia      Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life,  
You have the words of everlasting life.**

## **Gospel**

Luke 16: 19-31

### **A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke**

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: *"Once there was a rich man who dressed in purple and linen and feasted splendidly every day. At his gate lay a beggar named Lazarus who was covered with sores. Lazarus longed to eat the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. The dogs even came and licked his sores. Eventually the beggar died. He was carried by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man likewise died and was buried. From the abode of the dead where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus resting in his bosom.*

*"He called out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water to refresh my tongue, for I am tortured in these flames.' 'My child,' replied Abraham, 'remember that you were well off in your lifetime, while Lazarus was in misery. Now he has found consolation here, but you have found torment. And that is not all. Between you and us there is fixed a great abyss, so that those who might wish to cross from here to you cannot do so, nor can anyone cross from your side to us.'*

*"Father, I ask you, then,' said the rich man, 'send him to my father's house where I have five brothers. Let him be a warning to them so that they may not end in this place of torment.' Abraham answered, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them hear them.' 'No, Father Abraham,' replied the rich man. 'But if someone would only go to them from the dead, then they would repent.' Abraham said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if one should rise from the dead.'"*

**This is the gospel of the Lord.**

## **Thoughts from the Pulpit** **Rich Man, Poor Man**

The Gospel today carries on the message of last Sunday about wealth unwisely used and the need of sharing.

No human being, much less a follower of Jesus Christ, can say that he is responsible only for himself, and that his neighbor's plight is none of his business. Otherwise he speaks like Cain who said: "I am not my brother's keeper."

Wealth, selfishly used, can make a person very blind and deaf to the cry of the poor. The poor do not often cry out, but they have a way of speaking with their eyes. "The protests of the poor are the voice of God." (Helder Camara).

Maybe outside my "gate" sits a person begging, not necessarily for bread crumbs, but perhaps for a word of recognition, or a bit of companionship, or a little love, or forgiveness... And the time to share is now...

It is not easy to convince the rich for conversion.

***The more people have  
The more they have to lose.  
The more they have to lose,  
The more fearful they become.  
The more fearful they become,  
The more defensive they get.  
Then, the more they cut themselves off.  
Then, the more closed they get.  
The result is that they end up with a withered heart.  
To breathe life into a withered heart is a loss.  
God only can make the heart beat.***

### ***Announcements for September 26, 2010***

In light of the garage sale that took place this weekend, there will be no coffee hour today.

Our community garage sale has been a great success. Our hats go out to all who worked so very hard this week to make it happen: Bobbi, John, Maureen, Phil, Mel, Lynn, Carol, and Rick (our doughnut man!) Unsold items are on display in the parish hall. If you would like a last chance to find a treasure, take a look after Holy Mass and make your purchases. All remaining items will be donated to local charity this week.

We rejoice in announcing the birth of ..., who was born to Jen and Greg Fragola on Friday, September 24. ... weighed in at ... and measured ... inches. The family will be coming home from St. Joe's Hospital ...

First communion classes will begin next **Sunday, October 3** at 10:30 am in the school room.

Our first Community Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, October 9**, from 9:00 – noon. Joe will head up the pancake crew. Please spread the word and come to join us for a delicious breakfast.

The Bi-annual Convention of the YMS of R is scheduled for **Sat-Sun, October 23-24** at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish in Dupont, PA. Registration is \$35 per delegate and there is no limit to the number of delegates that can attend from a parish. Information on the convention is available on the table in the foyer. The deadline for registration is **Friday, October 1**.

**A special semi-annual meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, October 31**. The purpose of the meeting is to approve changes to our parish constitution/by-laws and to our cemetery by-laws. Copies of the proposed revisions to each of these documents are available this morning. Please pick up your packet and review each document thoroughly before the meeting on October 31 and bring your copies with you to the meeting. Thank you in advance for marking your calendars to attend this important responsibility for our parish.

### Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, September 29 **FEAST – MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL**  
4:00 pm choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 30 6:00 pm Polish language class

Saturday, October 1 **FEAST – GUARDIAN ANGELS**

Sunday, October 3 **ORDINARY 27**

Intention: +Robert and Stephanie Jasinski  
Requested by Bobbi and John Lasinski

11:00 Holy Mass  
12:00 Coffee Hour

### Financial Corner

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
September 5	\$645	\$642	\$3
September 12	\$564	\$642	-\$78
September 19	\$404	\$642	-\$238
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1613</b>	<b>\$1926</b>	<b>-\$313</b>