



27th Sunday of Ordinary Time October 1-2, 2011

The Gospel is more an allegory than a parable. The story Jesus tells is also about an owner planting a vineyard. All the

features and characters in the story are accounted for in reality. Jesus is speaking directly to and about the “chief priests and elders of the people.” They would be quite familiar with the image of Israel as a planted vine or vineyard. They are the “tenants” and the “hedge” is the Law of Moses. The “winepress” is the very land given to Israel after the Exodus and forty years in the desert. The “tower” is the sacred place of God’s presence in the temple within Jerusalem. Worship of God in the temple was their celebration of being protected by God.

Keeping the Law, caring for the land, and liturgical purification and worship rites were the good fruits. Prophets, “servants” were sent to announce to the people their failings as well as instructions about right living. Matthew relies on his listeners’ knowledge of the history of prophets in Israel. They had been stoned, imprisoned and killed. At last the Owner sends His Own Son whom the leaders throw outside the vineyard and kill Him as well.

Jesus asks the leaders what will happen next. What will the Owner in the story do? They, themselves, give a self-condemning proclamation which Jesus turns on them. Jesus quotes Psalm 118 verse 22 in telling the priests and elders that He, Jesus, is the Stone rejected by them, but is the cornerstone upon which a vineyard will be rebuilt and given over to others who will bring forth fruitful lives of compassion and justice. Matthew is reminding His listeners that all this is the Lord’s doing and it has been and will be “wonderful in our eyes.” There is no ambiguity in this story and the priests and elders hear that they are considered as rejected as the leaders of God’s people. It is important to be aware that Jesus, here in Matthew’s Gospel, is not picturing God as rejecting Israel and the Jews. Jesus and the disciples are Israelites themselves.

We are not involved in deciding who is “in” and who is “out” in relating with God. Jesus was deeply aware that the leaders of His time were more interested in the people following their interpretations of the Law than in following the real meaning of the Law. Jesus, according to Matthew, is sent first to the people of Israel as was the son in the allegory sent into the vineyard following the “servants” who had been killed. What we are to hear is the deep love that God, the Owner, has for the people and that this love is given so that there will be fruitfulness within the vineyard of God.

VOCATION BLOG...Go to the web address:
baltimorevocations.blogspot.com. You could just be the
ONE God is looking for! ☺



Extraordinary Ministers of Communion---due to upcoming changes, you are invited to a training and

refresher program for your minister
of the Mass duties.

Those who wish to attend at the church
may join us **after the 9am Mass on**
Sunday, November 6, 2011.

Those who wish to attend at the Lake Center
may join us on
Saturday, November 12, 2011,
after the 4pm Mass.

Father Don will conduct the sessions and will
provide handouts to help you with
your ministry.

New volunteers are
always welcome☺

†Lay Minister Schedule: Oct. 8-9, 2011

4:00pm –Sat., Oct. 8 Read: Boehm

Euch. Ministers: Rodeheaver, Gillespie

5:45pm—Sat., Oct. 8 Read: Broderick

Euch. Ministers: Coviello, Huber

9:00am—Sun., Oct. 9 Read: Utterback

Euch. Ministers: Hanek, Kelly, Eaton, *Toston

Altar Server Team: Team #5-B. Kelly, Tesar

11am—Sun., Oct. 9 Read: Perez

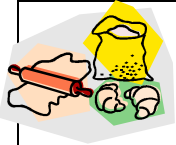
Euch. Ministers: Monroe, Schriders

Homebound Prayer Intention for October: That the terminally ill may be supported by their faith in God and the love of their brothers and sisters.

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for October: That World Mission Day will foster a passion for evangelization with the willingness to support the missions with prayer and economic aid for the poorest Churches.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET SUNDAY
SCHOOL UPDATES AND INFO VIA YOUR EMAIL
ADDRESS, CALL BETTY AT 301-334-2202 TO GET
ON THE GROUP EMAIL LISTING.

LIFE AFTER SUNDAY—The Catholic Speakers
Series @ St. Joseph Parish in Cockeysville are held the
3rd Sunday of each month in the Parish Center- 9:00am
and 10:30am. Join us to hear excellent speakers on
timely topics to help you live out your Catholic faith in
today's world. **October 16th "The New Roman Missal,**
Speaker: our own---Fr. Ernest Cibelli; November 20th
"Beauty & Contemplation", Speaker: Kevin P. Shields;
December 18th "Immigration & the Church", Speaker:
Lisa O'Reilly; January 15th "Path to the Diaconate",
Speaker: Don Awalt.



**SUPPORT THE
BAKE SALE SPONSORED
BY OUR 7TH GRADE SUNDAY
SCHOOL CLASS**

AFTER THE 9AM MASS ON SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 9, 2011.

*Proceeds will benefit Catholic Relief
Services Famine Aid for East Africa*
All kinds of baked goods including:
brownies, muffins, fudge, cakes,
and much more!

CALCULATORS SCHEDULE:

October 9--Church: Team #5-Reams, Ammann, Nolan
Center: Team #6-Gloeckl, Stahl, Myers, Lynch
October 16—Church: Team #1-Pentz, Kelly
Center: Team #7-Mitchell, Gloeckl



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD...

YOU are invited to join this Bible Study
Group that meets on **Wednesday mornings**
at 10am in parish center/lower level. Each week they
go over and discuss the readings for the upcoming
Sunday Mass. Join us each Wednesday morning and
then you can stay for the noon Mass. If you have any
questions, please call Betty at the church office...301-
334-2202.

Sunday School Calendar:

October 2---3rd Class

**October 8---Rehearsal and Reconciliation in
the morning
CONFIRMATION MASS---5:45PM
Bishop Rozanski, Presider**

October 9---4th Class

October 16---Autumn Glory---**No Sunday School**



✠READERS, PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD!

Please pick up your new workbook at the church
office for the coming liturgical year.

Parish Gift Shop! Open in the church basement
and at the Lake Center. Beautiful gift items for all
occasions!

COMMUNION CLOTH MINISTRY:

10/09/11...Jean Coviello 10/16/11...Nancy Boehm

✠Our Mass Schedule...Beginning October 22✠

at St. Peter the Apostle Church:
Sundays at 9 AM---Year-round
at St. Peter at the Lake Center:
Saturdays at 4 PM---Year-round

Mass Intentions for the week of Oct. 1-9, 2011

Sat.	Hugo Dalzot (✠)	4:00pm
	Donald Helbig (✠)	5:45pm
Sun.	Charles H. Brown (✠)	9:00am
	Parish Family	11:00am
Mon.	Howard Anthony Klinker (✠)	8:15am
Tues.	Virginia Mondragon (✠)	6:30pm
Wed.	James Arnone (✠)	12:00pm
Thurs.	COMMUNION SERVICE	8:15am
Fri.	The Lyons Family: Indergais, Dr. Thor, D. Shay, & G. Wooley (✠)	8:15am
Sat.	Kathryn & Josefata Gorczyca (✠)	4:00pm
	Parish Family	5:45pm
Sun.	Ethel Pratt Lease (✠)	9:00am
	Thelma Bond (✠)	11:00am

Mass intentions are subject to change.

**☺SENIOR MOMENTS PLEASE NOTE!...OUR
REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
OCTOBER 7, 2011 HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED
TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011 AT 12:30PM.**

The train ride trip that involves 14 of our members has
been booked for October 7th! **Mark your calendar for
10/21/11** and don't forget to bring a snack/lunch item to
share and any card games or other board games. See
you on 10/21! Bring a friend along!

PRAYER LIST FOR October...we pray for: Peggy
Walker, The Porter Family, Jack Ward, Kathy Hemmer,
Tom Stuckey, Patrick Ashby, Gary Hudson, Terry
Nowlin, Bill Mott, George Miller, Kadan Sharpless and
John Devlin. God bless them all. (Names are changed
on the first weekend of each month.)

✠ As part of the...40 Days for Life ✠

to be celebrated throughout the archdiocese
our parish will come together for our
Day of Eucharistic Adoration and Prayer
on Tuesday, November 1, 2011---

ALL SAINTS' DAY-
a holy day of obligation

We will have adoration in
THE CHURCH from 7:30am (Mass at 8:15am) to
the close of the 5:45pm Mass.
We will conclude the day with
Benediction of the
Most Blessed Sacrament
with Mass to follow at 5:45pm

**Please sign up for a time of private prayer
by contacting the church office or sign up
in the back of the church/center.**

