

**Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it...** Psalm 127:1a

**Worship:**

**Tabernacle Worship Service**

**Every Sunday Evening**

St. John's Parish House

75 East Main St. South Pottstown 5:30 pm

**Home Churches:**

**Hanover St. Home Church**

**Tuesday Evenings**

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown, PA 19465

7:00 to 9:00

**King St Commons Home Church**

**Thursday Afternoons**

King St. Pottstown, PA 19464

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

**Prayer Requests:**

**Continue to pray for Buzz** as he completes his chemotherapy and radiation over the next weeks. Buzz was re-admitted to Fox Chase this week after suffering dangerously severe dehydration. He cannot keep food down, so they are keeping him in the hospital until he is feeling better, a feeding tube is in placed, and he is able to function on his own with the feeding tube. He has also been told that the area they're doing radiation on is the most painful of all radiation, so it is extremely difficult to cope. Dr. Ridge said that things will get even more painful for Buzz during the next 22 days. Please keep him in your prayers for all of this and that he finds his way toward Christ's community and worship. Should you wish to send him a card or write him, his address is; *Buzz Saylor, 811 Highland Ave, Boyertown, PA 19512.*

**Please keep Fanny** in you prayers as she continues through the grieving process of losing her Mother.

**Michael & Moya** as they navigate the system to find Moya's birth Certificate, and for their upcoming marriage.

**Pray for Bill & Sherry Kraft** as they seek God's will in upcoming opportunities, both in the area of employment, and ministry.

**Please keep Robert's sisters, Beth and Amy** in prayer as they struggle to find God and overcome addictions.

**The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.**

The Code Enforcement Officer is trying to make the road to opening difficult. Please pray that God would bless her, or remove her from offending the poor.

**Your Prayer Notes:**

October 7, 2007: **Proper 22 (Year C)**

**psalm 137, lamentations 1.1-6,**

**luke 17.5-10, & 2 timothy 1.1-14**

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**Ministry:**

**The Table**

**Every Wednesday Evening**

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm



6:00 to 8:00

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Evening**

Each Month – Check with Church

for Transportation Arrangements

**Consumer Center Church**

**Thursday Evenings on hold for the summer**

249 High Street Pottstown, PA 19464

7:00 to 8:00

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"He restores my soul . . .  
surely goodness and mercy will follow me" Psalm 23

September 30 :: 2007

**If Someone Rises?**  
*Lifestyles of the Not so Rich & Famous*

**Worship**  
psalm 91.1-6, 14-16  
jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15  
luke 16.19-31  
1 timothy 6.6-19

**Benediction**  
proper 21 (Year C)

**Tabernacle Worship**  
75 East Main Street, Pottstown, PA 19465  
Every Sunday Evening at 5:30, St. John's parish

[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Psalm 91.1-6, 14-16

Worship Film ::

“Psalm 146”

Scripture Reading ::

1 Timothy 6.6-19

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds  
with songs of joy

Focus Films ::

“Two Opposing Views”

The Scripture ~

## If Someone Rises?

*Lifestyles of the NOT so Rich & Famous.*

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, ... Luke 16. 19-20a

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 91.1-6, 14-16, jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15,  
luke 16.19-31, & 1 timothy 6.6-19

Reflection Film ::

“What is Enough?”

Benediction ::

revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21

[Journaling Worship]

your discussion notes...



**Meditation:**

*He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house--for I have five brothers--that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'* (Luke 16.27—29)

**Reflection:**

We've all fantasized about justice for those who persecute—for appropriate punishment to fall on those who most abuse, who most torment, and who most benefit from the injustice of our world. Yet this story comes from the one who was God's redeeming gesture to us. In Christ, the cycles of violence and neglect are ended. We still live with the repercussions, but the promise is still alive.

Comparing the United States to the rich man in the parable, argues forcefully that salvation lies in solidarity with the poor within, and outside our borders. The gate outside, where Lazarus perpetually lies, is an opening, not a barrier.

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home church studies

## psalm 91.1-6, 14-16

[Worship]

1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, 2 will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." 3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; 4 he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. 5 You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, 6 or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

14 Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. 15 When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. 16 With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

**Consider:**

[Think & Pray...]

**Where is Lazarus?** — There once was a rich nation that consumed almost half the world's resources. Landed elites in the poor nations became rich by producing cash crops for export to this nation while their own people lacked adequate nutrition. Even in that rich nation, many were hungry and homeless, unemployed and ill. Yet the rich nation ignored them, or had



them arrested. Because the rich nation really was not religious, but only pretended to be, it had no fear of divine punishment. And because it was so powerful politically and militarily, it was able to protect itself against revolts abroad and revolutions at home.

In short, this rich nation had nothing to fear from any quarter. Yet, inexplicably, it began to fall apart. The judgment it scoffed at in the future began to eat away at it like acid. In desperation its people began to arm themselves. Soon this rich land had the most heavily armed populace in the world. But still the acids continued to eat. They built

walls to shut the emigrants and "inferior races" out. But still the acids continued to eat.

They called for the death penalty, for more prisons, for more arrests, for greater surveillance, for tougher sentencing. Their politicians got elected on platforms of resentment, fear, and greed. The people cried for the restoration of traditional values, not recognizing that these values had landed them in the soup they were now in. And still the corrosive acids continued to eat at the fabric of society.

It never occurred to them that salvation lay in solidarity with these poor within and outside their borders. Like the rich man in the parable, this rich nation could not understand that the gate outside which Lazarus perpetually lies is an opening, not a barrier. All he had to do is go out and connect with the poor, and seek a common destiny. All he had to do was recognize what lay before his very eyes.

[The Scripture]

## 1 timothy 6 .6-19

6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; 7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; 8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. 9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. 11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you 14 to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which he will bring about at the right time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. 16 It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. 17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, 19 thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.