

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

The Work of the People
Third Sunday of Easter

This week I go back to the series on the liturgy that I have been doing for several months now. We don't have too much farther to go to reach the sending forth of the Mass.

This week we examine the Concluding or "Sending Forth" part of the Eucharistic celebration. Some treat this part of the prayer as non-existent by simply ignoring it and leaving the celebration after communion or at some point in this Dismissal Rite. This belies a lack of understanding of this part of the liturgy and bad habits fallen into and never challenged. Well, I wish to challenge those bad habits in this article this week. We come to the prayer and become part of a community, part of the Body of Christ at worship. Within this part of the liturgy we are sent forth together into the world and into our lives in order to live what we have learned and to be Christ in the world. Leaving before the rest of the community says that that community does not matter. All that matters are my needs and satisfying those needs without concern for the church, the Body of Christ.

There certainly are rare occasions when one must fulfill another obligation such as getting to a job on time but in most cases walking out of the liturgical action is an action in itself that speaks volumes about our attitudes toward our worship and our faith. The Dismissal Rite is the time and the place at which we are sent forth by Christ and the Deacon (or Presider) to give witness to our faith and to serve Christ by serving our sisters and brothers. The Assembly goes forth to proclaim the Good News and with a fresh hunger to understand the presence and the action of God in the world and in our daily lives.

The Dismissal Rite is generally preceded by a few brief announcements concerning the "business" of the community. The Presider then calls on God to bless (give courage and strength) those who are present for their impending work in the world. At certain times a solemn blessing may be used and, if this is so, the Deacon calls on the Assembly to "Bow down for the blessing." After the words of the blessing – to which we answer "Amen" – the Deacon or the Presider sends the Assembly forth as Christ sent his disciples forth to spread his message. To this we respond "Thanks be to God."

The Final or Sending Forth Song then is intended to remind us of what God has given to us through

Word and Sacrament and how we are to carry that with us into the world. A good Sending Forth Song is one that continues to resonate with us as we leave for home. It may even be one that we find ourselves humming later in the day.

We have come to the end of our Liturgical Prayer. I do want to talk about some other parts of the prayer that pervade the prayer, such as music. Remember, how we pray speaks volumes about what we believe.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 5

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps. 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn. 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51; 8:1a/Ps. 31:3cd-4, 6 & 7b & 8a,
17 & 21ab/Jn. 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps. 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn. 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps. 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn. 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps. 117:1bc, 2/Jn. 6:52-59
Saturday: Act 9:31-42/Ps. 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn. 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps. 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rv. 7:9, 14b-17/
Jn. 10:27-30

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated May 12th at St. Anthony of Padua 9:30 am Mass for communicants from both St. Anthony of Padua and St. Bernadette Mission. Please pray for the following: Bryce Annibale, Colton Kelyman, Maxwell Marteeny, Jesse Mott, Madison Muenz, Ainsley Tautin.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus invited the disciples to "Come and have breakfast." Like the Last Supper, Jesus teaches us at this beach breakfast that meals are more than about eating. They are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each other's stories, and support one another in love.

CONFIRMATION - Please pray for Paige Tucker who will be confirmed on May 9th at Our Lady, Queen of Americas.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Last week we reflected on the need to forgive one's spouse. BUT, are there times when one should *not* forgive? No; but forgiveness does not require accepting destructive behavior. Forgive, but protect yourself. Make a plan to prevent a relapse.

SERVENTS OF MARY, WINDSOR, OH.

Check the bulletin boards for the itinerary for the bus trip to the Servants of Mary, Windsor, OH scheduled for Thursday, June 13. Reservation required by May 13.
Call 333-2274 ext. 2 for further information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Veronica Walker, Salutatorian for the graduating class of 2019 at Ft. Leboeuf High School.

WORSHIP

Monday, May 6
8:00 am + John E. Auer

Tuesday, May 7
8:00 am + Mary Beth Weidner (Dick & Ginger Kester)

Wednesday, May 8
8:00 am + NO MASS

Thursday, May 9
8:00 am + Living & Dec. Members of PNA Lodge 1540

Friday, May 10
8:00 am + John Blank & Dec. of Blank Families
(Joan Rembielak & Phyllis & Bob Wronko)

Saturday, May 11
4:30 pm + Harold W. Schmidt (John & Leona Kutz)

Sunday, May 12
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
Tom Brunot (St. Bernadette Altar Rosary Society)

9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY
For the Intentions of the First Communicants

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday - Wednesday - Friday at ST. BERNADETTE
7:00 am - Communion Service

Tuesday, May 7
After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena

Thursday, May 9 - 7:00 pm - Confirmation at Our Lady, Queen of Americas

Saturday, May 11
3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions

Sunday, May 12
Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE
After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
SATURDAY, MAY 11 - 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Hermann/Judy Kingston/Jim Samson
Lector: Kathleen Lipkovich
Altar Servers: Peyton Crays/William Moats

SUNDAY, MAY 12 - 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Theresa Douglas/Christine Krzysiak/
Don Marteeny/Carol Rasavage

Lector: Veronica Walker
Altar Servers: Sophia Mott/Andrea Walker

ST. BERNADETTE
SUNDAY, MAY 12 - 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Nowak/A. Braymer/G. Beisler
Lector: M. Braymer
Ushers: S. Styborski
Altar Servers: A/M/R. Braymer

STEWARDSHIP

4/28/19		CSA:
Offertory	\$460.00	Pledged—\$7,045
Votives	6.00	Paid—\$5,215
Easter	10.00	
Rice Bowl	17.00	
TOTAL	\$493.00	

CAMP NOTRE DAME
**ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS
AND 2019 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Are you looking for the best summer job of your life? Do you love working with children? Are you willing to share your faith? Camp Notre Dame, a youth camp associated with the Diocese of Erie may be the place for you. If you are interested in a counselor position, then please visit the Camp Notre Dame Web Site at www.campnotredame.com and click on the employment link. If you have questions, you may call Fr. Mark Nowak at 398-4234.

MY PARISH APP

Please download the My Parish App if you have a smart phone or tablet. Those who have done so and had a problem finding St. Anthony of Padua Parish, please use the zip code in the search bar.

SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Seton Catholic School, preschool—8th grade, where students thrive on being challenged academically, learn to be respectful, responsible and self disciplined. Scholarships available. Call today 814 336-2320 for a tour or to register. All faiths welcome.

ST. BERNADETTE PARISH
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The Strawberry Festival is set for Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 11:30 am - 4:00 pm at St. Bernadette Center in Saegertown. Please see the posting on the bulletin boards for further information.

*“Holy Spirit, I am listening to you.
Use me to spread the gospel.”*

BINGO - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, May 6. Early Bird BINGO starts at 6:00 pm and the regular BINGO starts at 6:30 pm. Doors and kitchen open at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be available at a cost of \$5.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BERNADETTE

Mon, May 6 - 3:15 pm - Last Class for Religious Education
Mon, May 6 - 6:00 pm - Holy Name Society Mtg.
Sun, May 12 - Holy Name Sunday

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$ 971.00
Maintenance	325.00
Contribution	2,698.66
Rice Bowl	34.00
Candles	38.00
Easter	10.00
Latin Mass	222.00
TOTAL	\$4,298.66

Catholic Services Appeal
Pledged: \$20,126 Paid: \$10,576

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
