

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

The Work of the People

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the great celebrations of the Christmas, we move into a time we call "Ordinary". In this sense ordinary does not mean usual or regular or routine or mundane. We still celebrate Emmanuel – God with us. Ordinary Time can be a reminder to us that God is present in the familiar as well as those times of surprise or joy or celebration. The Sundays of this Season are called "ordinary" because we count them. Cardinal numbers are one, two, three, etc. and ordinal numbers are first, second, third, etc. Therefore, this is ordinal time or Ordinary Time.

It is time for me to go back to explaining the way we do liturgy and why. I left off several Sundays ago with the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word. We continue now with the transition into the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the Universal Prayer.

This prayer was formerly referred to as the General Intercessions or the Prayer of the Faithful. We pray many different types of prayer within the context of the Liturgy (praise, thanksgiving, and even lament) and this prayer is one of petition. Some may consider a prayer of petition a lower form of prayer because we are asking for something. Armand Nigro, S.J. in a pamphlet titled *Prayer – A Personal Response to God's Presence* has said, "Asking God for favors is not imperfect prayer. When we beg God for sunny or rainy weather, or pray for physical healing or spiritual gifts, or for international peace and justice, we pay a great compliment to God. When we approach God with this sense of our absolute dependence and need, we are conscious of being precious to Him, but also being nothing without Him, because all that we have is loved into us by God."

As we come to realize and accept the reality that every good thing is gift from God, we move away from self-absorption and a sense of entitlement. We move toward a total reliance on God and all that God gives to us. And this is all that we have and all that we are and all that we need. The Universal Prayer may seem to be a small part of the Liturgy and almost an afterthought but it, as prayer, is one of the key ways through which we express who we are and who God is; we acknowledge that God is great and we are not.

Now, the term "Universal Prayer" is a good one because this form of prayer is intercessory and the things for which we ask are to be general, prayer for the whole world. In the instructions for this part of the Mass we read "In the Universal Prayer or general intercessions, the people, exercising their priestly function, intercede for all humanity." That doesn't mean we can't pray here for Aunt Tilly but we pray for specifics in the context of the general. We pray, for example, for all those who are ill and particularly for Aunt Tilly. It is here, too,

that we typically mention the intention of the Mass. This is usually for someone who has died. It is important to remember that the Mass is not "offered" for Uncle Oscar. The Mass is offered for all who are present and all humanity. We remember Uncle Oscar in a particular way and that is by mentioning his name. "As a rule, the sequence of intentions is to be: a.) for the needs of the Church; b.) for public authorities and the salvation of the world; c) for those oppressed by any need; d.) for the local community."

This prayer certainly gives us a sense of how the Liturgy is the work of the people because this is the prayer of the people. Next week we will look at what has been called the "interlude" between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20

Monday: Heb. 5:1-10/Ps. 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk. 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb. 6:10-20/Ps. 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 & 10c/Mk. 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Heb. 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps. 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk. 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb. 7:25; 8:6/Ps. 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk. 3:7-12
 Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps. 117:1bc, 2/
 Mk. 16:15-18
 Saturday: 2 Tm. 1:1-8 or Ti. 1:1-5/Ps. 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/
 Mk. 3:20-21
 Sunday: Neh. 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps. 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
 1Cor. 12:12-30/Lk. 1:1-4; 4:14-21

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Which Gift of the Spirit is your beloved strongest in: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, mighty deeds, prophecy, discernment, communication, understanding...?
 (1 Cor. 12:4-11)

ST. ANTHONY CASH GIVEAWAY AND GAME NIGHT, JANUARY 26, 2019

Cash Giveaway and Game Night tickets have been distributed after weekend Masses. Ticket prices are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Ticket monies need to be returned NOW and can be placed in the collection baskets this weekend. Your assistance will make this event successful and we thank you in advance.

DIOCESE OF ERIE WEBSITES

To check information on-line go to Diocese of Erie website/
 St. Anthony of Padua, Cambridge Springs.

*"Jesus, help me become more flexible,
just as you are."*

WORSHIP

Monday, January 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Tuesday, January 22
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Wednesday, January 23
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Thursday, January 24
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Friday, January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Saturday, January 26
 4:30 pm + Jerry Peters (Maureen Peters Family)
 Sunday, January 27
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
 Living & Deceased Parishioners
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY
 Michael Milligan (Chuck & Judy Metzler)
 12:30 pm + AT ST. ANTHONY
 TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
 Anderson Family (Sigrid & Deborah Piroch)

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 7:00 am - Communion Service
 Thursday, January 24
 6:00 pm - Events Committee Mtg.
 Saturday, January 26
 3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions
 6:00 - 10:00 pm - CASH GIVEAWAY & GAME NIGHT
 Sunday, January 27
 Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE'S
 After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY'S

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ST. ANTHONY'S SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 - 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Kingston/Shawn Pflieger/Jim Samson
 Lector: Kathleen Lipkovich
 Altar Servers: Peyton Crays/Payton Leandro

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 - 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Larry Douglas/
 Harriet McLaren/Barb Milligan
 Lector: Vicki Eckstein
 Altar Servers: Paige Tucker/Andrea Walker

ST. BERNADETTE'S SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 - 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Greco/J. Acker
 Lector: B. Smith
 Ushers: D. Nowak
 Altar Servers: B. Greco

STEWARDSHIP

<u>1/13/19</u>		
Offertory	\$330.00	2018 CSA: Pledged - \$7,940
Special Coll.	5.00	Paid - \$7,830
Rent	<u>825.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$1,160.00	

PLEASE NOTE - 2018 CA Pledges must be paid by the end of January, 2019

YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENT

If you want a year-end statement of your annual contributions to St. Anthony Parish or St. Bernadette's, **PLEASE CLIP THIS FROM THE BULLETIN AND RETURN IN THE COLLECTION BASKET BY JANUARY 27, 2019.**

NAME: _____
 (Please Print)

BAKED GOODS/DESSERTS NEEDED

The weekend of January 18, 2019 parishioners will be called to provide a bake good or dessert for St. Anthony's Cash Giveaway and Game Night on January 26, 2019. Items can be dropped off to the Parish Center on Friday, January 25th from 8 - 11 am or on Saturday, January 26 after 2 pm. Thank you in advance for your help with this event.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

St. Anthony's Events Committee will meet on Thursday, January 24 at 6:00 pm to set up for Saturday's Cash Giveaway and Game Night. Volunteers are most welcome.

FREE THROW

The Fr. Simpson, Fr. Dwyer Council 6191 of Edinboro and Cambridge Springs will sponsor its Annual K of C Free Throw Championship at Our Lady of the Lake Social Center on January 27, 2019 at 1:00 pm. Please contact Neil Burkell, chairman with questions at 734-4865

ERIE MARCH FOR LIFE

People for Life invites you to participate in the Erie March for Life on Saturday, January 26. Gather at the pavilion in west Perry Square at 10:45 am. The March will begin at 11:00 am and conclude by 12:30 pm. with a brief program in Perry Square. For more information call 814 882-1333 or go online to www.peopleforlife.life/january2019.

BINGO - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, January 21. 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. A Turkey & Stuffing Dinner will be available at a cost of \$5.00.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$977.00
Maintenance	327.00
Additional Collection	46.00
CSA	<u>529.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,879.00

2018 Catholic Services Appeal
 Pledged: \$34,176 Paid: \$31,671

PLEASE NOTE: 2018 CSA PLEDGES MUST BE PAID BY THE END OF JANUARY, 2019

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
