

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

The Work of the People
The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last week I talked about tying up loose ends in our yearlong discussion of liturgy. I really misspoke since music within the Liturgy is really not a “loose end” but rather one of the essential elements. Music helps to lift our spirits as we lift our voices in praise of our God; it helps to give us a focus for this time we spend together; and it sets the mood and the tone of the purpose for our prayer. We, for instance, would find it inappropriate to use a Christmas Hymn outside of the Christmas Season or for a celebration of Confirmation.

In his book *Liturgy With Style and Grace*, Gabe Huck calls music “the sound of our prayer.” He states “We know also some sounds that do not make for our prayer: The ‘read together’ liturgy, priest and people alike following their little books reading their lines. We also know that trying to sing three or four hymns in the course of the Mass does not change this much; it only gives a feeling that ‘now we’ll stop for a song.’ The sounds we are going to make in prayer should be more integral to the prayer than that; they are, in fact, the way prayer gets into the voice. That is not just a matter of words. It is first a matter of sounds. We do not sing to communicate information or to drill in truths: we sing because there is life and faith and church.”

With these words, we can see that music is intended to be an integral part of our prayer. The bishops of the United States have written: “Music should assist the assembled believers to express and share the gift of faith that is within them and to nourish and strengthen their interior commitment of faith. It should heighten the texts so that they speak more fully and more effectively. The quality of joy and enthusiasm which music adds to the community worship cannot be gained in any other way. It imparts a sense of unity to the congregation and sets the appropriate tone for a particular celebration.” (*Music In Catholic Worship, 23-24*)

This statement of the bishops alludes to the fact that the music for a particular celebration takes root in and grows out of the “texts” of that celebration. These texts are primarily the scriptural texts for the liturgy as well as the texts of the orations (the three major prayers that the Assembly prays together). This is the place to begin when choosing music for a particular celebration or occasion. We go to the scripture texts for the day and ascertain what it is that God is speaking to us (not so much individually but as a community) and then we find the hymns and songs that “heighten the texts so that they speak more fully and more effectively.”

In my past work in campus ministry, I was having this discussion with some college students and one remarked that in her home church they sing the same opening hymn every Sunday. The song (*Gather Us In*) while

certainly appropriate for a gathering song would not have been appropriate for every gathering and every scripture text. Sometimes communities sing only what they like or the songs with which they are familiar. This is worship at its static worst. I will continue this discussion for the next few weeks so that we can come to some better understanding of the place of music in liturgy.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 30

Monday: Gn. 18:16-33/Ps. 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/
Mt. 8:18-22

Tuesday: Gn. 19:15-29/Ps. 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt. 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph. 2:19-22/Ps. 117:1bc, 2/Jn. 20:24-29

Thursday: Gn. 22:1b-19/Ps. 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt. 9:1-8

Friday: Gn. 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt. 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn. 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps. 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt. 9:14-17

Sunday: Is. 66:10-14c/Ps. 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20/Gal. 6:14-18/
Lk. 10:1-12, 17-20

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel reminds us once we set our “hand to the plow” of parenting and marriage, “we cannot look back.” This is what commitment means: to say ‘yes’ to the choice to give up other choices, and ‘yes’ to the promise to be faithful to an unknown future with our spouse.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters.

CLASS IN GUIDED MOVEMENT, CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

“Restless Till You Rest in Him - Guided Movement and Contemplative Prayer” is a class offered in July and August for anyone age 12 and older. Learn how to use movement, music and prayer to bring calm to your mind and body and find the stillness that aids in experience God's peace, mercy and love. Class is free. For more information and dates, call/text Christina at 814 882-1017.

DAYS OF PRAYER AT CARMELITE MONASTERY

The Carmelite Monastery, 510 E. Gore Rd, Erie, will host Days of Prayer beginning Thursday, July 11 through Tuesday, July 16th, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Eleven priest of our diocese will each conduct one of the eleven services under the theme: Mary, Our Mother and What She Means to Me.

Masses each morning at 8:00 am will be offered for the intentions of all making the Days of Prayer. Services each evening at 7:30 pm consist of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Sermon. There are no services the evening of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The Rosary and divine Mercy Chaplet are offered daily at 7:15 am and 6:45 pm.

WORSHIP

Monday, July 1
 8:00 am + Berry Zack (Joan Rembielak and Phyllis/Bob Wronko)
 Tuesday, July 2
 8:00 am + Joe Mateja (Rose Smith & family)
 Wednesday, July 3
 8:00 am + NO MASS
 Thursday July 4
 8:00 am + In Thanksgiving for the Blessing of Our Independence
 Friday, July 5, FIRST FRIDAY
 8:00 am + John E. Auer
 Saturday, July 6
 4:30 pm + Harold W. Schmidt (Friends)
 Sunday, July 7
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
 Leona Hetz (St. Bernadette Altar Rosary Society)
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY
 Mark Smith (Rose Smith)

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday - Wednesday - Friday AT ST. BERNADETTE
 (Except Holy Days)
 7:00 am - Communion Service
 Tuesday, July 2
 After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena
 Saturday, July 6
 3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions
 Sunday, July 7
 Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE
 After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
SATURDAY, JULY 6 - 4:30 PM
 Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Hermann/Kathleen Lipkovich/
 Jim Samson
 Lector: Julie Hobson
 Altar Servers: Robert Moats/Paige Tucker

SUNDAY, JULY 7 - 4:30 PM
 Eucharistic Ministers: Theresa Douglas/Judy Kingston/
 Christine Krzysiak/Barbara Milligan
 Lector: Veronica Walker
 Altar Servers: Sophia Mott/Andrea Walker

ST. BERNADETTE
SUNDAY, JULY 7 - 8:00 AM
 Eucharistic Ministers: C. Sada/G. Beisler/D. Nowak
 Lector: D. Capell/Mrs. Greco
 Ushers: S. Sada, Jr.
 Altar Servers: B. Greco/I. Levis

STEWARDSHIP

6/23/19

Offertory	\$527.00
Votives	6.00
CCD	5.00
TOTAL	\$538.00

CSA - Pledged: \$7,685
 Paid: \$6,180

REQUEST FOR PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____

Address/City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to the rectory.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies on Sunday, August 25 at Sacred Heart in Erie. Liturgy will begin at 2:00 pm. To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, please contact your parish office or the Marriage and Family Life Office, 814 824-1265 or 800 374-3723 ext. 265.

ST. JOSEPH'S 80TH ANNUAL
4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION
 July 4th 11 am - 4 pm
 Parish Grounds, 112 Rectory Lane, Lucinda, PA
 I-80 Exit 60, Rt. 66 North 10 miles
 Clarion County's oldest Independence Day Celebration!
 Traditional all-you-can-eat Chicken & Ham Dinners
 Homemade pie & Soup
 Games of skill & chance for all ages
 Live entertainment
 Bingo
 Cost: Adults \$9.00, Children 6-12 \$4.50, Under 6, Free

BINGO - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, July 1. 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 Salisbury Steak Dinner will be available at a cost of \$5.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Mon. July 8 - 6:00 pm - Holy Name Society Mtg.
 Sun. July 14 - Holy Name Sunday

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$811.00
Maintenance	371.00
Candles	39.00
Peter's Pence	10.00
International Needs	10.00
CSA	50.00
Contribution	<u>2,847.46</u>
TOTAL	\$4,138.46

Catholic Services Appeal
 Pledged: \$20,926 Paid: \$13,326

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
