

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

The Work of the People

Sixth Sunday of Easter

This week we continue to look at the Liturgical Year and the celebrations within but from the perspective of color. Why are there a variety of colors and when do we use and display each one? Basically, there are four liturgical colors with some variations and exceptions. White is the color that can substitute for all others and therefore is the primary liturgical color and can be worn on any occasion. If a parish could afford only one set of vestments, it would be white.

White is worn for the Memorials of the Saints (except where that saint is a martyr) and is used for our great Feasts and Solemnities. White is worn during the Seasons of Christmas and Easter and on Solemnities such as Trinity Sunday and the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Gold may be substituted for white and, if a parish owns a set of gold vestments, it would be used most appropriately at the celebrations of Christmas and Easter (especially at the Easter Vigil) since these are the most important celebrations of the year. White is worn also for celebrating most of the sacraments. White is always worn, for instance, at a wedding or baptism (except where the baptism is celebrated within a Mass during Ordinary Time). White is also worn for funerals and the celebration of the Memorial of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls). Since it is part of our tradition, though, violet or black may be worn on that day.

Red is worn for the Feasts and Memorials of martyrs and on Feasts and Solemnities of the Holy Spirit. Red is also worn during Holy Week when the Passion of Jesus is commemorated. In particular this is on Palm (Passion) Sunday and Good Friday. Red is worn on the Feasts of all the Apostles and the martyrs since it is the color of blood. It is also one of the colors of fire and so we associate it with the Holy Spirit.

Purple or violet is a color that refers to repentance and conversion. It is the color of the Season of Lent within which we are called to take on a more introspective and reflective attitude in our personal prayer and public celebrations. Traditionally, we have also worn violet for the Advent Season but this season has a very different character from Lent. Advent is a time for anticipation, waiting, preparation, and a time to experience the darkness of the world and our sin as we look toward the coming light. The color of Advent should be a purple that moves toward a deep blue (the darkness) whereas the purple of Lent will move toward red (the color of blood). The Episcopal Church has used a deep blue for Advent and, in some cases, we have adopted that practice as well. The blue is to be very deep however. One of the alternate colors that may be worn on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent is rose. In Advent this is

to symbolize coming closer to the light (Gaudete Sunday) and in Lent (Laetare Sunday) it is a kind of rest from the rigors of our penance.

Green is the color that is worn for most of the year. It is the color of hope and newness of life and reminds us of the presence and the promise of God's work in our lives. Green is worn throughout Ordinary (or ordinal) time. This is a time in which we count the Sundays from Second to Thirty-third. The First Sunday in Ordinary Time is the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord and the Thirty-Fourth Sunday is the Solemnity of Christ the King. Green is also worn at weekday Masses for which there is no particular saint or occasion to celebrate.

We are a colorful church and these liturgical colors are also used in the environment of particular seasons and times of the year. Take notice of the colors and the changes.

COLLECTION FOR INTERNATIONAL NEEDS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The weekend of June 1 - 2 provides us with the opportunity to broaden our charitable horizons by reaching out to our suffering brothers and sisters throughout the world.

The annual Collection for International Needs, to be taken up that weekend in the Diocese of Erie, offers a concrete way for us to help those in need in lands and cultures far from our own, from Africa to the Middle East to Eastern Europe.

The collection gives aid to:

- Those forced to leave their homes because of war or famine;
- Children who go to bed hungry and who cannot attend school;
- The victims of war and natural disasters;
- Those who are persecuted for their faith;
- As well as those who wish to study for the priesthood, but do not have the means to do so.

Please give generously to the Collection for International Needs on June 1 - 2 and, just as importantly, please include those in need in your prayers. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families and parishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday, May 30th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please check the Worship list for Mass times and locations.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 26

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps. 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b/Jn. 15:26; 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps. 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn. 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22; 18:1/Ps. 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Jn. 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps. 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn. 16:16-20
Friday: Zep. 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is. 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk. 1:39-56
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps. 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn. 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps. 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Heb. 9:24-28; 10:19-23/
Lk. 24:46-53

WORSHIP

Monday, May 27
8:00 am + John E. Auer

Tuesday, May 28
8:00 am + Karen McGowan (Shawn Pfleger)

Wednesday, May 29
5:00 pm + AT ST. BERNADETTE
Living & Deceased Parishioners

Thursday, May 30 - The Ascension of the Lord
7:00 pm + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
Ann Drake (Jim & Ginger (Drake) Beck)

Friday, May 31
8:00 am + Margaret (Peg) Styborski
(Parishioners of St. Anthony)

Saturday, June 1
4:30 pm + Tom & Kathryn Bailey (Shawn Pfleger)

Sunday, June 2
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
Christa Mott Kay (Wanda Pilarczyk & Family)

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday - Wednesday - Friday at St. Bernadette
7:00 am - Communion Service

Tuesday, May 28
After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena

Saturday, June 1
3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions

Sunday, June 2
Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE
After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SATURDAY, JUNE 1 - 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Hermann/Judy Kingston/Jim Samson
Lector: Vicki Eckstein

Altar Servers: Payton Leandro/Robert Moats

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 - 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Christine Krzysiak/
Don Marteeny/Harriet McLaren

Lector: Julie Hobson

Altar Servers: Sophia Mott/Andrea Walker

ST. BERNADETTE SUNDAY, JUNE 2 - 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Sada/J. Weagraff/K. Weagraff

Lector: J. Drda

Ushers: S. Sada, Sr.

Altar Servers: I. Levis

STEWARDSHIP

<u>5/19/19</u>	
Offertory	\$535.00
Votives	9.00
Easter	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL	\$594.00

CSA; Pledged - \$7,565
Paid - \$5,885

On May 16, 2019 the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania gave a check in the amount of \$3,099 to Father Mark Nowak, representing the 2019 disbursement from the Saint Anthony-Saint Bernadette Endowment Fund.

This fund provides reliable yearly income to support general parish needs, especially those of St. Bernadette Mission. If you would like to donate to this fund, in any amount, please contact Lisa Louis at 814 824-1237 or llouis@cfnwpa.org

RELIC PILGRIMAGE

Heart of a Priest Relic Pilgrimage of St. Jean Vianney's In-corrump Heart will be at St. Peter Cathedral, Erie, on Thursday, June 6. Veneration from 7:00 am - 9:00 pm. Mass with Bishop Lawrence T. Persico will be at 7:00 pm and followed by a prayer hour for vocations.

THE GIFT

A life in the Spirit retreat June 21 from 6 - 9 pm and June 22 from 8:30 - 3:30 pm at St. Mary's center in Meadville. Are you hungry for more of God? Do you want to know more about the Holy Spirit, who allows us to call God "Father?" Then The Gift is for you! This retreat is free, and registration is required. Visit Meadville's parish website (catholic-meadville.org) for the link, or go to <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/594816>. For more information, call Amy Mosbacher 333-2274 ext. 2.

TOTAL TUNE UP FAIR AND LUNCH

Total Tune Up Fair and Lunch, mapping out the road ahead. Supported by LECOM Institute for successful aging will take place at these three parishes in Erie - Saint Jude, Saint George and Blessed Sacrament. The Program is designed for seniors and caregivers. Please check the postings on the bulletin boards for further information.

"Lord, thank you for the gift of friendship"

BINGO - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, June 3. 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'S

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$1,632.00
Maintenance	370.00
Pro-Life Flowers	12.00
CSA	650.00
Candles	<u>6.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,670.00

Catholic Services Appeal
Pledged: \$20,881 Paid: \$11,951

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
