

## PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

## The Work of the People

*Fourth Sunday of Easter (Sunday of the Good Shepherd)*

This week I begin writing about further liturgical matters beginning with the Liturgical Year. The celebrations and season of the Liturgical Year correspond to the history of our relationship with God and God's people. We celebrate and once again live through God's invitation and our response. This invitation and response, as it has throughout the ages, involves promise, waiting and expectation, incarnation and fulfillment, suffering, death, and death conquered, thanksgiving and living in "in-between" time.

First of all, the Liturgical Year does not correspond to the calendar year. The New Year, liturgically, begins with the First Sunday of Advent. The reason for this has to do with the fact that the entire Liturgical Year revolves around the date for Easter, our most important celebration, since what we celebrate during the Triduum and the Easter Octave are the mysteries that make up the core of our faith. Easter is calculated to follow the Jewish feast of Passover. The time of Easter is based on the cycles of the moon, the equinox, and seasons and things in nature. In simple terms, Easter occurs on the first Sunday following the first full moon that occurs on or after the day of the vernal equinox (the first day of spring).

The times of all other major feasts and seasons are determined by this date. Of course, some feasts, such as those of saints, occur on the same dates each year. In understanding the Liturgical Year, a good place to begin is with the liturgical seasons. Since the Liturgical Year begins with the First Sunday of Advent, Advent is the first season. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin *ad venio* which means a coming to or toward. Advent is the season during which we move toward, and in doing so prepare for, the celebration of God becoming human, Christmas.

It is more appropriate to speak of this first season of the Liturgical Year as the Advent/Christmas Season since one flows seamlessly into the other. The Advent Season lasts for four weeks (sometimes not four full weeks) and ends at the celebration of Christmas Day. As Catholics we have adopted some customs (based on the secular observance of these feasts) that move us to a kind of skewed celebration of feasts such as Christmas. By way of example, the real celebration of Christmas is on Christmas Day and most Catholics (even those who are merely "cultural Catholics") come to Mass on Christmas Eve. The celebration of Easter is really at the Easter Vigil and most Catholics come to Mass on Easter Sunday.

Within the Christmas Season, we celebrate Epiphany and end the Christmas Season with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. Some may extend the Christmas Season to the Feast of the Presentation (February 2).

Following the Advent/Christmas Season there is a brief period of Ordinary Time. This time is called "ordinary" because we mark the Sundays with ordinal numbers (second, third, etc.).

The next season is the Lenten Season that is a time of repentance, of turning from our sin and returning to God, of preparation for the celebration of the Triduum and Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (the beginning of the Triduum). The three Holy Days are a season unto themselves and culminate in the great Easter Vigil. We then move into the fifty-day Easter Season that ends with the celebration of Pentecost. We then move into the longer period of Ordinary Time, which ends with the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King. I'll have more next week

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps. 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn. 10:1-10  
 Tuesday: Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26/Ps. 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn. 15:9-17  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24; 13:5a/Ps. 67:2-3, 5, 6 & 8/Jn. 12:44-50  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps. 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27/Jn. 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps. 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn. 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps. 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn. 14:7-14  
 Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps. 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv. 21:1-5a/  
 Jn. 13:31-33a, 34-35

### 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](http://www.campnotredame.com) and click on the employment link. If you have questions, you may call Fr. Mark Nowak at 398-4234.

"Thank you, Lord,  
 for giving me abundant life."

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Mother's Day gives us the opportunity to celebrate the unconditional love of mothers. Whether living or dead, a mother's love always invites us to follow her example by loving generously and selflessly.

*Heavenly Father,  
 Bless all those you have entrusted with motherhood.  
 Inspire them to follow the example of  
 Mary, Mother of our Lord  
 and follow in her fidelity, humility and selfless love.  
 May all mothers receive your grace abundantly  
 in this life, and may they look forward  
 to eternal joy in Your presence in heaven.  
 Amen*

**WORSHIP**

Monday, May 13  
 8:00 am + Living & Deceased Parishioners  
 Tuesday, May 14 - St. Matthew, Apostle  
 8:00 am + Leona E. Auer  
 Wednesday, May 15  
 7:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE  
 Thomas Brunot (John & Kay Weagraff)  
 Thursday, May 16  
 8:00 am + Joseph Mataja (Parishioners of St. Anthony)  
 Friday, May 17  
 8:00 am + A Special Intention  
 Saturday, May 18  
 4:30 pm + Patrick McCarthy (Maureen Peters)  
 Sunday, May 19  
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE  
 Marie Genung (Pat & Richard)  
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY  
 Living & Deceased Parishioners

**PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR**

Monday - Wednesday - Friday AT ST. BERNADETTE  
 7:00 am - Communion Service  
 Tuesday, May 14  
 After Mass - St. Anthony Novena  
 6:30 pm - St. Anthony & St. Bernadette Parish Finance Mtg.  
 at St. Anthony of Padua  
 7:15 pm - St. Anthony & St. Bernadette Parish Council Mtg.  
 at St. Anthony of Padua  
 Saturday, May 18  
 3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions  
 Sunday, May 19  
 Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE  
 After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 18 - 4:30 PM**  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Kingston/Judy Hermann/  
 Kathleen Lipkovich  
 Lector: Shawn Pflieger  
 Altar Servers: Payton Leandro/Sydney Zilhaver

**SUNDAY, MAY 19 - 9:30 AM**  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Larry Douglas/  
 Don Marteeny/Barb Milligan  
 Lector: Marie Marteeny  
 Altar Servers: Sophia Mott/Veronica Walker

**ST. BERNADETTE**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 19 - 8:00 AM**  
 Eucharistic Ministers: J. Acker/C. Greco/J. Weagraff  
 Lector: B. Smith  
 Ushers: D. Nowak  
 Altar Servers: B. Greco

**STEWARDSHIP**

<b>5/5/19</b>		
Offertory	\$375.00	CSA: Pledged: \$7,045
Votives	8.00	Paid: \$5,265
Good Shepherd	144.00	
Rice Bowl	<u>35.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$562.00</b>	

**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.

**CARD PARTY**

All Saints Parish in Waterford invites you to the "Spring in the Country Card Party" on Sunday, May 19, 2019. Tickets are \$7/person and can be ordered by going to [www.allsaintsrcc.org](http://www.allsaintsrcc.org) and clicking on the advertisement on the homepage. Or you can call 814 796-3023 to order tickets through their parish office. Limit of 200 seats.

**SERVANTS 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.

**VBS**

Cambridge Springs VBS will be happening June 24 - 28 and we need you to volunteer! We have positions available for adults and teens as station leaders, crew leaders, assistants, actors/actresses, tech, photography, decorating, and more. We have a place for you no matter your talents/gifting. You can find out more about available positions and register to volunteer at [www.vbspro.events/p/event/cambridgsprings](http://www.vbspro.events/p/event/cambridgsprings) or contact VBS Director Pam Lowther at [lowther-pam@gmail.com](mailto:lowther-pam@gmail.com)

*"Jesus, thank you for the place you have fashioned  
 for me here on earth -  
 and for the place you are preparing  
 for me in heaven."*

**BINGO** - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony of Padua will be Monday, May 20. 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.

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory	\$1,157.00
Maintenance	265.00
Candles	32.00
CSA	625.00
Good Shepherd	<u>1,491.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,570.00</b>

Catholic Services Appeal  
 Pledged: \$20,381    Paid: \$11,151

**CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA**

**CHURCH NO.:**

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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