

## PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

The Work of the People  
*Sunday Within the Octave of Easter*  
*(Divine Mercy Sunday)*

The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come” (*May 23, 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments*). As the octave Sunday of Easter, the Lectionary readings and prayer texts highlight the mystery of divine compassion that underlies the Church’s Easter faith.

It has been my custom to present to the people I am serving on this week a summary of an Easter chapter of a favorite book of mine. This book is one among many written by Rev. Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I. I recommend the book highly as words of wisdom for those interested in deepening their spiritual life. Rather than give you my own summary of the chapter in the book titled “A Spirituality of the Paschal Mystery”, I pass along the words of a member of my *Jesus Caritas* fraternity, Fr. Monty Sayers.

In the chapter on the Paschal Mystery (named above), Fr. Rolheiser talks about paschal death and resurrected life. He writes, “Paschal death is a death that, while ending one kind of life, opens the person undergoing it to receive a deeper and richer form of life . . . resurrected life.” (P. 146)

Rolheiser names and explains some of the ways we experience daily deaths:

- The death of our youth
- The death of our wholeness (health)
- The death of our dreams
- The death of our honeymoons
- The death of a certain idea about God and church.

In each situation, Rolheiser explains that we have moved from paschal death to resurrected living in five moments that he aligns with the paschal cycle of Jesus’ death and resurrection:

1. Good Friday – name your death
2. Easter Sunday – claim your new birth
3. The Forty Days to the Ascension – grieve your loss, your paschal death, and adjust to your new reality
4. Ascension – do not cling to the old, but let it ascend and bless you
5. Pentecost – accept the spirit of the new life that you are in fact living.

What a wonderful way to celebrate Easter. What a wise way to look at life. What a tremendous way of adjusting to the curve balls life hurls at us.

I encourage you to spend some time asking the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the paschal death to which you are being called to this year. Ask for the grace to grieve that loss. Are you adjusting well or do you need help to let go? Will you let it ascend? Will you allow the Son to bless you? Will you accept the new life God is offering you? Will you, with God’s grace, Jesus’ companionship and the Spirit’s guidance allow dying and rising to be your way of living?

The secret of living life well is in living the Paschal Mystery.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps. 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn. 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps. 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn. 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps. 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn. 3:16-21/  
Mt. 13:54-58

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps. 34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn. 3:31-36

Friday: 1 Cor. 15:1-8/Ps. 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn. 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps. 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn. 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps. 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13/  
Rv. 5:11-14/Jn. 21:1-19

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

There will be a prayer service in Marcy Park at Noon for anyone that wishes to come and pray.

### SURVIVING DIVORCE MINISTRY

Spring sessions are available for the Surviving Divorce Ministry. The group meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Call the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Erie at 814 824-1265 to register and for more information. Advance registration is appreciated but not necessary.

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today’s gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.

### CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

What happens when abuse is reported? People who hold positions of trust in Catholic institutions are mandated by Pennsylvania law to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. To see the specific reporting procedure for the diocese, visit <https://www.eriecnd.org/childprotection/>

*“Father, thank you for loving me  
and for sending your only Son, Jesus,  
so that I might share  
in your life forever.”*

# WORSHIP

Monday, April 29  
 8:00 am + Living & Deceased Parishioners  
 Tuesday, April 30  
 8:00 am + John E. Auer  
 Wednesday, May 1  
 8:00 am + NO MASS  
 Thursday, May 2  
 8:00 am + Leona Auer  
 Friday, May 3 - **FIRST FRIDAY**  
 8:00 am + Mary Wronko  
 (Joan Rembielak & Bob & Phyllis Wronko)  
 Saturday, May 4  
 4:30 pm + Michael H. Milligan (Barb Milligan)  
 Sunday, May 5  
 8:00 am + **AT ST. BERNADETTE**  
 John & Kay Weagraff on their 55th Wedding Anniv.  
 9:30 am + **AT ST. ANTHONY**  
 Living & Deceased Parishioners

# PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday - Wednesday - Friday at ST. BERNADETTE  
 7:00 am - Communion Service  
 Tuesday, April 30  
 After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena  
 Thursday, May 2  
 12:00 Noon - Prayer Service at Macy Park  
 Saturday, May 4  
 3:45 - 4:15 - Confessions  
 Sunday, May 5  
 Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE  
 After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY  
 After Mass - Religious Education May Crowning

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

### ST. ANTHONY'S SATURDAY, MAY 4 - 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Bullman/Judy Hermann/Shawn Pfleger  
 Lector: Kathleen Lipkovich  
 Altar Servers: Robert Moats/William Moats

### SUNDAY, MAY 5 - 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Larry Douglas/  
 Christine Krzysiak/Barb Milligan  
 Lector: Marie Marteeny  
 Altar Servers: Paige Tucker/Veronica Walker

### ST. BERNADETTE'S SUNDAY, MAY 5 - 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Sada/J. Weagraff/K. Weagraff  
 Lector: J. Drda  
 Ushers: S. Sada, Sr.  
 Altar Servers: I. Levis

## STEWARDSHIP

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| <u>4/21/19</u> |                 |
| Offertory      | \$574.00        |
| Votives        | 9.00            |
| Good Friday    | <u>75.00</u>    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$658.00</b> |

CSA: Pledged - \$7,045  
 Paid - \$5,215

## CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Heritage Society History Night presents: Riverside Inn, What Was & What Will Be on Thursday, May 2 at Cambridge Springs First Baptist Church at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will follow.

## 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)

## A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church presents A Night At The Races on Saturday, May 4, also featuring the Kentucky Derby. Doors open at 6:00 pm; post time at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$20/person and includes food, soft drinks and beer BYOB. All proceeds benefit Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church. To purchase tickets: [olgaoffice@zoominternet.net](mailto:olgaoffice@zoominternet.net) or call 382-7252.

## 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.

**BINGO** - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, April 29. 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 Stuffed Shells Dinner will be available at a cost of \$5.00.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Mon. May 6 - 3:15 pm - Last Religious Education Class  
 Mon. May 6 - 6:00 pm - Holy Name Society Mtg.

## STEWARDSHIP

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Offertory           | \$1,646.00        |
| Maintenance         | 362.75            |
| Candles             | 43.00             |
| Easter              | 647.00            |
| CSA                 | 415.00            |
| Religious Education | 20.00             |
| Rolls               | 50.00             |
| Holy Land           | 229.00            |
| Altar Flowers       | 5.00              |
| Rice Bowl           | 210.00            |
| Reimbursement       | <u>75.00</u>      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>\$3,702.75</b> |

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

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

**CHURCH NO.:**

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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