

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

The Work of the People

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last week I began a discussion of the Liturgy of the Eucharist which has two major parts: The Eucharistic Prayer and the Communion Rite. I also wrote about the variety of Eucharistic Prayers that we can use. In doing liturgical planning, it is always important for the various parts of the Mass to cohere in some way. Most often this happens by planning the prayers (and the music) around the readings for the day. One may also want to include the occasion for the celebration if that occasion is special. First Communion, Confirmation, the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick are some examples of these occasions. In any case, the starting point for planning a liturgy is always and necessarily needs to be the scripture reading for the day.

The Preface, as indicated by its very name, begins the Eucharistic Prayer. Since we have many options for a preface, the option chosen for the day needs to refer in some way to the readings. As I said last week, all of the Eucharistic Prayers except EP I and III have their own prefaces. Even though Eucharistic Prayer II has its own Preface, another may be substituted. In addition to the Prefaces that accompany almost all of the Eucharistic Prayers, there are over eighty (80) prefaces in the Sacramentary. There are eight (8) prefaces for Sundays in Ordinary Time and these are the ones we would hear most often. While I won't name them all, suffice it to say that there are enough differences in the wording so that an appropriate preface can be chosen for a particular Sunday's set of readings.

The Preface is basically a prayer of praise addressed to God and prayed through Jesus Christ. It begins with a dialogue between the presider and the assembly and gives God praise for God's marvelous works. "Everywhere we proclaim your mighty works for you have called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light" (*Preface I for Sunday on Ordinary Time*). We speak of God's great works through which God gives us the reason for our celebration as well as the opportunity to celebrate in the first place.

The Preface leads us into the response of the angels in scripture which becomes our response in the present moment by words such as: "And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise" (*Preface II for Sundays in Ordinary Time*). This response we have come to call the "Holy, Holy" or *Sanctus* in Latin. It is this great prayer of praise that leads us into the Eucharistic Prayer. Within the context of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Holy, Holy is part of the response of the Assembly that includes the Memorial Acclamation and the Great Amen and needs to be sung as an exalted prayer of praise. What a great opportunity for all of us as God's people to witness to the

wonderful things God has done for us, to truly give back to God a little of what God has given to us. And yet, sadly, some pass up this incredible opportunity by standing with their mouths closed. As the documents of Vatican II urge us to be "full, conscious, and active" participants in the liturgy, we need to make every occasion to do so alive and vibrant.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10

Monday: Gn. 1:1-19/Ps. 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 & 12, 24 & 35c/
Mk. 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn. 1:20; 2:4a/Ps. 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk. 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn. 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps. 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/
Mk. 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn. 2:18-25/Ps. 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk. 7:24-30

Friday: Gn. 3:1-8/Ps. 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk. 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn. 3:9-24/Ps. 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk. 8:1-10

Sunday: Jer. 17:5-8/Ps. 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6/1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20/
Lk. 6:17, 20-26

SAINT PHILOMENA HEALING MASS

Join the Catholic Community of Meadville for a special Mass of Healing through the intercession of Saint Philomena. Come and pray with our parish family for healing upon our community, our church, our parishioners, our world through the intercession of Saint Philomena at Saint Mary of Grace Church on Monday, February 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus asked Simon to start by "going a short distance." Later he asked Simon to "go into deeper water." The first step toward reconciliation is usually a "short distance" which gives us the courage to further "into deeper water." Reconciliation starts with the first short step!

MEN'S CONFERENCE

The sixth annual 22:32 Men's Conference will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish, 2401 W. 38th St, Erie on March 2 from 9 am - 3:30 pm. The lineup of speakers includes two who would appeal to younger men in high school and college, as well as men who are out of college and beginning their careers and families. Speakers are Sean O'Hare, Sean Forrest and Tom Peterson. The cost is \$40 for adults, \$25 for college students, and \$10 for high school students. See detailed information at www.2232men.com where you may register and purchase tickets. For more information, go to info@2232men.com

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

All are welcome to attend the annual "Greater Things" Catholic Charismatic Conference March 9 from 9 am - 3:30 pm at St. Joseph/Bread of Life Center. The event is sponsored by the Word of Life Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center of the diocese. Speaker and worship leader will be Jaci Phillips, Ph.D, with guest violinist Louis Nicolai. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes lunch. Scholarships are available. Register online at www.ErieRCD.org/wordoflife/conference.html or call 814 833-9717.

WORSHIP

Monday, February 11
8:00 am + Leona Auer

Tuesday, February 12
8:00 am + Barbara Wiseman (Kathleen Lipkovich)

Wednesday, February 13
8:00 am + NO MASS

Thursday, February 14 - Sts. Cyril, Mark & Methodius, Bishop
8:00 am + Richard Miller (Jeanne Miller)

Friday, February 15
8:00 am + Living & Deceased Members of PNA Lodge 1540

Saturday, February 16
4:30 pm + Anatoly Shchovchhoff (M/M Nelson Allen, Jr.)

Sunday, February 17
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY
Dec. of Weidner Family (Ginger & Dick Kester)

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
7:00 am - Communion Service

Tuesday, February 12
After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena

Saturday, February 16
3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions

Sunday, February 17
Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE'S
After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY'S

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ST. ANTHONY'S
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Rob Bullman/Judy Hermann/
Kathleen Lipkovich

Lector: Shawn Pflieger
Altar Servers: Robert Moats/William Moats

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Theresa Douglas/
Don Marteeny/Carol Rasavage

Lector: Marie Marteeny
Altar Servers: Paige Tucker/Veronica Walker

ST. BERNADETTE'S
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Nowak/A. Braymer
Lector: M. Braymer
Ushers: S. Styborski
Altar Servers: A/M/R Braymer

STEWARDSHIP

<u>2/3/19</u>	
Offertory	\$649.00
Votives	175.00
Cath. Comm.	5.00
TOTAL	\$829.00

No New CSA Until March

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Parishioners at St. Anthony and St. Bernadette would like to wish Fr. Mark a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY on February 11. We wish you a happy day and God's blessings.

FATHER-SON PROGRAM

All fathers (or male role models) and their sons, ages 11—13, are welcome to attend the Father-Son Program on February 16 from 9 am—2:15 pm at Our Lady of the Lake Parish social hall, 128 Sunset Dr., Edinboro. The Chastity Education Office of the Diocese of Erie sponsors this annual event, which includes activities centered on such topics as navigating adolescence, tools for manhood and listening to God's call. Registration includes food, time for discussion and games. For more information and to register, go to www.ErieRCD.org/chastity. To register by phone, call Kate at 814 824-1259.

1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

This year the 1:38 Women's Conference will be held at Our Lady of Peach Parish, 2401 W. 38th St., Erie, on Saturday, March 30. Check-in begins at 8:00 am and the program runs from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. The day concludes with Mass celebrated by Bishop Persico. Registration deadline is March 22, 2019. Registration materials can be picked up in the gathering space.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Love is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests..." (1 Cor. 13:5)
Which of these negative qualities is your beloved best at avoiding?

ST. ANTHONY'S is looking for a person who can take a few hours of their week to clean the rectory. If you are that person, please contact the office at 398-4234.

BINGO - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, February 18 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 Meatloaf Dinner will be available at a cost of \$5.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

No Religious Education classes until March 25.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$1,563.00
Maintenance	338.00
Reimbursement	2,698.66
CSA	75.00
TOTAL	\$4,674.66

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CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
