

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

The Work of the People

*Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)*

This Eucharistic day, observed with such solemnity throughout the world, began in a quiet Belgian convent in the thirteenth century, with the vision of a holy none, St. Juliana. In her vision, she saw the moon, full and bright. It was glorious, except that one part of its disk was in shadow. The meaning of the vision was then revealed to her: the moon represented the liturgical year; the shadow, a missing feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. Juliana spoke to her confessor about what she had seen. Amazingly, within thirty-five years, Pope Urban IV had established the feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, in the Church's universal calendar.

Hundreds of years later, in 1849, Pope Pius IX added the Feast of the Precious Blood celebrated on July 1. Following the Second Vatican Council, the two liturgies became one solemnity and honor of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Of course, we already had a day honoring the Eucharist: The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, which even includes a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. But the purpose and the mood of the two processions are strikingly different.

On Holy Thursday, we walk with Jesus to the Mount of Olives, to keep watch with him on the night of his betrayal. The sacrament is carried in the ciborium, covered with the humeral veil; and Christ's glory, too, is veiled as he undergoes his Passion. On Corpus Christi, we walk in the afterglow of Easter Time, in company with the Risen Lord. This time, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in a monstrance: the Lord's glory is not hidden, but visible to all. Corpus Christi is one of the most Catholic of days, an expression of our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

The reflection for this Solemnity is from *Homilies on Matthew* from St. John Chrysostom (347-407) who was one of early Church Fathers.

Christ instituted [the Eucharist] at the time of the Passover in order to teach us by every possible means both that he himself had been the lawgiver of the Old Testament, and also that the whole of the Old Testament had been a foreshadowing of these mysteries. He was replacing the type by the reality. . . .

If the type was able to free a people from bondage, much more would the reality liberate the world, and Christ's death bring down blessings upon our race. . . .

Take, eat, he said, this is my body which is broken for many.

These words might well have alarmed them; if they did not, it was because Christ had already told them many marvelous things about this sacrament. In fact, they had been so well prepared that there was no need for him to say any more. But he told them that the reason he was

going to suffer was to take away our sins. He spoke of the blood of the new covenant, that is, of the promise, the new law. He had promised long before that the new covenant had been ratified by his blood. As the old covenant had been ratified by the blood of sheep and calves, so the new covenant was to be ratified by the blood of the Lord. Thus, by speaking of his covenant and by reminding them that the old covenant had also been inaugurated by the shedding of blood, he made known to them that he was soon to die. And he told them once again the reason for his death in the words, this is my blood, which is poured out for all for the forgiveness of sins, and, Do this in memory of me.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 23

Monday: Is. 49:1-6/Ps. 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/
Lk. 1:57-66, 80
Tuesday: Gn. 13:2, 5-18/Ps. 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt. 7:6,12-14
Wednesday: Gn. 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps. 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt. 7:15-29
Thursday: Gn. 16:1-12, 15-16/Ps. 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt. 7:21-29
Friday: Ez. 34:11-16/Ps. 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom. 5:5b-11/Lk. 15:3-7
Saturday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps. 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal. 1:11-20/Jn. 21:15-19
Sunday: 1 Kgs. 19:16b, 19-21/Ps. 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/
Gal. 5:1, 13-18/Lk. 9:51-62

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the weekend of June 29th and 30th, the Peter's Pence Collection will be taken in our parishes. Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church. It is a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters, as well as seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, AIDS treatment centers, and other medical facilities in developing nations.

From the beginning the Church has made it a priority to help the neediest of our brothers and sisters in the human family. I ask you to please take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis in being a witness of charity to our brothers and sisters in need. Please be as generous as you can.

Through our support of the Peter's Pence Collection, all of us here in the Diocese of Erie are also helping to strengthen the ties that bind us together as the Family of God. Please know my gratitude for your generosity.

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

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 begins at 2:00 pm. To register, contact your parish office or Family Life Office at 814 824-1265.

WORSHIP

Monday, June 24
8:00 am + Andrew Hoffman (M/M Gerald Adamczyk)

Tuesday, June 25
8:00 am + For the Episcopo and DiMattio Families

Wednesday, June 26
7:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
Living & Deceased Parishioners

Thursday, June 27
8:00 am + Tom Brunot (Shawn Pfleger)

Friday, June 28
8:00 am + Leona Auer

Saturday, June 29
4:30 pm + Living & Deceased Members of PNA Lodge 1540

Sunday, June 30
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
Leona Hetz (John & Kay Weagraff)
9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY
Living & Deceased Parishioners
12:30 pm + LATIN MASS
William P. Lyons, Sr. (Joyce Lyons & Family)

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Tuesday, June 25
After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena

Saturday, June 29
3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions

Sunday, June 30
Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE
After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ST. ANTHONY
SATURDAY, JUNE 29 - 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Hobson/Judy Kingston/Jim Samson
Lector: Kathleen Lipkovich
Altar Servers: Sophia Mott/Sydney Zilhaber

SUNDAY, JUNE 30 - 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Theresa Douglas/
Larry Douglas/Harriet McLaren
Lector: Marie Marteeny
Altar Servers: Paige Tucker/Andrea Walker

ST. BERNADETTE
SUNDAY, JUNE 30 - 8:00 AM

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

STEWARDSHIP

6/16/19	
Offertory	\$500.00
Votives	9.00
Rent	<u>325.00</u>
TOTAL	\$834.00
CSA: Pledged - \$7,685	
Paid - \$6,180	

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus teaches we will find abundance by sharing what little we have. No matter how little time, money or food we have, it is enough when shared.

SURVIVING DIVORCE MONISTRY
FORMERLY CDSG DIVORCE MONISTRY

The group meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at St. Mark Catholic Center. Call Family Life Office 814 824-1265 or email: familylife@eriercd.org. Confidential help is waiting for men and women seeking healing from divorce. All faiths are welcome!

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 16403 in the search bar.

SETON CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL

Full or half day available
3 year old preschool program
4 & 5 year old pre-kindergarten program
Hours 7:30 am—3:00 pm includes after school program
from 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Flexible payment plans with
scholarships available
Call today for private tour: 814 336-2320

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Give them some food." (Luke 9:13) As spouses we give our bodies to each other in joy and share each other's pain when sickness strikes. Taking care of each other's body is part of being married. Sometimes this means meeting physical needs like food and other times it's emotional comfort. Feed each other today.

BINGO - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, August 5. 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

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

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$1,764.00
Maintenance	410.00
Donation	25.00
Candles	19.00
CSA	<u>370.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,588.00
Catholic Services Appeal	
Pledged: \$20,926 Paid: \$13,326	

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
