

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

The Work of the People
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

I have gone through almost entire Liturgical Year with *The Work of the People* and I have gone through all of the important aspects of liturgy, at least in an introductory fashion. I want to spend the next few weeks tying up a few loose ends and discuss vestments, music and the liturgical environment. I suppose to call the last two of these three “loose ends” is doing these very important aspects of our worship a great disservice. Music enhances and supports our prayer and the environment gives us a sense of meaning within the celebration. For this week, let's briefly look at the vestments for liturgical celebrations.

Liturgical vestments vary little throughout the Catholic world although there certainly are variations in style. Clerical dress, however, is very diverse. Every once in a while, I get the comment from someone that he/she did not recognize me because I did not have my “priest clothes” on. I recently saw a picture of Pope Benedict XVI and Karl Rahner who were both teachers at the University of Tübingen at the time. The clerical dress of Germany was black suit, white shirt, and black tie. Clerical dress is worn so that one can be recognized as working or acting in some official capacity. Priests don't always dress in such a manner because we are not always acting in some ministry-related or “official” capacity. Believe it or not, we do have some time off.

Liturgical dress is another matter. The vestments (or clothes) may look a little strange by comparison to the dress of the historical era but this is mainly because the vestments do not come from this time but from another – basically from the Middle Ages. The vestments are part of our heritage though and they are symbolic. A priest may or may not wear an Amice which is a white, rectangular cloth with long ribbons attached at two corners. This is worn around the neck and was used to cover the cowl or hood worn by certain religious communities or, simply, to keep the vestments clean from perspiration. All priests and deacons wear an alb which is an inner garment – usually white from the Latin word *albus* – to cover his regular clothes or clerical dress as a sign that what he is about to enter into is something out of the ordinary.

A cincture – a cord similar to a belt – may be worn over the alb around the waist. The stole is then worn over the alb. Of all the vestments, the stole is the most important because it is a sign of liturgical and sacramental office. It demonstrates that the acts we are entering into are acts of God present in our lives and not simply something we are doing. The stole is the color of the liturgical celebration and it is worn around the neck with the two sides hanging down the front of the priest and over the left shoulder of the deacon.

The final garment is the chasuble and this too is the color of the liturgical celebration. This outer garment in one sense is meant to hide the human person of the presider – although not really – so that the person of the true sacramental presider – Jesus Christ – shows through. Remember one of the four manners in which Christ is truly present in the Eucharist is the person of the presider. The deacon's outer garment is called a dalmatic and has sleeves (unlike the chasuble) signifying the deacon's office of serving the liturgy. Vestments can be very simple or very elaborate but all give us a sense that what we do as the work of the people is something that profoundly affects our lives.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 2

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps. 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn. 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps. 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn. 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps. 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/
 Jn. 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps. 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/
 Jn. 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps. 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn. 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps. 11:4, 5 & 7/Jn. 21:20-25
 Sunday: Gn. 11:1-9 or Ex. 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez. 37:1-4 or
 Jl. 3:1-5/Ps. 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/
 Rom 8:22-27/Jn. 7:37-39

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus speaks of unity, not uniformity. With uniformity everything is the same. Unity requires recognition and reconciliation of differences. How do you reconcile differences in your home? Do you listen respectfully or do you try to manipulate or impose your opinion? The seeds of unity and division are in every family. What we sow, we reap. What is your family harvest?

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and outreach to alleviate poverty. Please be generous to the collection today.

“Do to others
as you would have them do to you.”
Luke 6:31

WORSHIP

Monday, June 3
8:00 am + NO MASS
Tuesday, June 4
8:00 am + NO MASS
Wednesday, June 5
8:00 am + NO MASS
Thursday, June 6
8:00 am + NO MASS
Friday, June 7- FIRST FRIDAY
8:00 am + Living & Dec. of Leandro/Silva Families
Saturday, June 8
4:30 pm + Harold W. Schmidt (John & Leona Kutz)
Sunday, June 9
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
Thomas Brunot (Dick & Pauline Baker)
9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
Living & Deceased Parishioners

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday - Wednesday - Friday AT ST. BERNADETTE
7:00 am - Communion Service
Saturday, June 8
3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions
Sunday, June 9
Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE
After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
SATURDAY, JUNE 8 - 4:30 PM
Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Hermann/Judy Kingston/Jim Samson
Lector: Kathleen Lipkovich
Altar Servers: Peyton Leandro/Sydney Zilhaver

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 - 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers: Theresa Douglas/Christine Krzysiak/
Don Marteeny/Harriet McLaren
Lector: Vicki Eckstein
Altar Servers: Paige Tucker/Andrea Walker

ST. BERNADETTE
SUNDAY, JUNE 9 - 8:00 AM
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Nowak/A. Braymer/G. Beisler
Lector: M Braymer
Ushers: S. Styborski
Altar Servers: A/M/R Braymer

STEWARDSHIP

<u>5/26/19</u>	
Offertory	\$427.00
Votives	9.00
CCD	5.00
TOTAL	\$441.00

CSA
Pledged: \$7,565
Paid: \$5,885

CHILD PROTECTION
AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Listen to your children: This summer, when your children are out of school and on different schedules, meeting new people and going to new places, make sure that you talk to them often about their experiences and the people they've met. Listen carefully to your children. If possible, observe and get to know the other children and adults who are part of your children's summertime fun. Above all, communicate your safety concerns to your children. Make sure they know that they can come to you with any concerns they may have about the people they interact with. And if you hear of or observe behaviors that may be inappropriate, make sure to communicate your feelings to people who are in a position to intervene. Communications is key to creating and maintaining a safe environment all year round. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>

V.B.S

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 or contact VBS Director Pam Lowther at lowtherpam@gmail.com

SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Seton Catholic School, preschool—8th grade, where students thrive on being challenged academically, learn to be respectful, responsible and self disciplined. Scholarships available. Call today 814 336-2320 for a tour or to register. All faiths welcome.

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	\$624.00
Maintenance	277.00
Candles	17.00
Donation	200.00
Reimbursement	2,698.66
CSA	120.00
Latin Mass	<u>327.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,263.66

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

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
