

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

The Work of the People

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last week I wrote in general about the role of music in the liturgy and used the words of Gabe Huck and the United States Catholic Bishops to lay the foundation for a solid understanding of not only the importance of music but also how music is best chosen for a particular liturgy. The sole criteria for choosing a piece of music is not whether I like it or not or because it always was Aunt Tillie's favorite but because it supports and enhances the Word of God which, for us, is the Word of life.

Choosing a song because it was Aunt Tillie's favorite is part of what is called the "pastoral judgment" but there are further criteria. As in life, so in liturgy, there is a hierarchy of value that tells us that some reasons are more important and more legitimate than others. In his work *Liturgy With Style and Grace* Gabe Huck reminds that in choosing music we exercise three judgments: the musical judgment, the pastoral judgment, and the liturgical judgment and all three are important and necessary.

I turn now to the church document that is the "foundation document" for all judgments we exercise with regard to liturgy, the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* crafted and promulgated by the church fathers of the Second Vatican Council. In the chapter on Sacred Music, we are told "The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as sacred song closely bound to the text, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy." Even though the language in which this idea is conveyed is the lofty language of an official church document, it is clear that music in our worship is vital.

The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* continues: "Sacred music will be the more holy the more closely it is joined to the liturgical rite, whether by adding delight to prayer, fostering oneness of spirit, or investing the rites with greater solemnity." It is because of this that there has developed a sense of what music is essential and what is secondary. Those of us who remember the liturgy and "attended Mass" before the reforms of the Second Vatican Council remember the "four-hymn" model of worship. Since the time of the liturgical reforms, however, we have come to see singing the responses of the people as more important than those hymns, with the possible exception of the Communion Processional.

These responses include the Psalm we sing as a reply to the first reading, the Gospel Acclamation, the Holy, Holy, the Memorial Acclamation, the Great Amen, and, to some extent, the Lamb of God Litany. These responses are the "faith answer" of the Assembly and speak back to God a message of belief, trust, gratitude, praise, and love. If we are to exercise "full, conscious,

and active participation" in this most essential of our encounters with our God, then we are to enthusiastically embrace and speak (sing) our hearts through these responses.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 7

Monday: Gn. 28:10-22a/Ps. 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt. 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn. 32:23-33/Ps. 17:1b-2-3, 6-7ab, 8b & 15/
Mt. 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn. 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps. 33:2-3, 10-11,
18-19/Mt. 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn. 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps. 105:16-17, 18-19,
20-21/Mt. 10:7-15

Friday: Gn. 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps. 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/
Mt. 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn. 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps. 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/
Mt. 10:24-33

Sunday: Dt. 30:10-14/Ps. 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37/
Col. 1:15-20/Lk. 10:25-37

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Know the warning signs of abuse. Those who abuse children look like everyone else. They don't look like scary people that we should know to avoid. Rather, they live with their families in our neighborhoods. One of the most important ways to ensure the safety of children in our environments is to know the warning signs of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Among these signs are when the person (1) always wants to be alone with children in areas where no one can monitor the interactions, (2) allows children to do things their parent would not permit, (3) is always more excited to be with children than with adults, and (4) discourages others from participating in activities involving kids. For more information and resources visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Just like the seventy-two disciples sent out by Jesus in today's gospel, families are expected to be MISSIONARIES. By our lives, words and life style we proclaim peace, commitment, fidelity and respect to a culture caught up with violence and self-gratification.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our parish collected over \$500. Our contributions, combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world, will help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. In you missed the collection, it is not too late to give!

*You are ever present, Heavenly Father.
You see all, hear all and know all.
Let Your presence give us reassurance
that this world will survive,
regardless of all the threats that surround us.
Amen*

WORSHIP

Monday, July 8
8:00 am + For a Special Intention

Tuesday, July 9
8:00 am + Leona E. Auer

Wednesday, July 10
8:00 am + NO MASS

Thursday, July 11
8:00 am + For the Episcopo & DiMattio Families

Friday, July 12
8:00 am + Margaret (Peg) Styborski (Kathleen Lipkovich)

Saturday, July 13
4:30 pm + Edward Rembielak
(Joan Rembielak & Phyllis & Bob Wronko)

Sunday, July 14
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY
Reg Komraus (Tom Komraus)

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday - Wednesday - Friday AT ST. BERNADETTE
(except Holy Days)
7:00 am - Communion Service

Tuesday, July 9
After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena

Saturday, July 13
3:45 - 4:15 - Confessions

Sunday, July 14
Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE
After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
SATURDAY, JULY 13 - 4:30 PM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Hobson/Judy Kingston/Jim Samson
Lector: Kathleen Lipkovich
Altar Servers: Payton Leandro/Sydney Zillhaver

SUNDAY, JULY 14 - 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Larry Douglas/
Don Marteeny/Harriet McLaren
Lector: Vicki Eckstein
Altar Servers: Max Marteeny/Andrea Walker

**ST. BERNADETTE
SUNDAY, JULY 14 - 8:00 AM**

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

STEWARDSHIP

6/30/19
Strawberry Festival \$4,814.85
Offertory 395.00
Votives 9.00
Peter's Pence 111.00
TOTAL \$5,329.85
CSA—Pledged - \$7,685
Paid - \$6,230

THE HISTORY OF RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

The Cambridge Springs Heritage Society will present the History of Rural Electrification in Cambridge Springs since 1935 on Tuesday, July 9 at 7:00 pm at the Cambridge Springs First Baptist Church. Refreshments to follow. All are invited!

**DAYS OF PRAYER
AT CARMELITE MONASTERY**

The Carmelite Monastery, 510 E. Gore Rd, Erie, will host Days of Prayer beginning Thursday, July 11 through Tuesday, July 16th, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Eleven priest of our diocese will each conduct one of the eleven services under the theme: Mary, Our Mother and What She Means to Me.

Masses each morning at 8:00 am will be offered for the intentions of all making the Days of Prayer. Services each evening at 7:30 pm consist of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Sermon. There are no services the evening of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The Rosary and divine Mercy Chaplet are offered daily at 7:15 am and 6:45 pm.

LOVE NATURALLY

Natural Family Planning: Cooperating with God's Design for Married Love is this year's theme for National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week. Join other families in celebrating God's Vision for married love on Sunday, July 21st at the 11:00 Mass at St. Peter Cathedral with Bishop Persico. Following Mass, all are invited to a free luncheon at Mother Theresa Academy cafeteria, followed by the opportunity to join other families at Presque Isle State Park. More information at www.eriecd.org/awareness-mass.htm.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANN NOVENA

St. Ann Church, 921 East Ave, Erie, will host the 100th anniversary of the annual novena in honor of St. Ann on July 18 - 26. Redemptorist Fr. Kevin MacDonald, CSsR, will conduct this year's novena. Bishop Lawrence Persico will celebrate a special Mass on July 26 at 7:30 pm. A reception will follow in the downstairs social hall of St. Ann Church.

BINGO - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, July 15. 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 Sunday

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$983.00
Maintenance	253.00
Rent	300.00
Candles	26.00
Peter's Pence	560.00
CSA	150.00
Latin Mass	230.00
TOTAL	\$2,502.00

Catholic Services Appeal
Pledged: \$20,926 Paid: \$13,476

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
