

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

The Work of the People

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We now move from liturgical music and song into the liturgical environment. Environment has been defined as “physical surroundings and conditions, especially as affecting people’s lives.” Certainly, when speaking of the liturgical environment, we are speaking of the physical surroundings as they affect our worship. Certainly, we don’t need to have the most beautiful church building in the world or the diocese to worship well. The interior of the building does not have to be adorned with the finest artworks of the Masters and the exterior does not have to be manicured by the best landscaper in the area. This is a special place however because of the action that is carried on by the believing community and, therefore, we need to use the resources we have to help it look like this special place.

In the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* we read, “These arts (the fine arts), by their very nature, are oriented toward the infinite beauty of God, which they attempt in some way to portray by the work of human hands. They are dedicated to advancing God’s praise and glory to the degree that they center on the single aim of turning the human spirit devoutly toward God” (#122). We also hear “In encouraging and favoring art that is truly sacred, Ordinaries should strive after noble beauty rather than mere sumptuous display” (#124). From this directive has come the term “noble simplicity” used in reference to the building itself as well as that which decorates it. This term is used extensively in the document that governs how our church buildings are to be built as well as how they are to be decorated for celebrations and seasons, *Environment and Art in Catholic Worship*.

I will write more of this in the weeks to come but let us begin at the beginning. If I were to ask you, as I often do to others, “What are the three most important objects in a Catholic church building?”, how would you respond? Many times, people respond that the first is the tabernacle or the cross or the statues. If that were your response, you would be wrong. It is not that these are not important, but they don’t answer the question of “most important” correctly.

To answer the question of the three most important objects, we have to answer a prior question. What is the primary purpose for the church building

in the first place? This is the place in which the Church, the People of God, gathers to praise and worship God and to give thanks for the many gifts with which God has blessed them. This is the place for the celebration of God’s presence and action in our lives and in our world. This is the place for the celebration of our entire life in Christ in microcosm for the celebration of the Mass, as well as the other sacraments and the Liturgy of the Hours.

Having answered that question leads us to ask the initial question in a slightly different way. What three objects in the church building most aid in this purpose? If you now answered the altar, the ambo, and the chair, you would now be right. These are the three most important objects in the church building. How does each of these fit into the purpose for which the building exists? For an answer, you will have to look here in *The Work of the People* next week.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 21

Monday: Ex. 14:5-18/Ex. 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Jn. 20:1-2, 11-18
 Tuesday: Ex. 14:21; 15:1/Ex. 15:8-9, 10 & 12, 17/Mt. 12:46-50
 Wednesday: Ex. 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps. 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/
 Mt. 13:1-9
 Thursday: 2 Cor. 4:7-15/Ps. 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/
 Mt. 20:20-28
 Friday: Ex. 20:1-17/Ps. 19:8, 9, 10 11/Mt. 13:18-23
 Saturday: Ex. 24:3-8/Ps. 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt. 13:24-30
 Sunday: Gn. 18:20-32/Ps. 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8/Col. 2:12-14/
 Lk. 11:1-13

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Phone calls, emails, texts and tweets can reduce our lives to a continual series of interrupted moments. Listen to Jesus in today’s gospel: “You are anxious about many things” robbing us of the precious time needed to BE with others. Quality time is intentional time - free from distractions.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations Liturgies on Sunday, August 25 at Sacred Heart in Erie. The liturgy begins at 2:00 pm. To register or to receive a scroll by mail, please contact your parish office or the Marriage and Family Life Office, 814 824-1265.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Being hospitable vs. being “present”. Some people are like Martha (doing the cooking) others are like Mary (listening attentively to a guest) (Luke 10:38-42). Both are necessary. In your marriage, which of you are drawn to which role? Try switching one time to broaden your skill set.

WORSHIP

Monday, July 22
 8:00 am + A Special Intention for Sarah Anne Miller
 (Jeanne Miller)

Tuesday, July 23
 8:00 am James Webster (Harry & Robin (Webster) Gallant

Wednesday, July 24
 7:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
 Living & Deceased Parishioners

Thursday, July 25
 8:00 am + John E. Auer

Friday, July 26
 8:00 am + Angela Osiecki (Josie Osiecki)

Saturday, July 27
 4:30 pm + Albert Mukina
 (Joan Rembielak & Bob & Phyllis Wronko)

Sunday, July 28
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
 George Zinchiak (Mary J. Zinchiak)
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY
 Living & Deceased Parishioners
 12:30 PM + LATIN MASS AT ST. ANTHONY
 William. P. Lyons, Sr. (Joanne Olsavsky Family)

NOTICE

There WILL BE Mass on Saturday, July 27th since the C.S. Fireman's parade route has been changed.

- CRAFTERS WANTED -

St. Anthony of Padua will hold a Craft Fair on Saturday, October 5 from 9am - 3pm. For more information please contact Sue (814 398-8265) or Kathleen (814 282-6707).

**123rd ANNUAL FRENCHTOWN
 HAM/CHICKEN DINNER**

St. Hippolyte Parish in Guys Mills will hold it's 123rd annual ham/chicken dinner on July 28 from Noon to 5:30 pm, or until sold out. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for senior citizens and \$7 for children. Outdoor seating and take-out meals will be available. Dining room is handicap accessible.

SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

See first hand how Seton, preschool thru 8th grade, helps students become active, life long learners. Schedule your tour today to get your child prepared for a bright tomorrow! Scholarships available. Open enrollment. Call, 814 336-2320 or www.seton-school.com for a tour or to register. All faiths welcome.

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Tuesday, July 23
 After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena

Saturday, July 27
 3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions

Sunday, July 28
 Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE
 After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY

FREE INFORMATION SESSION

As Bishop Lawrence Persico makes his required *ad limina* visit to Rome, the Diocese of Erie is offering a 10-day pilgrimage to Italy Nov.16-25, 2019. Led by Msgr. Edward Lohse and Father Nicholas Rouch, the trip will include stops in Assisi, Siena and San Giovanni Rotondo - home of St. Padre Pio - as well as Rome. Also on the agenda is a Mass with Bishop Persico at one of the papal basilicas. The final, no-obligation information session will be held on Sunday, Aug. 4 at 2 pm at Queen of the World Parish, 134 Queens Rd, St. Marys. Visit www.ErieRCD.org/pilgrimage2019.html for details or call Marianna at Unitours at 1 800 777-7432.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 SATURDAY, JULY 27 - 4:30 PM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Hermann/Tom Hobson/Jim Samson
 Lector: Kathleen Lipkovich

Altar Servers: Payton Leandro/Robert Moats

SUNDAY, JULY 28 - 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Rob Bullman/
 Christine Krzysiak/Barbara Milligan

Lector: Shawn Pflieger

Altar Servers: Sophia Mott/Paige Tucker

ST. BERNADETTE

SUNDAY, JULY 28 - 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Acker/C. Greco/J. Weagraff

Lector: B. Smith

Ushers: D. Nowak

Altar Servers: B. Greco

STEWARDSHIP

7/14/19

Offertory	\$343.00
Votives	23.00
Rent	500.00
Strawberry Festival	50.00
TOTAL	\$916.00

CSA: Pledged - \$7,705
 Paid - \$6,550

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Mon. Aug. 5 - 6:00 pm - Holy Name Society Mtg.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$981.00
Maintenance	388.00
Candles	16.00
Peter's Pence	20.00
CSA	<u>3,050.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,455.00

Catholic Services Appeal
 Pledged: \$22,741 Paid: \$16,731

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
