

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

The Work of the People

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Last week I wrote about the Liturgical Year in general. In the next few weeks, I will look at some of the ideas and topics that relate to the Liturgical Year. You know that within the Liturgical Year there are certain types of celebrations and commemorations. There actually is a hierarchy of these celebrations within the year. This four-part hierarchy consists of Solemnities, Feasts, Memorials, and Optional Memorials.

All Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation are considered to be Solemnities. These are celebrated with the greatest amount of ceremony. Of course, the Sundays of seasons such as Advent and Lent do not have some of the characteristics of other Sundays (there is no *Gloria* in either season and the *Alleluia* is replaced during Lent). Nevertheless, every Sunday is considered another Easter (the greatest day of our Church Year) and is celebrated as resurrection day. A few other celebrations are designated as Solemnities as well such as the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles.

There are six designated Holy Days of Obligation in the United States and Mass attendance is obligatory unless these fall on Saturday or Monday. With the popularity of the Sunday Vigil Mass (Saturday evening), there was some confusion over which day or celebration one was attending and so an exception was made. Now, there are exceptions to the exception. Christmas is always celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation as is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) since this is the patronal feast of the United States. Along with these two days, the Holy Days of Obligation are the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God (January 1), the Feast of the Ascension (40 days after Easter), the Feast of the Assumption (August 15), and the Feast of All Saints (November 1). What is the day that is most commonly mistaken as a Holy Day of Obligation? If you guessed Ash Wednesday, you are correct.

The next step in degree of celebrations would be Feasts. Some examples of Feasts are those of the apostles and evangelists. Some of the celebrations of the life of Jesus are designated as Feasts as well. Feasts are not celebrations of obligation but are major celebrations nonetheless. The Mass includes a *Gloria* but often not a *Profession of Faith*.

The next level of celebration is a Memorial which is most often the celebration of a major saint. These Memorials are generally not celebrated when they fall on a Sunday since a Feast or Solemnity trumps a Memorial. Are you confused yet? Well if not, know that in the seasons of Advent and Lent all Memorials become Optional Memorials (we have a choice of celebrating them or not) since the Mass of the Season is more important.

As indicated above, the Optional Memorial is just that – optional. These celebrations are for those we might consider as “minor saints” or those saints whose lives may have had little impact on our own because they were saints of a particular group of religious (Benedictine saints for instance) or they were part of the very early church. Just remember that there are many more saints than those placed on the Liturgical Calendar.

The Liturgical Year is organized in a Sacristy Book called an *Ordo* or Order of Worship. Liturgical calendars are also available through different publishers. I hope that this discussion has not been too confusing but enlightening.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 19

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps. 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn. 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps. 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn. 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps. 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn. 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps. 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn. 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps. 57:8-9, 10 & 12/Jn. 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps. 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn. 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps. 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Rv. 21:10-14,
22-23/Jn. 14:23-29

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus tells us: “Love one another.” Love holds a family together. It is not what a family *does* which makes it outstanding, rather it is what it *has*—love for one another.

MY PARISH APP

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 in the search bar.

AT THE CROSS

The Cambridge Springs Presbyterian Church is hosting At The Cross at the Fairgrounds in Cambridge Springs on Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 pm. The Devine Inspirations will lead the audience from Creation through Jesus' Resurrection using contemporary songs and hymns along with Bible scripture. Please bring a chair.

CAMP NOTRE DAME

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS
AND 2019 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Are you looking for the best summer job of your life? Do you love working with children? Are you willing to share your faith? Camp Notre Dame, a youth camp associated with the Diocese of Erie may be the place for you. If you are interested in a counselor position, then please visit the Camp Notre Dame Web Site at www.campnotredame.com and click on the employment link. If you have questions, you may call Fr. Mark Nowak at 398-4234.

WORSHIP

Monday, May 20
8:00 am + John E. Auer

Tuesday, May 21
8:00 am + PNA Lodge 1540

Wednesday, May 22
8:00 am + NO MASS

Thursday, May 23
8:00 am + Leona E. Auer

Friday, May 24
8:00 am + Harold W. Schmidt (Friends)

Saturday, May 25
4:30 pm + Ron & Lois Byers
(Joan Rembielak & Bob & Phyllis Wronko)

Sunday, May 26
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
Good Health & Healing for Hannah Palmer
(Grandparents, Bruce & Judy Palmer)

9:30 am - ST. ANTHONY
Living & Deceased Parishioners

12:30 pm + LATIN MASS AT ST. ANTHONY
William P. Lyons, Sr. (Joyce Lyons & Family)

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday - Wednesday - Friday - AT ST. BERNADETTE
7:00 am - Communion Service

Tuesday, May 21
After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena

Saturday, May 25
3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions

Sunday, May 26
Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE
After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
SATURDAY, MAY 25 - 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Kingston/Shawn Pflieger/Jim Samson
Lector: Kathleen Lipkovich
Altar Servers: Payton Leandro/Sydney Zilhaver

SUNDAY, MAY 26 - 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Theresa Douglas/
Christine Krzyziak/Harriet McLaren
Lector: Vicki Eckstein
Altar Servers: Paige Tucker/Andrea Walker

ST. BERNADETTE
SUNDAY, MAY 26 - 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Sada/G. Beisler/D. Nowak
Lector: D. Capell
Ushers: S. Sada, Jr.
Altar Servers: Greco/Levis

STEWARDSHIP

5/12/19

Offertory	\$523.00	CSA: Pledged - \$7,565
Votives	15.00	Paid - \$5,885
Good Shepherd	50.00	
Rent	825.00	
CCD	30.00	
Ascension	30.00	
TOTAL	\$1,473.00	

ST. PHILIP ANNUAL TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

St. Philip, located at 25797 State Hwy 98 in Crossingville will be having their annual church rummage sale on Thursday, May 23 and Friday, May 24 from 9 am - 5 pm and Saturday, May 25 from 9 am - noon. (Buy one bag and get second free on Saturday). Any questions please call 734-3705.

VBS

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 lowther-pam@gmail.com

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

“Love one another as I have loved you.” (John 13:34) It’s simple. It’s basic. It’s hard. Spend 5 minutes today sharing how Jesus loved his followers (healing, feeding, teaching, dying...) and how it translates to your marriage.

Please check the Lost and Found area in the Gathering Space for any articles you may have left behind .

*“Jesus, help me cling to you in my hardships.
Lord, I trust that you will
not abandon me.”*

BINGO - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony’s will be Monday, May 20. 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 Turkey and Stuffing 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	\$1,288.00
Maintenance	306.00
Donation	100.00
Candles	32.00
Pro-Life Flowers	76.00
CSA	770.00
Good Shepherd	130.00
Easter	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,727.00

Catholic Services Appeal
Pledged: \$20,881.00 Paid: \$11,901.00

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
