

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

The Work of the People
The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last week I wrote of the altar and the ambo and would have continued with a few words about the chair. I guess I wrote too much and ran out of space in the bulletin column. So, this week I will bring you a few words about the chair and some of the other liturgical objects used for worship. Remember, the three most important are the altar, ambo, and chair.

The chair is the liturgical object that usually is most misunderstood. It is much more than a place to rest. It is the place from which the liturgical prayer begins and it is the symbol of the teaching of Christ. The Latin word for chair, *cathedra*, is the word from which we get cathedral. In a traditional cathedral the chair may take the form of a throne. It is the place from which the bishop teaches. That teaching is passed on in each parish by the one who is delegated by the bishop, the pastor. "The importance of the personal symbol and function of the one who presides in liturgical celebration should not be underrated or underplayed, because it is essential for good celebration" (*Environment and Art, #70*). The chair should stand alone unless other ministers, such as a deacon, are present and part of the celebration.

Traditionally the presider sat in a seat known as a *sedilia* which is from the Latin *sedile* meaning seat. This usually took the form of a bench with three places to sit - one for the priest and the other two for the deacon and sub-deacon. Practically, for most parishes and most masses altar servers occupied the other two seats. This was generally placed at one end of the sanctuary rather than in a place of prominence because the orations (prayers) were said from the altar. Can you remember when the priest's back was to the assembly?

Today, we see the chair as having a more prominent place in the assembly and, as I have said, should stand alone. The altar servers, as with the other ministers, should sit in another place and not be part of the focus of the prayer until they have a role. "Different ministries in such an assembly do not imply 'superiority' or 'inferiority.' Different functions are necessary in the liturgy as they are in any human, social activity. The recognition of different gifts and talents and the ordination, institution or delegation for the different services required (priest, reader, acolyte, musician, usher, etc.) is to facilitate

worship. These are services to the assembly and those who perform them are servants of God who render services to the assembly" (*Environment and Art in Catholic Worship, #37*).

Even though these three – altar, ambo, chair – are the three focal points during worship, the primary demand on the space as a whole is: "Does it accommodate the Assembly?" This is the primary purpose for the existence of the space in the first place. There is a need for attention to the "requirements of the liturgical celebration" and a demand that liturgy makes on the space: "the gathering of the faith community in a participatory and hospitable atmosphere for word and eucharist, for initiation and reconciliation, for prayer and praise and song" (*Environment and Art in Catholic Worship, #40*).

Next week I will speak of other objects within the space such as crucifix, candles, tabernacle, and statues.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4

Monday: Nm. 11:4b-15/Ps. 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt. 14:13-21
Tuesday: Dn. 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps. 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Lk. 9:28b-36
Wednesday: Nm. 13:1-2, 25 - 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/
Ps. 106:6-7b, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt. 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm. 20:1-13/Ps. 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt. 16:13-23
Friday: Dt. 4:32-40/Ps. 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 & 21/Mt. 16:24-28
Saturday: 2 Cor. 9:6-10/Ps. 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn. 12:24-26
Sunday: Wis. 18:6-9/Ps. 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22/Heb. 11:1-2,
8-19/Lk. 12:32-48

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus teaches us: "One's life does not consist of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff; we don't have time for the people in our lives. What is enough? Are the words of Jesus, "You fool", meant for us?

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The 2019 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage will be held at Sacred Heart in Erie on Sunday, August 25, at 2:00 pm. To register please go online to <https://www.eriecld.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office or the Marriage and Family Life Office at 814 824-1265.

NEEDED

Our Religious Education program is in need of an elementary teacher to team teach for this upcoming year. If interested, please contact the rectory at 398-4234.

"Lord, show me your glory!"

WORSHIP

Monday, August 5
8:00 am + John Auer

Tuesday, August 6
8:00 am + Special Intention

Wednesday, August 7
8:00 am + NO MASS

Thursday, August 8
8:00 am + Living & Dec. of Mukina & Carpio Families
(Joan Rembielak & Phyllis & Bob Wronko)

Friday, August 9
8:00 am + James Webster (Josie Osiecki)

Saturday, August 10
4:30 pm + Harold W. Schmidt
(Elaine Schmidt, Jeannine & Mackenzie Reibel)

Sunday, August 11
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY
Michael Milligan (Barb Milligan)

- 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).

**CHILD PROTECTION AND
CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS**

Documentation for Safety: All employees, volunteers and clergy in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children. To see what documentation and training is required in the diocese, visit <https://www.erieecd.org/shildprotection/>

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Tuesday, August 6
After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena

Saturday, August 10
3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions

Sunday, August 11
Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE
After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY
NOTE: Latin Mass will be the last Sunday of every month

COME TO ZABAWA

Zabawa - Holy Trinity's three day celebration of the Polish Heritage will be held Friday, August 23 from 5 - 10 pm and Saturday, August 24 from noon - 10 pm and Sunday, August 25 from noon - 6 pm at the Parish Grounds East 23rd and Reed Sts. For more information call 814 456-0671 or holyltrinityrc.org.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Vanity of vanities...All things are vanity" (Eccl 1:2) Let's face it, all of us are vain to some extent. We want to look good to others. Perhaps one of the few people who will give us honest feedback about our faults is your spouse. Share one weakness that you observe in your beloved today, but balance it with one thing that makes you proud of your beloved. Humbly accept both.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 - 4:30 PM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Hobson/Judy Kingston/Jim Samson
Lector: Marie Marteeny
Altar Servers: Robert Moats/Payton Leandro

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 - 9:30 AM

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

**ST. BERNADETTE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 - 8:00 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Acker/C. Greco/J. Weagraff
Lector: B. Smith
Ushers: D. Nowak
Altar Servers: B. Greco

STEWARDSHIP

7/28/19
Offertory \$324.00
Votives 3.00
TOTAL \$327.00

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

BINGO - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, August 5th. 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 Spaghetti Dinner will be available at a cost of \$5.00. Jackpot: \$975.00

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Mon. Aug. 5 - 6:00 pm - Holy Name Society Mtg.
Sun. Aug. 11 - Holy Name Sunday

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$1,080.00
Maintenance	390.00
National Needs	65.00
CSA	30.00
Contribution	2,624.05
Candles	30.00
Craft Fair	90.00
Latin Mass	234.00
TOTAL	\$4,543.05

Catholic Services Appeal
Pledged: \$23,241 Paid: \$17,341

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
