

## PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

## The Work of the People

*Pentecost Sunday*

It seems as though I began the discussion of the liturgy at an inopportune time. I have interrupted the discussion several times because of the seasons or Feasts. For the next three weeks, I will do the same because as we move from the Easter Season back into Ordinary Time, we have three successive Solemnities: Pentecost, the Holy Trinity, and Corpus Christi.

The Greek word for Pentecost means "fiftieth," and in early Christianity it referred to the entire fifty days of Easter. The roots of Pentecost can be found in the Jewish festival of Weeks (Shavuot), the fifty-day celebration following Passover (Exodus 23:16). It was a harvest Festival in which the first fruits of the harvest were offered to God in gratitude. It eventually became associated with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. Early Christians reinterpreted the Jewish festival as a commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, since the Acts of the Apostles records that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples when the festival of Pentecost was fulfilled (see Acts 2:1-11).

The celebration of Pentecost may begin on Saturday afternoon or evening with the Vigil. By the end of the fourth century in the West, Pentecost became a time for the initiation of those not baptized at Easter. Thus, a night vigil was added like the Easter Vigil for this purpose. With this early history in mind, this is a most appropriate time to initiate those who were not ready at the Easter vigil, or (not and) to celebrate the reception of Baptized Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

In the Gospel reading for the Mass During the Day, Jesus clarifies the essence of the disciples' mission (and ours). Where Matthew describes apostleship as teaching and baptizing, John summarizes the whole mission as forgiveness. The disciples have received Jesus' peace and his Spirit, and now they and those who come after are charged with making the peace of forgiveness present in the world until the end of time.

The reflection for this great Solemnity is from Edward P. Hahnenberg, PhD. Who is the author of *Theology for Ministry: An Introduction for Lay Ministers*.

The descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost traditionally marks the birth of the Church. But it's hardly the first time the Spirit shows up.

In the book of Genesis, the Spirit (ru'ah) hovers over the waters at the moment of creation (Gen 1:2). The psalms sing of God's Spirit renewing the face of the earth (Ps 104:30). Jesus' whole life is carried along by the Spirit. From the moment of his conception ("The Holy Spirit will come upon you," Luke 1:35) to his first words

as a teacher ("The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," Luke 4:18) to his final promise ("Receive the Holy Spirit," John 20:22)—the Spirit serves not only as the bond of love between the Son and the Father but also as the living link between Christ and his people.

The Holy Spirit is nothing other than God alive and active in the world. If Jesus is how God burst forth into human history, then the Spirit is how God continues to burn in the human heart. The Spirit is God's love for each one of us. It is God's loving presence within me.

The beauty of God's gift is that it comes to us as we are. When the apostles shared the gift of the Spirit, the people who listened did not need to learn a new language. Instead they confessed, "we heard them speaking in our own tongues the mighty acts of God" (Acts 2:11). The one Spirit does not obliterate the amazing diversity of the Body of Christ, but rather makes possible the marvelous contribution of each and every part to the life of the whole.

***Come Holy Spirit...***  
***Enlighten our minds***  
***that we may see what is right,***  
***strengthen our wills***  
***that we may do what is right,***  
***inflare our hearts with love for God***  
***and charity for our neighbor.***

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 9

**Monday:** 2 Cor. 1:1-7/Ps. 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt. 5:1-12  
**Tuesday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps. 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/  
Mt. 5:13-16  
**Wednesday:** 2 Cor. 3:4-11/Ps. 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt. 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** 2 Cor. 3:15; 4:1, 3-6/Ps. 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14/  
Mt. 5:20-26  
**Friday:** 2 Cor. 4:7-15/Ps. 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/Mt. 5:17-32  
**Saturday:** 2 Cor. 5:14-21/Ps. 103:1-2, 3-4, 9, 10, 11-12/  
Mt. 5:33-37  
**Sunday:** Prv. 8:22-31/Ps. 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom. 5:1-5/  
Jn. 16:12-15

### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

*Julia Carden*  
*William Moats*  
*James Mott*  
*Catherine Orlop*  
*Veronica Walker*

*All the best in your future endeavors!*

### LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?

Apply to Camp Notre Dame. Available positions: Senior Staff and Kids Kamp Counselor. Be someone who C.A.R.E.S. Camp Notre Dame runs a C.A.R.E. philosophy—Christ, Awareness, Recreation and Education is what we implement daily. Please check the bulletin board for description of the available positions.

# WORSHIP

Monday, June 10  
 8:00 am + Rev. John Barwin (Parishioners of St. Anthony)  
 Tuesday, June 11  
 8:00 am + John Auer  
 Wednesday, June 12  
 8:00 am + NO MASS  
 Thursday, June 13, St. Anthony of Padua—  
 Priest & Doctor of the Church  
 8:00 am + Feast of St. Anthony  
 Friday, June 14  
 8:00 am + Margaret Styborski (Kathleen Lipkovich)  
 Saturday, June 15  
 4:30 pm + Nell Rembielak  
 (Joan Rembielak & Phyllis & Bob Wronko)  
 Sunday, June 16  
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE  
 Living & Deceased Parishioners  
 9:30 AM + AT ST. ANTHONY  
 In Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers  
 (Betty Ann Calupca)

# PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday - Wednesday - Friday AT ST. BERNADETTE  
 7:00 am - Communion Service  
 Tuesday, June 11  
 After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena  
 6:30 pm - Finance Council Mtg. at St. Anthony  
 Saturday, June 15  
 3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions  
 Sunday, June 16  
 Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE'S  
 After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY'S

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 15 - 4:30 PM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Hermann/Tom Hobson/Jim Samson  
 Lector: Shawn Pflieger  
 Altar Servers: Payton Leandro/Robert Moats

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16 - 9:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Larry Douglas/  
 Harriet McLaren/Barbara Milligan  
 Lector: Julie Hobson  
 Altar Servers: Max Marteeny/Andrew Walker

**ST. BERNADETTE**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 16 - 8:00 AM**

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

<b>6/2/19</b>		
Offertory	\$683.50	CSA:
Votives	15.00	Pledged—\$7,615
Memorial	1,000.00	Paid—\$6,010
Peter's Pence	20.00	
International Needs	85.00	
CCD	35.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,838.50</b>	

**PRAYER TO OUR PATRON ST. ANTHONY**

Dear St. Anthony, holy Patron of our Parish,  
 we have placed our petitions before God.  
 We are praying for our Parish, our Community,  
 for our families and for ourselves.  
 Intercede for each of us and obtain the blessings of heaven  
 upon our labors.

Help us in our moments of weakness;  
 be our defense against sickness and dangers of body and soul;  
 support us in the sufferings and trials  
 which God in His wisdom seems fit to allow;  
 help us not to falter in Faith and Trust.

Obtain for us from the Lord, goodness of heart  
 so that we may share God's bounty with the poor and suffering.  
 Help us to understand and to forgive.  
 O Saint of Wonders, we honor you  
 and make our prayer through Jesus Christ  
 who lived, died and rose for the salvation of all people

Amen

**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](http://www.vbspro.events/p/event/cambridgsprings) or contact VBS Director Pam Lowther at [lowther-pam@gmail.com](mailto:lowther-pam@gmail.com)

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies on Sunday August 25 at Sacred Heart in Erie. Liturgy begins at 2:00 pm. To register, contact your parish office or Family Life Office at 814 824-1265.

*"Father, thank you for the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit!"*

**BINGO** - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, June 17. 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	\$1,245.00
Maintenance	400.00
Candles	25.00
International Needs	216.00
CSA	530.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,416.00</b>

Catholic Services Appeal  
 Pledged: \$20,921 Paid: \$12,481

**CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA**

**CHURCH NO.:**

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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