Good Samaritan

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The one who treated him with mercy."
Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

July 14, 2019

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday – Friday	
In the Dom Boze Chapel	*8:00 am*
Saturday Vigil Mass	*5:00 pm*
Sunday	*10:00 am*
Holy Days of Obligation	*5:30 pm*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Monday – Friday
Closed for Lunch 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Closed Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Pre – Baptismal program for parents who desire to share their faith with their children is held monthly in one of the parishes in the Erie East Deanery. Call the Parish Office for the schedule. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics and obtain a Letter of Recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sponsor.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday – 4:15 – 4:45 pm Individual Confessions by appointment call Office to schedule.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Before a date is scheduled the engaged couple is to meet with one of the priests at least six months in advance to complete the required preparation.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Can be requested when a parishioner is seriously ill or in danger of death, please contact the Office. With the privacy laws we do not always know when a parishioner is hospitalized or in a nursing care facility, if they would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion from the Eucharistic Minister or priest let us know.

Parish Catholic Education Program – PCEP Holy Trinity Parish will assist with tuition costs for families who desire a Catholic School Education for their children in the primary or secondary level. To be eligible for the Parish Grant, families must actively participate in the program and attend Mass and be involved.

PLEASE REMEMBER HOLY TRINITY IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING As you meet with your attorney or financial planner consider the needs of our Parish Family for future years as a legacy to you and your family with your generous remembrance.

BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE: Submit to the Parish Office for the following weekend bulletin – Monday by Noon

"A Parish built on tradition... where everyone is Welcome."

July 14, 2019

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WHAT MAKES A SAMARITAN 'GOOD'?

REFLECTION:

Like all of Jesus' parables, even one as famous as the good Samaritan has its twists and turns. The priest and the Levite — and perhaps the "scholar of the law" to whom the parable is addressed — are supposed to be the good guys. If the priest and Levite assumed from the opposite side of the road that the robbers' victim was dead, they could have argued under the Law that contact with a corpse would defile them, making them ritually unclean. Here's the catch, though. Because the oral tradition of the day made exception for neglected corpses, they also could have justified the risk of going over to check whether the man was dead or not. And Jesus seems to be implying that they obviously should have.

Enter the antihero, the Samaritan. Hatred between the Samaritans and the Jews was strong in the time of Jesus. I once read a rather unique interpretation suggesting that if the beaten victim were himself a Jew, then despite his obvious dire need, he might have thought to himself, "I'd rather die than be helped by one of them." And yet the man's very life is saved by his enemy. And the Samaritan certainly goes beyond the call of duty in binding the man's wounds, offering his donkey and overpaying the innkeeper. So the parable would have been profoundly uncomfortable for the Jews in Jesus' audience to imagine a hated Samaritan recognizing and loving his neighbor more authentically than the Jewish religious professionals.

For my money, though, the key word to understanding at a deeper level is the Greek verb *esplanchnisthe*. The Lectionary says that the Samaritan "was moved with compassion," but that's a pretty genteel translation. Apparently, in the conversational Greek of the day, a closer approximation would be that the Samaritan "was wrenched in his guts" at the sight of the injured man. That's a pretty strong hint that the Samaritan's response was deep, instinctual and profoundly human.

The Samaritan didn't need to stand around thinking about the Torah and how to read it. He didn't need to consult with a few rabbinical scholars. He responded instead from the law of love for God and neighbor already written in his heart. "You have only to carry it out" (Dt 30:14). Jesus tells the scholar of the law — and he tells us, too — "Go and do likewise."

SELFLESSNESS

"I imagine that the first question the priest and Levite asked was, 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But by the very nature of his concern, the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'"

— Martin Luther King Jr.

OPENING *the Word:*

First Reading

DT 30:10-14

In a farewell address to the people of Israel, Moses tells them that the Law written on stone tablets must now be completed by the one written in their hearts.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37

"Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live."

Second Reading

COL 1:15-20

Paul reminds the Colossians of Christ's cosmic power and significance, assuring them that the world has been reconciled "by the blood of the cross."

Gospel

LK 10:25-37

The parable of the good Samaritan illustrates that authentic love of neighbor encompasses all who are in need, and it demands action in response.

QUESTIONS *TO PONDER:*

- Have you ever experienced God working in unexpected ways?
- Paul says: "Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation." What does that mean to you? How do you understand it, and why should it matter to you?
- Do you believe that the command of God "is something very near to you, already in your mouth and in your heart"?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 13 -15 Sunday Ordinary Time
5:00 + Emily Figurski & Special Intention (John & Family)
Sunday, July 14 – 15 Sunday Ordinary Time
10:00 + For the People of Holy Trinity Parish
Monday, July 15 – Saint Bonaventure
8:00 + John E. Magraw (Family)
Tuesday, July 16 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel
No Mass
Wednesday, July 17 – Weekday
No Mass
Thursday, July 18 – St. Camillus de Lellis
8:00 + For the Sick, Hospitalized & Homebound
Friday, July 19 – Weekday
8:00 + Chester Matusiak (Deacon Tom)
Saturday, July 20 – 16 Sunday Ordinary Time
5:00 + Jozef & Zofia Scibor (Jozef, Dorota & Adrianna)
Sunday, July 21 –16 Sunday Ordinary Time
10:00 + Albert & Carolyn DiMattio (Family)

WEEKLY OFFERING – July 7, 2019

Regular Offertory	$1,465.00	50/150 mailed
Loose Cash	$ 49.00	
Total Offertory	$1,514.00	
Votive Candles	$ 5.00	

Mass Attendance: 5:00: 45 & 10:00: 63

This Week		July 1 to date
Dream Goal	$3,000.00	$1,514.00
Amount we need:	$2,365.00	$2,365.00
Amount received:	$1,514.00	$1,514.00
Net over/short	($ 851.00)	($851.00)

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL – 2019

As of July 8 we are happy to report
Pledges: $26,175.00
Paid: $23,345.00 Due: $2,830.00
80 families have contributed to the 2019 CSA. Our THANKS for your SUPPORT!

MINISTERS FOR JULY 20 & 21

Lectors
5:00 PM Theresa Ignaczak
10:00AM Bill Downing
Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 PM Alice & Robert Koziel
10:00AM Kathy Smith & John & Patty Stano
Altar Servers
5:00 PM Mia & Nina Mangini
10:00 AM Marcus & Lauren Brieger

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

In today's Gospel passage from Luke, we read the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan. Here, Jesus teaches us in rich detail what stewardship in action looks like. In fact, this parable could just as accurately be called the parable of the Good Steward. The first thing we note about the Good Samaritan is that he is aware of the needs of those around him and responds generously. While the priest and Levi brush right past the man on the side of the road, the Samaritan is watching for those who might be in need. He has a way of looking at the world around him, and so, he is able to "see" in a way that the others did not, and he was "moved with compassion at the sight" of the man. Next, we see the Good Samaritan spring into action to serve this man, setting aside his own schedule and plans in order to meet his needs. He does not just give the man a few dollars or offer some quick words of encouragement from across the road. He goes right up to the man. He cleans and bandages his wounds. He puts the man on his own animal and brings him to an inn where he can heal. He ensures that the innkeeper would continue to look after him and he commits to returning to the man on his way back. That is how we are to live out God's commandments. That is true hospitality and service. That is how a good steward springs into action when he comes upon a neighbor in need. And Jesus says to each of us personally, just as He did in today's Gospel, "Go and do likewise."

Please pray for those who are hospitalized, ill, homebound, and in nursing facilities, as well as those who care for them. Please pray, too, for those in the military and those who serve us in various service careers.

Stewardship

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)

Stewardship, quite simply, is recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God and being grateful and generous with those gifts. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us. Stewardship isn't a process, or a campaign, or an accounting of our gifts. Rather, it is a lifestyle rooted in gratitude and generosity. The whole point of stewardship is to help each other strengthen our relationship with God and get to Heaven! The foundation of stewardship is prayer – talking and listening to God every day, throughout the day. Stewardship means putting complete trust in God, in all things. Stewardship means sharing all of our gifts, especially that one that means the most to you. By sharing all of our gifts, it helps us keep God first in everything, from putting other "gods" before God. It helps us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives. Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one he wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. When we align our thoughts and actions with God's plan and use our gifts in the way God intended, our lives become transformed with Joy, Love, Mercy and Peace!

31 Club – Vocations

14) Julie Slomski
15) Dorothy & Mead Carlson
16) Corinne Dyakon
17) Dave Slubowski
18) Pearl Wisniewski
19) Bill Dyakon
20) Michael Skrzypczak

A Family Perspective - 7/14/19

Children learn by watching us. Do they see you helping others like the Good Samaritan, or do they see you avoiding others like the Levite in today's gospel? You should worry more about what your children see in your life than what they see on TV. Think about it.

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 4, at St. Catherine of Siena in DuBois or Sunday, August 25, at Sacred Heart in Erie. Both liturgies will begin at 2:00 p.m. To register for either event or to receive a scroll visit https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html or contact your parish office or the Marriage and Family Life Office, (814) 824-1265 or (800) 374-3723 ext. 265.

A Sign Interpreted Mass for the Deaf is held every Sunday at 11:00AM at St. Joseph/Bread of Life Community Church, 147 West 24th St., Erie. C all 824-1257 or email d&dministry@erieRCD.org .

HEAVEN CAN WAIT

A minister caught two little boys playing hooky from Bible school. He asked them, "Don't you want to go to heaven?" "Not me," one boy said. The minister responded, "You don't want to go to heaven when you die?" "Sure, when I die," the boy responded. "I thought you were getting up a group to go now."

We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver their weekly envelopes to the parish office while they are out-of-town or on vacations this Summer. Our parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation when you do, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here at Holy Trinity Church.

ARCHBISHOP'S FULTON J. SHEEN REMAINS MOVED TO PEORIA; SAINTHOOD CAUSE IS REOPENED

Tom Dermody Catholic News Service
07/03/2019

PEORIA, Ill. (CNS) — As a small group of witnesses silently looked on, the mortal remains of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen were interred at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria late in the afternoon of June 27, completing a transfer from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York that began early that morning.

Peoria Bishop Daniel R. Jenky was among those present as the casket arrived by hearse at the cathedral where Archbishop Sheen was ordained a priest nearly a century ago. The bishop blessed with holy water a container holding the casket as it was carried up the cathedral steps by nine seminarians and again after it was placed in a new tomb at a side altar dedicated to Mary under the title of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Earlier in the day, Bishop Jenky announced that the sainthood cause for the famed preacher, media pioneer, author and missionary had resumed after being suspended for five years pending the resolution of a legal dispute over the location of Archbishop Sheen's remains. The Peoria Diocese opened Archbishop Sheen's cause for canonization in 2002. His heroic virtue and life of sanctity were recognized in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI, who granted him the title "Venerable."

Since his death Dec. 9, 1979, at age 84, Archbishop Sheen had been interred in a basement crypt under the main altar of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Diocese of Peoria officials are hopeful that Pope Francis will soon receive evidence of an alleged miracle attributed to Archbishop Sheen's intercession. Already approved by medical experts and theological advisers to the Vatican's Congregation for Saints' Causes, it involves the healing in 2010 of a newborn infant who was without vital signs for more than 60 minutes.

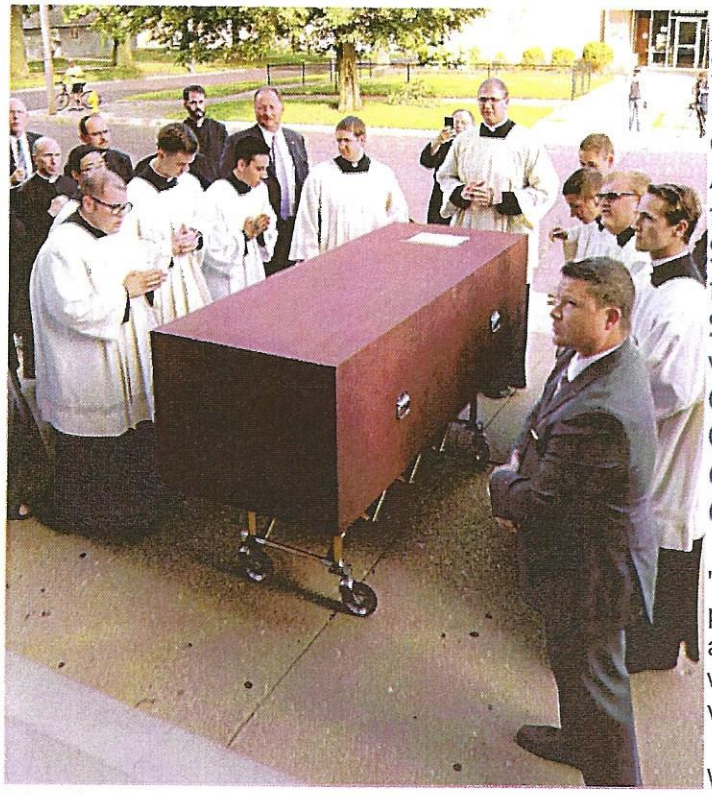
Authentication of the miracle by Pope Francis could then lead him to call for Archbishop Sheen's beatification. Bishop Jenky encouraged prayers for Archbishop Sheen's cause and expressed the hope that a beatification ceremony could be scheduled in Peoria during the 100th anniversary year of Archbishop Sheen's priestly ordination. Archbishop Sheen was ordained Sept. 20, 1919.

Present at both the disinterment of her uncle's remains in New York and their arrival at the cathedral in Peoria was Joan Sheen Cunningham, Archbishop Sheen's closest living relative who petitioned the New York court system for the transfer in 2016.

Efforts by the New York Archdiocese and the trustees of St. Patrick's Cathedral to block the transfer ended when the New York Court of Appeals rejected their final appeal June 7. The archdiocese has since cooperated with the Diocese of Peoria in ensuring the transfer followed both civil law and church law.

Among the church law requirements was that the transfer be done without any solemnity. It was not publicized in advance, and no liturgical ceremony or public gathering took place during the transfer. However, after the diocesan interment Bishop Jenky led the small group of priests, women religious and officials present in a song to Mary.

"Let us conclude as I know Fulton Sheen would want us to," said Bishop Jenky as he began to sing the "Salve Regina."



Seminarians of the Diocese of Peoria, Ill., carry the container with the remains of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen from the hearse to the steps of the St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria June 27, 2019. Archbishop Sheen's remains were transferred from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City to the Peoria cathedral. *CNS photo/Jennifer Willems, The Catholic Post*

"I thought everything done here was perfect, just perfect," Cunningham said afterward. "Very reverent. I know my uncle would like it, and I'm sure he's sleeping very peacefully."

While Cunningham and her son, Paul -- who also was present -- both live in New York, she noted Archbishop Sheen "has a tremendous amount of family" in his native Peoria area who are pleased at the return of his remains and the effort the Diocese of Peoria has made to that end. While the events surrounding the transfer were kept private and discreet, the public was invited to visit the tomb starting June 28. Patricia Gibson, chancellor of the Diocese of Peoria, was the official witness of the disinterment and transfer of the remains.

After working for 18 years with Bishop Jenky on the archbishop's cause, "it was a great privilege and honor to be present and witness the transfer of Archbishop Sheen's remains to his home cathedral in Peoria where he served Mass as a youth and was ordained a priest 100 years ago," Gibson said in a statement. Born in El Paso, Illinois, and raised in Peoria, Archbishop Sheen was a brilliant academic who served on the faculty of The Catholic University of America for 24 years. He gained fame and influence with radio and early television series such as the "Catholic Hour" and "Life is Worth Living" that reached millions. He won an Emmy Award for Most Outstanding Television Personality in 1953.

He brought many into the Catholic faith, including celebrities such as Claire Booth Luce and Henry Ford II. From 1950 to 1966 he served as national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and his fame helped raise large amounts of money for support of the foreign missions.

Ordained as a bishop in 1951, he served as an auxiliary bishop of New York and from 1966 to 1969 as bishop of Rochester, New York. The author of dozens of books — including his autobiography, "Treasure in Clay" — Archbishop Sheen spent his final years preaching retreats and missions.

What is beatification?

Beatification is a ceremony at which the title of Blessed is granted to a Servant of God. Blesseds are recognized by the Catholic Church for their martyrdom or their holiness of life and intercessory power through graces, favors, or miracles that are granted by God.

What is canonization?

Canonization is the ceremony celebrated by the Pope at which the title of Saint is granted to a Blessed. Saints are recognized universally by the Catholic Church as models of holiness to be imitated. They are also intercessors who pray for us to God.

Who has the power to beatify or canonize?

The Pope alone has the power to declare someone a Blessed or a Saint. According to the current practice, the Pope orders the Beatification which is carried out by the Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation of the Causes of Saints in the place where the Cause of the Servant of God was studied.

How does the Pope know who to beatify or canonize?

The Pope is assisted by the Congregation of the Causes of Saints which is part of the Roman Curia. Requests to begin a Cause come from around the world. Individual Bishops study the life or miracles attributed to an individual Servant of God and forward the results of their investigations to the Congregation for study.

What makes a saint?

God grants us grace to live a life of holiness according to his will. Saints are those who respond to the grace of God in an extraordinary way. Responding to God's initiative, Saints are those who live lives of great and heroic virtue. They are sure examples of holiness for us to imitate. Their closeness to God also makes them powerful intercessors who we ask to pray for us before the Lord. God manifests his desire that the Saints be honored and revered by granting graces, favors, and miracles through their intercession.

What are the steps to Beatification?

The laity generally manifests the common opinion about the holiness of a particular person. The request is made to the local Bishop of the place where the person died. If the Bishop thinks the Cause is worthy, he initiates the Cause and begins a diocesan inquiry into the martyrdom or life and virtues of the person. At this stage, the person is called Servant of God.

The diocesan inquiry is studied by the Congregation of the Causes of Saints. If it is proven that the Servant of God practiced a life of heroic virtue, the Pope decrees the person to be Venerable. He or she is then called the Venerable Servant of God.

If it is proven that a Servant of God was a true martyr, after the diocesan inquiry and the study of the Congregation, the Pope decrees the person to be recognized as a martyr, after which he or she can be beatified.

For a Venerable Servant of God who was not a martyr, one proven miracle is necessary. After an alleged miracle is investigated by the local bishop and studied by the Congregation, the Pope can recognize the miracle by decree, after which the person may be beatified.

The Cause does not end with Beatification. It is important to continue to pray for an additional miracle, occurring after the Beatification, which can lead to Canonization. Saints are Canonized by the Holy Father in a ceremony generally celebrated at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

What are the next steps in the Cause of Fulton Sheen?

The Cause for the Beatification and Canonization of the Venerable Servant of God was reopened after the mortal remains were transferred to St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria, Illinois. We await the approval of Pope Francis of the miracle presented through the intercession of Archbishop Sheen. Once the miracle is confirmed, plans will be made for the Beatification of Archbishop Sheen. The date for Beatification will be announced by Pope Francis.

It is hoped that Fulton Sheen can be Beatified during the 100th year of his ordination to the priesthood, which took place in Peoria in 1919.

Are there plans regarding relics?

First class relics come from the body of the Blessed, such as a small strand of hair or fragment of bone. Second class relics come from those items that the Blessed wore or owned. The Diocese of Peoria has various second- class relics, especially vestments worn by Archbishop Sheen. For the Beatification ceremony, it is customary to respectfully prepare a first- class relic for veneration.

The preparation of a first- class relic depends on the Congregation of the Causes of Saints which regulates this process. There will be no information about the preparation of relics until the Congregation has given its instructions.

PRAYER FOR CANONIZATION

Heavenly Father, source of all holiness, You raise up within the Church in every age men and women who serve with heroic love and dedication. You have blessed Your Church through the life and ministry of Your faithful servant, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen. He has written and spoken well of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and was a true instrument of the Holy Spirit in touching the hearts of countless people.
If it be according to Your Will, for the honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity and for the salvation of souls, we ask You to move the Church to proclaim him a saint. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Imprimatur:
+Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C., Bishop of Peoria

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

Kathy Benes and Kathy Smith will be coordinators. This is how it works. Someone calls either Kathy to request prayer/intention for an individual. They will call the first person on the list to pray for that person. (The coordinator that received the request will also call the other coordinator to advise of the start of the chain.) The first person will contact the second person and so on down the line. If you get an answering machine or a family member please leave a message and call the next person on the list. If you are texting please ask for a return text to assure that yours was received. The last person on the list calls a coordinator to let her know that the chain has been finished. We may not always know the result of our prayers or what happened to the person we prayed for but we thought that we could pray for the person by name for a week or two and afterwards include them (but not by name) in our daily prayers. If someone in the chain gets a request for prayers please contact one of the coordinators so the chain can be started from the top. A request can include a specific reason or just ask for prayer for someone, please keep prayers involving personal matters in complete confidence. Kathy Benes - 814- 898-1091 or Kathy Smith - 814-392-8974 (call or text)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU:

July 16 – Raymond Luniewski
July 20 – Charlotte Allen

Countdown only 40 days until our 26th Zabawa kicks off on **August 23, 24, & 25th**. Mark your calendar it will be here before we know it. We ask you to pitch in and help the committee get ready by sharing your time and talents to make it a success. Invite your family and friends to join in the fun in our good old neighborhood. Spread the word and have people mark the dates for Zabawa 2019.

Chrusciki Baking Dates

July 15th, 22nd & 29 Sessions at 6:00pm. Doors open at 5:00pm. Parishioners are welcome to help make our Chrusciki for the Bakery.

Sell or Buy your Grand Award Tickets and return them for the early bird drawing by Wednesday, July 31st. Anyone that sells all of their tickets and returns them by July 31st will be eligible for the $100 early bird drawing. Sellers drawing will be the weekend of August 4th. Additional tickets are available at the Parish Office.

Baskets are at all the entries of the Social Hall for donations of Wine, Auction Items and Children's area. Promote ZABAWA. Flyers are at all the bulletin stations, please take as many as you need. Advertiser forms: both are due to the Parish Office by July 31st.

Parish Pastoral Council Gathering

We have rescheduled to Tuesday, July 23rd at the home of Michelle Inter at 6:00PM. If you are unable to attend, please call either Parish Office 456-0671 or 452-6606. Our gathering will be a meet and greet with Father Jason.

REMINDER --- Our weekend Masses are celebrated in our Social Hall. Enjoy the air conditioning and the fellowship of our Parish.

'Treasures of Italy' pilgrimage

In conjunction with Bishop Lawrence Persico's 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 Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. at Queen of the World Parish, 134 Queens Road, St. Marys.

ZABAWA YARD SIGNS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PLACEMENT IN THOSE FRONT YARDS OF PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE HIGH TRAFFIC TO ADVERTISE OUR UPCOMING **ZABAWA.** OUR THANKS TO CONNIE KNECHT, KATHY & PEARL WISNIEWSKI, THERESA & SKIP IGNACZAK FOR ASSEMBLING THESE SIGNS. SPREAD THE WORD!!!

100th Anniversary of St. Ann Novena

St. Ann's Church - 921 East Avenue - Erie, PA 16503 July 18^" - 26^" Fr. Kevin MacDonald C.SS.R. of the Redemptorist Order from Smyrna Beach, Florida will conduct this year's Novena. All are invited to attend. Novena Mass Schedule Thursday July 18*: 8:30 am & 7:30 pm Friday July 19*: 8:30 am & 7:30 pm (Anointing of the Sick) Saturday July 20*: 8:30 am & 4:00 pm (Blessing of Children) Sunday July 21'^: 8:30 am & 11:00 am Monday July 22"^ : 8:30 am & 7:30 pm Tuesday July 23'^^: 8:30 am & 7:30 pm Wednesday... July 24* : 8:30 am & 7:30 pm (Anointing of the Sick) Thursday July 25*: 8:30 am & 7:30 pm (Blessing of Religious Articles) Friday July 26* : 8:30 am & 7:30 pm (Blessing of Grandparents) Blessing with an authentic First Class Relic of St. Ann will be available to all after masses on Wednesday, July 24* / Thursday, July 25* / and Friday, July 26*. The Rosary will be recited before all masses. Fr. MacDonald will be available for confessions 45 minutes before and after each mass with the exception of Friday, July 26* following the 7:30 pm Mass. Bishop Persico will celebrate mass on July 26* - the Feast of Ss. Ann & Joachim at 7:30 pm. A reception will follow the Mass.

The St. James Annual Summer Festival will be held on August 2, 3, and 4 at 2602/2622 Buffalo Road. Grounds open at 5 pm on Friday and Saturday, and at Noon on Sunday. Festivities continue until 10 pm each night. Pony rides, games of chance, casino and BINGO each day. On Friday an Authentic Italian Dinner featuring Chuck & Ginny's famous sauce at 5pm. Cost: Adults: $9/Children 12 & Under $4. A full-course Turkey Dinner will be held on Sunday from Noon-6pm Cost: Adults - $10/Children 6-12 $6/Under 6 $3. Join us for the Polka Mass at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP

June 28, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Without outside assistance, over 80 Catholic dioceses in the United States and its territories cannot offer their people basic pastoral care, provide priestly formation, or organize lay ministry training. These areas of our nation which struggle with severe poverty, lack of resources and often rugged terrain and sparse populations are known as our "home mission dioceses." The Catholics who live in these places rely on your generous support in the annual National Needs Collection, to be taken up in our parishes this year on July 20 and 21. This collection is a combination of two separate appeals:

• The Catholic Home Mission Appeal helps to provide essential pastoral outreach in home mission dioceses through grants. These grants support priestly and religious vocations, faith formation, and education for local leaders to equip them to meet the unique needs of their faith communities.

• The Black and Indian Mission Collection, established in 1884, helps to evangelize and support our African American and Indigenous communities with mission schools, religious education programs, the purchase of catechetical materials, and ministry training. Thousands of the faithful living in home mission dioceses or in other mission circumstances struggle to receive basic pastoral care and catechesis. Scarce resources greatly limit the services which can be offered to them. As members of the Church in the United States, we are called to solidarity with our sisters and brothers who need our help to practice their faith right here at home.

Please give generously to the National Needs Collection on the weekend of July 20 and 21. May you and your families enjoy a restful and refreshing summer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

Parable of the Good Samaritan

" 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' " Luke 10:27

Based on Luke 10:25-37

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Sunday, Jul 14, 2019

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Won't you be my neighbor?

Fred Rogers, who would later famously have his own "Neighborhood," earned his first degree in music composition. He went to work in television and found his way into children's programming as a puppeteer, composer, and organist. He studied to become a Presbyterian minister and to earn a degree in child development in his off hours. After his ordination, his church agreed he should continue to be the best possible grownup neighbor to children who could use one. Neighbors aren't simply the folks next door. They're primarily the people who need us most.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37 (105). *"Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"*

Monday, Jul 15, 2019

MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Slavery no more

Today's first reading has a theme of slavery. Since many Catholics and church institutions profited from slavery in earlier centuries, the church's message of dignity for all was frequently muted then, but it has become increasingly clear. Modern popes and the official Catechism now strongly condemn the practice—an important stride since present-day slavery (human trafficking) continues to plague the United States and other countries. Take a step to uphold human dignity: Learn about modern slavery and how to help end it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34—11:1 (389). *"The Egyptians, then, dreaded the children of Israel and reduced them to cruel slavery."*

Tuesday, Jul 16, 2019

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The holy queen of hearts

Mary, the saint of saints, is also a person for all people. Many communities and cultures have a special closeness to her, a testimony of her closeness to the people. Mary was also close to the hermits of Mount Carmel located in the Holy Land of the 12th and 13th centuries. Eventually known as Carmelites, they prayed with Mary and sought her guidance as they walked in faith. They saw in Mary a person of deep prayer who could ponder and hold "all things in her heart." In what ways can Mary accompany you in a more contemplative stance in the world?

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24 (390). *"The woman therefore took the child and nursed it."*

Wednesday, Jul 17, 2019

Get your exercise

Figuring out God's will is about as daunting an undertaking as there is. Nonetheless, we Catholics are supposed to our base decisions on what we discern God wants. Here's a handy tool: Ignatian spirituality, which comes from the *Spiritual Exercises* by Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. This spirituality is characterized by seeking spiritual direction, finding God in all things, examining one's consciousness, and serving those in need. The *Exercises* are intended to be done over the course of a month. The next time you feel stumped, why not give them a try?

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27 (391). *"All things have been handed over to me by my Father."*

Thursday, Jul 18, 2019

MEMORIAL OF CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST

Bad boy makes good

Camillus de Lellis was a 16th-century Neapolitan bad boy. Son of an absent father and a mother who died when he was a child, he grew up unmanaged by family. He joined the army at 16, survived a war, then as a civilian gambled away his fortune. Having been wounded in battle, he came under the care of Capuchin Friars, who succeeded in converting him to the faith. He then founded a religious order of caregivers. Camillus is the patron saint of the sick, hospitals, doctors, and nurses, and the saint's intercession is often sought to heal gambling addiction. Invoke Saint Camillus today for your loved ones who are ill, infirm, or have a gambling problem.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30 (392). *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."*

Friday, Jul 19, 2019

FEAST OF SAINT MACRINA

Quibble over formalities or alleviate hunger?

Saint Macrina came from a family of future saints and exerted a strong influence on her siblings through her wisdom and piety. She likely would have relished today's readings. The grains crushed in the hands of Jesus' disciples or the holy bread in David's mouth answer powerfully whenever we question what comes first: rules or a pressing human need such as hunger? Macrina, bless all who hunger today, in body or in soul.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8 (393). *"Something greater than the temple is here."*

Saturday, Jul 20, 2019

MEMORIAL OF APOLLINARIS, BISHOP, MARTYR

Rainmakers

Saint Apollinaris, a second-century bishop in Asia Minor, once wrote a letter to the Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius in defense of Christianity in general and his own flock in particular. In petitioning the emperor, Apollinaris did not hesitate to remind him of a recent event. While on a military campaign against a Germanic tribe, Aurelius' army was in danger of dying of thirst—until one of his legions, the 12th, which was made up mostly of Christians, fell to its knees and prayed for rain. The sudden storm that followed saved the army and allowed them to defeat the Germans. A grateful Aurelius gave these men the name "Thundering Legion" and eased up on his persecution of Christians. How can you put your life in the hands of God today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21 (394). *"Many people followed him, and he cured them all, but he warned them not to make him known."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time

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