



From the Desk of Fr. Leo F. Arnone

On Vacation: I've decided to go visit my brother in Maryland. I'll have morning Mass on Monday, Aug. 10, but there'll be no Masses on Tuesday or Wednesday, Aug. 11 and 12. Unfortunately, JPPII Manor and the Convent are not open to the public for their Masses, so you might have to travel to a neighboring town for daily Mass.

Power House Sub Sale: Order forms are available at both parish offices and on both web sites. Please get as many orders as you can from your family, friends and co-workers. The order forms and payments are due Fri, Aug 14 with delivery on Wed. Aug. 26. Thanks for supporting this effort benefiting SA, FX and ASCS.

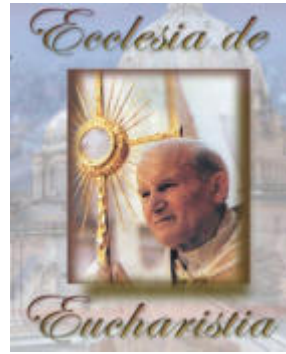


Attention All Registered Parishioners: Last month I sent all my families a letter along with a booklet of **\$2,500 Grand Prize Raffle Tickets.** Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, 12 for \$10.00. I'm hoping you will buy or sale them. If not, would you kindly return all unsold tickets to the parish so I can make them available to others – please & thank you!

Perogies, Halushki, & Pulled Pork Sliders: I'd like to add these items to our annual Festival beginning this year. So, I'm asking any of my parishioners who know how to make any of these items to step forward. The festival can supply (reimburse) needed materials. These can be made at your homes and then brought to the festival in roasters (or I can supply chaffing pans to keep them hot.) I will also need some volunteers to manage this new food booth. Please call me if you can help out with this endeavor.



Please consider donating items for the following festival events: gift baskets, rummage sale and fancy booth items, gift baskets, items that can be chanced or auctioned off, gift baskets, barrel of cheer items like wines, wine coolers, liquors, rums, whiskeys, beers, etc., baked goods (when we get closer to Sept. 13th), powdered sugar and sprinkles for the doughnuts, oh, and did I mention GIFT BASKETS!



ECCLESIA DE EUCHARISTIA Letter on the Eucharist POPE JOHN PAUL II (2003) CONCLUSION

59. *Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine!* Several years ago I celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of my priesthood. Today I have the grace of offering the Church this Encyclical on the Eucharist on the Holy Thursday which falls during the twenty-fifth year of my

Petrine ministry. As I do so, my heart is filled with gratitude. For over a half century, every day, beginning on 2 November 1946, when I celebrated my first Mass in the Crypt of Saint Leonard in Wawel Cathedral in Krakow, my eyes have gazed in recollection upon the host and the chalice, where time and space in some way “merge” and the drama of Golgotha is re-presented in a living way, thus revealing its mysterious “contemporaneity”. Each day my faith has been able to recognize in the consecrated bread and wine the divine Wayfarer who joined the two disciples on the road to Emmaus and opened their eyes to the light and their hearts to new hope (cf. Lk 24:13-35).



Allow me, dear brothers and sisters, to share with deep emotion, as a means of accompanying and strengthening your faith, my own testimony of faith in the Most Holy Eucharist. *Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum, in cruce pro homine!* Here is the Church's treasure, the heart of the world, the pledge of the fulfillment for which each man and woman, even unconsciously, yearns. A great and transcendent mystery, indeed, and one that taxes our mind's ability to pass beyond appearances. Here our senses fail us: *visus, tactus, gustus in te fallitur*, in the words of the hymn *Adoro Te Devote*; yet faith alone, rooted in the word of Christ handed down to us by the Apostles, is sufficient for us. Allow me, like Peter at the end of the Eucharistic discourse in John's Gospel, to say once more to Christ, in the name of the whole Church and in the name of each of you: “Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (Jn 6:68).

Reflection: I think one of the reasons so many Catholic do not present themselves for Adoration is that they do not know what to do while there. Pope St. John Paul II helps us to identify what Jesus is doing while there, namely, “the drama of Golgotha is re-presented in a living way, revealing its mysterious *contemporaneity*. (I had to look up that last word. It means: “Living or occurring at the same time.”) While that Sacred Host may look inanimate and passive in the Monstrance, spiritually, It is the living, active Presence of Jesus Himself. So, if you were sitting in a room with Jesus, how would you respond to His presence? You would, I think, engage in active communication with one another. The Holy Father suggests that we should talk to Him about His Passion, Death and Resurrection for our salvation. So, go have that conversation – He's waiting for you there...