



**From the Desk of
Fr. Leo F. Arnone**

Power House Subs:

Those who placed and paid for orders on the 14th are reminded that delivery and pick-up will be on Wed. Aug. 26 at 10:00am at SA

hall. Thanks for supporting this effort benefiting SA, FX and ASCS.



\$2,500 Grand Prize Raffle: Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, 12 for \$10.00. Kindly return all unsold tickets to the parish so I can make them available to others – please & thank you!

Perogies, Halushki, & Pulled

Pork Sliders: These items will be added to this year's festival. I already have parishioners who agreed to make the perogies and halushki – praise God! I just need someone (or two) to make the pulled pork – any takers? The festival can supply (reimburse) needed materials. These can be made at home and then brought to the festival in rosters (or I can supply chaffing pans to keep them hot.) I'll need volunteers to manage this new food booth. Please call me if you can help out with this endeavor.

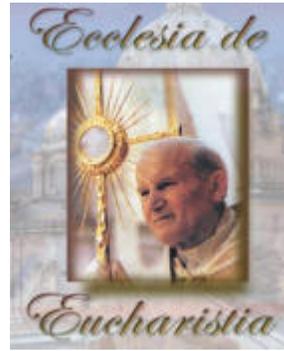


Festival Donations Needed: gift baskets, rummage sale and fancy booth items, gift baskets, items that can be chanced or auctioned off, gift baskets, barrel of cheer items like wines, wine coolers, liquors, rums, whiskeys, beers, etc., baked goods (when we get closer to Sept. 13th), powdered sugar and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

Monthly contribution comparison for 2019 & 2020. I wanted you to see how we are fairing in our weekly contributions this year as compared to last

FX	2019	2020	SA	2019	2020
Jan.	19,116	15,494	Jan.	22,182	18,812
Feb.	13,105	12,973	Feb.	14,876	15,158
Mar.	14,101	14,269	Mar.	15,749	11,777
Apr.	21,725	16,044	Easter	Apr. 23,792	17,179
May	13,018	15,490	May	16,518	11,234
Jun.	14,018	16,981	Jun.	15,728	19,284
Jul.	14,450	13,885	Jul.	17,770	12,793
	\$109,533	\$105,136		\$126,615	\$106,240
	Difference of	- \$4,397		Difference of	- \$20,378

Not as bad as I first thought! Thanks to all of you who maintain your weekly offerings in person or by mail. To those who still feel to be at risk and choose to observe Sunday Mass at home, donations can still be dropped off or mailed. Thank you for keeping your parishes in mind.



ECCLESIA DE EUCHARISTIA

Letter on the Eucharist

POPE JOHN PAUL II (2003

CONCLUSION

60. At the dawn of this third millennium, we are called to undertake with renewed enthusiasm the journey of Christian living. As I wrote in my Apostolic Letter *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, "it is not a matter of inventing a 'new program'. The program already exists: it is

the plan found in the Gospel and in the living Tradition; it is the same as ever. Ultimately, it has its center in Christ himself, who is to be known, loved and imitated, so that in him we may live the life of the Trinity, and with him transform history until its fulfilment in the heavenly Jerusalem". The implementation of this program of a renewed impetus in Christian living passes through the Eucharist.

Every commitment to holiness, every activity aimed at carrying out the Church's mission, every work of pastoral planning, must draw the strength it needs from the Eucharistic mystery and in turn be directed to that mystery as its culmination. In the Eucharist we have Jesus, we have his redemptive sacrifice, we have his resurrection, we have the gift of the Holy Spirit, we have adoration, obedience and love of the Father. Were we to disregard the Eucharist, how could we overcome our own deficiency?

61. The mystery of the Eucharist – sacrifice, presence, banquet – does not allow for reduction or exploitation; it must be experienced and lived in its integrity, both in its celebration and in the intimate converse with Jesus which takes place after receiving communion or in a prayerful moment of Eucharistic adoration apart from Mass. These are times when the Church is firmly built up and it becomes clear what she truly is: one, holy, catholic and apostolic; the people, temple and family of God; the body and bride of Christ, enlivened by the Holy Spirit; the universal sacrament of salvation and a hierarchically structured communion.

The path taken by the Church in these first years of the third millennium is also a path of renewed ecumenical commitment. The final decades of the second millennium, culminating in the Great Jubilee, have spurred us along this path and called for all the baptized to respond to the prayer of Jesus "ut unum sint" (Jn 17:11). The path itself is long and strewn with obstacles greater than our human resources alone can overcome, yet we have the Eucharist, and in its presence we can hear in the depths of our hearts, as if they were addressed to us, the same words heard by the Prophet Elijah: "Arise and eat, else the journey will be too great for you" (1 Kg 19:7). The treasure of the Eucharist, which the Lord places before us, impels us towards the goal of full sharing with all our brothers and sisters to whom we are joined by our common Baptism. But if this treasure is not to be squandered, we need to respect the demands which derive from its being the sacrament of communion in faith and in apostolic succession.

By giving the Eucharist the prominence it deserves, and by being careful not to diminish any of its dimensions or demands, we show that we are truly conscious of the greatness of this gift