



From the Desk of Fr. Leo F. Arnone

This year's festival and safety concerns: Please be assured that we will observe safety precautions during the festival. I envision that most festival-goers will

not stay long; that they will visit the few booths we will have (Rummage Sale, Fancy Booth, Basket Fair), buy festival food and drink items from K of C, Catholic Daughters and Bake Sale to eat under the outdoor tent or take home; spend some money on various games of chance (aka make donations); and then go home. Vendors and entertainment were canceled this year. Winners need not be present to claim their prizes – all will be called to make arrangements for pick up. Masks will be required indoors and at your discretion outdoors. Hand sanitizing stations will be available. While at-risk folks must observe higher levels of precaution, I hope coronaphobia will not prevent the rest of you from participating and supporting this year's festival at some level.

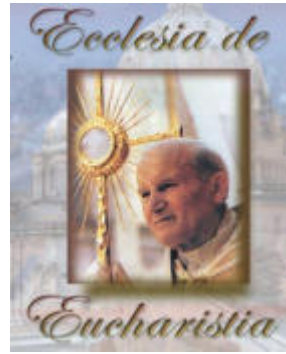
Power House Subs: Delivery and pick-up will be on Wed. Aug. 26 from 10:00 to Noon at SA hall. Thanks for supporting this effort benefiting SA, FX and ASCS.

\$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: Thanks to a good number of volunteers, I have parishioners making all three items at their homes to be ready for our festival on Sept. 13. I also have a few volunteers who offered to work this new food booth during the festival. I would ask these and all other volunteers to attend our meeting on Friday, Aug. 28 at 7:00pm at SA hall to be sure that we have everything we need in place. Those needing service hours should also attend so we can get you in our needed positions before, during and after the festival.



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!



ECCLESIA DE EUCHARISTIA

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

62. Let us take our place, dear brothers and sisters, *at the school of the saints*, who are the great interpreters of true Eucharistic piety. In them the theology of the Eucharist takes on all the splendor of a lived reality; it becomes “contagious” and, in a manner of speaking, it “warms our hearts”. Above all, let us *listen to Mary Most Holy*, in whom the mystery of the Eucharist appears, more than in anyone else, as a *mystery of light*. Gazing upon Mary, we come to know *the transforming power present in the Eucharist*. In her we see the world renewed in love. Contemplating her, assumed body and soul into heaven, we see opening up before us those “new heavens” and that “new earth” which will appear at the second coming of Christ. Here below, the Eucharist represents their pledge, and in a certain way, their anticipation: “*Veni, Domine Iesu!*” (Rev 22:20).

In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into his body and blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey, and he enables us to become, for everyone, witnesses of hope. If, in the presence of this mystery, reason experiences its limits, the heart, enlightened by the grace of the Holy Spirit, clearly sees the response that is demanded, and bows low in adoration and unbounded love.

Let us make our own the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas, an eminent theologian and an impassioned poet of Christ in the Eucharist, and turn in hope to the contemplation of that goal to which our hearts aspire in their thirst for joy and peace: *Bone pastor, panis vere, Iesu, nostri miserere...*

*Come then, good Shepherd,
bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us, still keep us thine;
So we may see thy glories shine
in fields of immortality.*

*O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.*



Reflection: This concludes Pope John II's Encyclical on the Eucharist. The Holy Father helps us to recognize, understand, believe and, most importantly, to love our Lord Jesus Christ, fully present in the Eucharist. Before He ascended into Heaven, Jesus promised to be with us always, until the end of the age (Mt. 28:20). He keeps His promise by way of His Eucharistic Presence. Now it is up to us to demonstrate our loyalty by being present to Him – fully, consciously and actively – by way of our regular attendance at Mass and Eucharistic Adoration.