



From the Desk of Fr. Leo F. Arnone

Our “Scaled Back” Annual Festival is set for Sunday, Sept. 13th. Although we will miss our regular vendors and entertainment this year, I

think we have put together a nice venue deserving of your time and support. Utilizing our “in-house” organizations and parishioners you can still enjoy some excellent “festival food” and visit those events we’ve always offered: Basket Fair, Baked Goods, Fancy Booth, and Rummage Sale. You can take a chance on our Barrel of Cheer, 50/50 every two hours, Money Board, Rip-off Tickets, and our \$2,500.00 Grand Prize Raffle Ticket!



\$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!

Last Call for Festival Donations: First of all - **no more Rummage Sale items.** We could use more Fancy Booth Items, items that can be chanced off, Barrel of Cheer items, Baked Goods and lots of GIFT BASKETS!

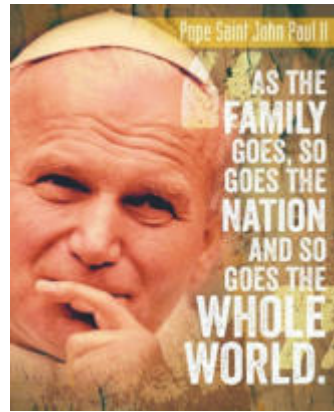
September Power House Subs: Order forms are on our web sites and church vestibules. Orders and payment are due Fri, Sept. 11. Delivery and pick-up on Wed, Sept. 23 from 10:00 to Noon at SA hall. Thanks for supporting this effort benefitting this year’s festival.



Announcing the Start the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: I’d like to begin this year’s RCIA with an Introductory Session on Thur, Sept. 17 at SA Rectory at 5:45pm. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or wants to complete the Initiation Sacraments (First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation), please contact me directly via my email address (frleoarnone@gmail.com).

To receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil, the candidate must be single or validly married. If an annulment is needed or a civil union needs blessed, we can talk about that to see if it can be accomplished in time.

Sessions are generally once a week (holiday off) until Easter. Following an Adult Catechism, Sr. Nancy and I provide the instructions in an informal setting. While our primary focus is on the candidates for the Sacraments, I do like to open these sessions to fully initiated Catholics who just might like to join us to refresh their Religious Education and to share their Catholic Faith journey with the group.



FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO
The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World
POPE JOHN PAUL II (1981)

Part 1: BRIGHT SPOTS AND SHADOWS FOR THE FAMILY TODAY

The Need to Understand the Situation

4. Since God's plan for marriage and the family touches men and women in the concreteness of their daily existence in specific social and cultural situations, the Church ought to apply herself to understanding the situations within which marriage and the family are lived today, in order to fulfill her task of serving.

This understanding is, therefore, an inescapable requirement of the work of evangelization. It is, in fact, to the families of our times that the Church must bring the unchangeable and ever new Gospel of Jesus Christ, just as it is the families involved in the present conditions of the world that are called to accept and to live the plan of God that pertains to them. Moreover, the call and demands of the Spirit resound in the very events of history, and so the Church can also be guided to a more profound understanding of the inexhaustible mystery of marriage and the family by the circumstances, the questions and the anxieties and hopes of the young people, married couples and parents of today.

To this ought to be added a further reflection of particular importance at the present time. Not infrequently ideas and solutions which are very appealing but which obscure in varying degrees the truth and the dignity of the human person, are offered to the men and women of today, in their sincere and deep search for a response to the important daily problems that affect their married and family life. These views are often supported by the powerful and pervasive organization of the means of social communication, which subtly endanger freedom and the capacity for objective judgment.

Many are already aware of this danger to the human person and are working for the truth. The Church, with her evangelical discernment, joins with them, offering her own service to the truth, to freedom and to the dignity of every man and every woman.

Reflection: One of the missions of the Church is the promotion, support and guidance of the human family. The Church received this mandate and teaching guide from Christ Himself who told Her to *go out, baptize all nations..., and teach them to observe all that I have commanded you* (Mt.28:19-20). Relying on Divine Revelation, Tradition and the inspiration that comes from the Holy Spirit and the spiritual and wisdom of the Saints, the Church, first discerns the needs of the day and then provides solutions and guidance. Christian families, who strive to be Intentional Disciples of Christ, will readily receive and embrace what the Church teaches in matters of Faith and Morals. And so I urge our families to be attentive to Pope Saint John Paul’s insights and guidance on how we might fulfill our role as Christian Families in our modern world.