



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

**Fall Cemetery Clean Up:** It's that time of year – time to gather what cemetery decorations you want to keep for future use. If you have

any items you want to keep, please gather them ASAP. Anything remaining after Nov. 15 will be considered discarded and we will remove them for you. Thank you for helping us keep our cemeteries beautiful and reverent resting places of our beloved dead.

**Baptisms at Mass:** Although the Church encourages infant Baptisms to take place during Weekend Masses, it does not mandate it. And so, I have always given the parents the option to do it then or after Mass – most choose the more private setting after Mass. At long last, we have a family who wants to celebrate their happy day with the larger community! For those who might like to witness and join in the celebration I wanted to inform you that we will have the Baptism at the 6:00pm Mass on Saturday, Oct. 24.



**Rummage Sale Remnants:** While a lot of items did move during our festival, a lot still remains. We will open the Sale again this Sunday, Oct. 18, from 11:00am to 1:00pm and invite you all to visit SA church basement to see what treasures you may find. To our young families: there is still a lot of children's clothing available!

**Power House Subs** can be picked up at SA school hall on Wed, Oct. 21 from 10:00 to Noon. A big THANK YOU to all who participated in this fundraising portion of our community festival!

**Festival Financial Report:** I expect to give you a final report on this year's festival by Nov. 1, but I can say this for now: for being a covid-repressed, one-day, rainy event – this was our best year so far!

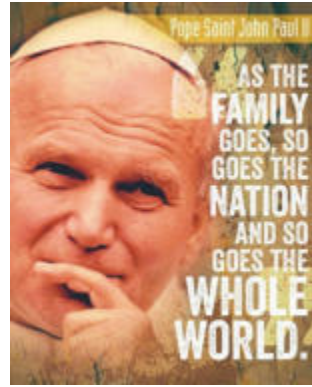
**SA Pastoral Council** is scheduled to meet on Wed, Oct. 28 at 7:00pm in the Blessed Mother Room.



### Cover that Cough & Sneeze!

We are entering into cold and flu season and bound to experience coughs and sneezes more often. I don't want to add to the Covid-19 paranoia but it taught us the necessity to cover our mouth when we feel a cough or sneeze coming on. If we are not wearing masks we should have a handkerchief on the ready – at the very least to burry that cough or sneeze into the crook

of our arm. Don't spray it into the air! And thank you for that!



## FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO

The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World

### Part. 2: THE PLAN OF GOD FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY

#### Marriage and Communion Between God and People

12. The communion of love between God and people, a fundamental part of the Revelation and faith experience of Israel, finds a meaningful

expression in the marriage covenant which is established between a man and a woman. For this reason, the central word of Revelation, "God loves His people," is likewise proclaimed through the living and concrete word whereby a man and a woman express their conjugal love. Their bond of love becomes the image and the symbol of the covenant which unites God and His people. And the same sin which can harm the conjugal covenant becomes an image of the infidelity of the people to their God: idolatry is prostitution, infidelity is adultery, disobedience to the law is abandonment of the spousal love of the Lord. But the infidelity of Israel does not destroy the eternal fidelity of the Lord, and therefore the ever-faithful love of God is put forward as the model of the of faithful love which should exist between spouses.



**Reflection:** Within God's plan of creation is established the marriage covenant between a man and a woman. This union God raised to the dignity of a Sacrament which, by its nature, is ordered toward the good of spouses and the procreation and education of children (CCC 1601). This covenant relationship between husband and wife is (or is to be) a reflection of the relationship between Christ and His Church. Collectively, we are the bride of Christ! Considering all that Christ has done for love of His Bride, the Church, we are to return our own love with loyal devotion to Him and no other – doing so is therefore considered an act of idolatry and infidelity. These acts are just as harmful to our covenant relationship with God/Christ as prostitution and adultery would be to a marriage. Nevertheless, our infidelities against Christ do not thereby terminate our relationship with Him – He remains loyal to us and gives us the opportunity to reconcile with Him no matter how bad or how often we are unfaithful to Him – such is His Mercy!