

# Clericalism---

## Are We Going Rogue or What?

Thank you for your continued reflections on Clericalism! Your efforts and reflections are greatly appreciated by me and hopefully by the membership of our Church. I certainly hope people are reading and benefitting from your thoughts on the bulletin. I hope you will continue to submit your thoughts to me on this subject during my vacation. The discussion needs to continue. I haven't had a great deal of opportunity to focus on Clericalism for my homilies in recent times, but I sure hope to hit some real high-lights and perhaps even low-lights of this subject when I return.

Think about this aspect of Clericalism while I am gone:

**"Our church appears to be more of a dispensary of Sacraments, than a living organism which communicates the presence of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit- and a personal relationship with our God!"**

*What do you think?*

*How do you feel about that? Do we need to have that heart to heart?*

*What do we need to change?*

Please join our discussion!

— Fr. Gerry  
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*To Live as the Body Of Christ*

July 23, 2017  
Sixteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

## Mass Intentions

Week of July 24, 2017:

7:30 am Mon: People of the Parish  
7:30 am Tues.: Communion Service  
6:00 pm: Wed.: Communion Service  
7:30 am Thurs.: Communion Service  
7:30 am Fri.: Communion Service  
5:30 pm Sat.: Fr. Patrick Noonan (RIP)  
8:00 am Sun: Sisters in Faith— special intentions  
10:30 am Sun.: Mary Helen Doran (RIP)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Sat 4:30-5:00pm or by appt.**



## Prayer Intentions

Amy Topik      Craig Giamlava  
Ronnie Antici, brother of Dennis Antici

## Pray for the Repose of the Souls

Joseph Scott, uncle of Catherine Weeden  
Bernice Barry, friend of Christine Weikum  
Connie McNabb, aunt of Ro Agosta

### Adoration This Week:

Monday– Friday 8:00 am– 12:00 pm  
Wednesday 6:30 pm—7:30 pm

## New Announcements

- \* **Join our US Armed Forces Ministry** to pray the rosary for our country and the men and woman serving our country. Meet Saturday, August 5th in the chapel at 4:45 pm.
- \* **Big Deal Youth Group will be cheering on the Mississippi Braves on Friday, August 5, 2017.** Cory will have sign ups next weekend after all the masses. If you will not be here next weekend, email Cory Head. youth@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com
- \* **SAVE THE DATE: The Early Learning Center Golf Tournament** will be held on September 8th.
- \* **Weekly offering for July 16, 2017: \$18,755**



### Altar Flowers

In memory of  
Patricia Brislin Watson and Leonard Grady Watson  
~Mary Jacq Easley



Make a Heavenly Noise @ St. Paul Catholic Church — Do you have the special skill to play a church organ? Our Music Ministry would like to welcome you as our resident organist!

St. Paul is seeking an organist for a part-time position. Commitment includes weekly Wednesday evening rehearsals, 10:30 am Sunday Mass, and special rehearsals/services for Christmas & Easter celebrations. Pay to be determined.

Our Parish has been blessed by the talent of Ed Thomas who will continue to play on occasion, and be a part of our Ministry. We are confident the Lord will provide another talented organ player! Might that be you? We are praying for you, so go ahead and make the call — 601-992-9547. Email [office@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com](mailto:office@saintpaulcatholicchurch.com) or [sabo7983@gmail.com](mailto:sabo7983@gmail.com)

## Reminders

- \***REGISTRATION for Religious Education and RCIA** is now open on our website! You can now update your information if you have registered before. Once you have completed your registration online, please print, complete and sign the "Parental Consent, Photo Release, Medical Release Form" which can be accessed after submitting the Registration Form. These forms are also available in the vestibule for anyone that needs a copy. We ask that you complete registration and turn in all forms and payment by August 31st.
- \***SHARING CHRIST DAYTIME SESSION WILL BEGIN ON SEPT. 7th at 10am.** If you would like to sign up, or change from the night time session, please call the church office as registration will soon be closed.
- \***Sharing Christ—** Registration is *almost full for our night time session*. If you are interested, please register now on our website. Our first class will begin on Thursday evening, September 7th. The series will run on the following dates: September 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12 plus, a Saturday Retreat on October 21.

**Clericalism** – a word I had to look up to define, only to find out it was something I was very familiar with. It had been a part of my faith always. Like a child looks to his father for guidance, the priest is our teacher to guide us in the way to our heavenly Father. The mission of Jesus Christ trickles down from the Pope through the Cardinals, bishops, priests and finally to the people or so it has been. Like all formal organizations there is a hierarchy that is necessary to preserve the mission so everyone doesn't go rogue.

The church has made me what I am. My mother was taught in a convent. I was taught in a school of predominantly nuns (my role models). I remember the Latin Mass and the murmurs among my classmates that the priest was going to face us for Mass! I also remember a trip to Spain in which a beautiful cathedral had been turned into a discotheque! So many grand cathedrals throughout Europe have turned into empty tombs for tourists to take pictures of.

Years ago, while working for a health insurance company, an insured called me asking for help with his bill. He had gone out-of-network for a heart procedure so we were only paying 70% but had he gone in network we would have paid 80%, problem is that his only option in network was a pacemaker for his heart while the out of network offered a surgical solution with no pacemaker. I went to the VP to ask that we honor 80% on his claim because I demonstrated that by going out of network this insured was saving our company a lot of money for years to come. Her response to me was "You think too much", and it was then I realized the mission was not to think, but to do as you are told. I succeeded in getting his bill reduced anyway.

Some 500 years ago Martin Luther acted out against clericalism, and today we are pondering what appears to be a similar question for perhaps a different reason. Is this just a means to save the Church? Are we going rogue, or am I just thinking too much?

- Susan Weldy

*Thank you, Susan for your thoughts prompting Clericalism and on what it means to be Church!*

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**\*St. Jude Parish School of Religion is offering the course: *Christian Prayer and Spirituality: Intimacy with Christ with instructor Jill Hisaw.*** This course can be taken by catechists towards Level II Diocesan Certification or can be taken by persons simply wanting to grow in their knowledge of the Catholic faith. All are welcome to join.

**Course Text:** *Close to the Heart* by Margaret Silf (can be purchased – new or used – from Amazon)

**Course Offering:** ***Christian Prayer and Spirituality: Intimacy with Christ***

**Instructor:** Jill Hisaw

**Dates:** Sundays from 3-5pm – August 20<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>, and December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Cost:** \$20 plus cost of book. **Registration is required.**

Forms can be printed at this link (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3xQJYgA9iiTaFZtNC1CQ1B6LVU/view?usp=sharing>) or contact Stacy in the office at [ccd@stjudepearl.org](mailto:ccd@stjudepearl.org) / 601-939-3181.

**\*\*BULLETIN:** Information must be submitted in writing by note or email to the parish office **no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesdays** for the following weekend. When sending an email, please put **"BULLETIN"** in the subject line. Thank you for your cooperation!

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