



*June 25, 2017*

*Twelfth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*



Father Gerry, your request for thoughts on clericalism strikes me as a loaded question. A few weeks ago the bulletin quoted Merriam Webster's definition of clericalism as "a policy of maintaining or increasing the power of a religious hierarchy." Parsing the definition, should we first examine whether "a religious hierarchy" is good or not? Or, more broadly, should we examine whether "the POWER of a religious hierarchy" is good or not? If this power or this hierarchy is good, then maintaining or increasing it seems noble. But, if the power or the hierarchy is not good, then surely maintaining or increasing it cannot be good.

But, I sense the question is better framed, that since some religious hierarchy is inevitable, is our present maintenance or increasing the hierarchy appropriate or misguided? Should it be maintained? Are we satisfied with it? Or, does the hierarchical structure allow for unintended, negative consequences?

We benefit from order and structure, because after all, we are sheep in desperate need of the Good Shepherd and priests and bishops who help show us the Way. But, we are gifted with minds and hearts and that itching sensation called free will, allowing us to choose our course of action. When we choose to follow Jesus and act accordingly, we honor Him.

On the other hand, to the extent, we opt out of the decision, deferring to others (even priests and bishops) to decide for us, we run the risk of neglecting to exercise our free will to follow Jesus ourselves. In other words, passivity or deference may equate to neglect. And, neglect is a choice, a choice of inaction...and not a good one.

I see clericalism like a gift. The laity give the clerics the power to act. When that gift is accompanied with concurrent prayer and responsiveness to God, the clerics lead well. When that gift does not contain corresponding prayer, the priests and bishops are entrusted with power...power to lead the passive, the neglectful. True servant leaders don't want that kind of power. True servant leaders want to lead co-servants, co-heirs of the Kingdom, fellow laborers, yoked in prayer. We parishioners at St. Paul have this type of leader, for which we are thankful.

May we jointly labor to serve and honor the Most High God.

Lee Watt

***To Live as the Body Of Christ***

## Mass Intentions

### Week of June 26, 2017:

7:30 am Mon: Craig Sager (RIP)  
7:30 am Tues.: John Reiss (RIP)  
6:00 pm: Wed.: Fr. Patrick Noonan– sp. intent.  
7:30 am Thurs.: Kevin Vincent Graef (RIP)  
7:30 am Fri.: Priscilla O'Brien & Joseph Sikovsky (RIP)  
5:30 pm Sat.: Mary Helen Doran (RIP)  
8:00 am Sun: Jane Corbitt (RIP)  
10:30 am Sun.: Peggy Hamilton (RIP)

### Prayer Intentions

Ronnie Starns      Bill Harris

## Adoration This Week:

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

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

### Pray for the Repose of the Souls

Sue Bacon, friend of Teresa Spain  
Wayne Kent, brother of Shearon Simpson

## **New Announcements**

- \* **Craft Meeting this Sunday, June 25th at 3pm** in the Craft Room. Come and learn how you can get involved in this year's event.
- \* **The Big Deal Geyser Fall trip** has been rescheduled for **July 8th.** Contact Cory Head if you are interested in going on this date!
- \* **Join our US Armed Forces Ministry** to pray the rosary for our country and the men and woman serving our country. Meet Saturday, July 1st in the chapel at 4:45 pm.
- \* **The Parish office will be closed on July 3rd and 4th for our Independence Day Holiday.** Daily Mass with be at 7:30 am on July 3rd and **9:00 am on July 4th.** Please note there will be NO adoration on these days.
- \* **Weekly offering for June 18, 2017: \$28,554**  
*Second collection next weekend for Peter's Pence*



#### **Altar Flowers**

*In memory of John Reiss  
~ Donna Lee Reiss*

#### **Blessed Mother Flowers**

*In honor of the marriage of Casey & Nicole Carpenter (June 24th)  
~ Anthony and Renee' Carpenter*

## **Reminders**

- \***Sharing Christ**– Registration is open on our website for the third part of our ChristLife series. Our first class will begin on Thursday evening, September 7th. (All dates and times can be found on our website. If you are interested in a daytime session, please call the church office. )
- \***St. Dominic's Ministry** will provide lunch and spiritual encouragement for the families of patients in ICU on Tuesday, June 27th. Please have all items in the kitchen before 10 am on the 27th. Thank you for your support of this ministry!
- \* **The Knights of Columbus** will be cooking and distributing BBQ butts **on July 2nd after both masses** in celebration of July 4th. **THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO ORDER YOUR BUTT!** See a Knight after all the masses this weekend! BBQ sandwiches will also be sold after both masses on this day. This year, the funds raised will assist in the training of AJ Cerami's service dog.
- \***Food Pantry:** Please consider that some families require greater food assistance during the summer months when children are not getting meals at school. The Food Pantry welcomes all nonperishable food in unbreakable containers. During the summer months, donations of quick-preparation foods are especially welcome. Food items can be left in the basket in the vestibule.
- \***Nursery and Children's Liturgy** available at the 10:30am mass. **The Nursery** is located in the Early Learning Center (enter through the cafeteria before mass). **Children ages 2-5** will be called up during the mass for **Children's Liturgy**.
- \***If you would like to honor a loved one or celebrate a special event, altar flowers and Blessed Mother flowers can be reserved through our website.** You can find it under to *Registration Forms* tab. (Sign up will close at the beginning of each month)
- \***The International Cultural Exchange Program** is looking for Catholic host families for the upcoming school year. They are in need of 3-5 families. The students will attend Northwest Rankin High School and stay for the whole school year. Anyone interested in more information can contact Allison Treadaway Singleterry. Her email address is allison.singleterry@gmail.com and her phone number is 601-942-3584

*Prayerful opportunities.....All are Welcome!*

**Daily Mass:**

- M, T, Th, F at 7:30 am  
(except First Friday at 10am)
- Wed.— 6:00 pm

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

- Monday—Friday: 8 am– 12 pm
  - Wednesday: 6:30 pm—7:30 pm
- (time slots are available for several of our Holy hours)

**Weekly Prayer Groups:**

- Tuesday: 10:00 am
- Wednesday: 10:00 am
- Thursday: 6:30 pm
- Friday: 11:00 am

**Prayer Groups:**

- Armed Forces Ministry  
(meets every first Saturday @ 4:45 pm)
- Intercessory Prayer Group  
(meets the 2nd Wed. of every month at 12 pm)

**ChristLife Sessions:**

- Discovering Christ
- Following Christ
- Sharing Christ

(Please call the office if you have an interest in a daytime session)

**Religious Education** (meets in the fall)

- Sunday classes— age 3 to 6th grade
- Wednesday nights: 7th—12th
- Adult Education classes
- RCIA

*Call the church office or visit our website for more information.*

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