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PASTOR'S PEN

13th Sunday in ordinary time

Canada day is July 1st.

The Christian has been endowed with a life new through Christ, who reigns supreme instead of sin and death. Through baptism, which identifies man with Christ's death and resurrection, man's very being, or self is transformed. If grace of God is unconditional and it is a sheer gift, why not sin, many might ask. Paul rejects this vehemently. If a man is in union with sin, he is dead to sin.

A central theme of today's reading is accepting death to receive life. The woman of age gives birth but the child dies (2 kings 4: 16-37) prophet Eliza makes the child rise. Go home and read if you get time. Nothing surpasses the generosity of God. He is never miserly.

Jesus presents himself like a general who requires total loyalty: "Whoever loves father or mother - son or daughter - more than me is not worthy of me." When you think about it, Jesus asks more than any sane in general. Is Jesus insane? I don't think so.

It can seem harsh to put friends and family in second place. I ask you, however, to think what happens when a person puts family above any other consideration.

Once a young lady shares with me that she is praying for her future husband. So I ask her what he is like. "I haven't met him yet," she says, "but I don't care what he looks like, whether he's skinny or hefty, rich or poor. I want a man who loves Jesus more than he loves me."

As we celebrate Fourth of July, it's good to remember this paradox. Patriotism is a good thing. It can inspire self-sacrifice for others. Still patriotism has limits. G.K. Chesterton observed "'My country, right or wrong,' is a thing that no patriot would think of saying except in a desperate case. It is like saying, 'My mother, drunk or sober.'"

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Fr. Emmanuel

PRIESTS' PLANS

Father Emmanuel is planning to leave Hallock on Sunday afternoon, June 28th. Father Maschio is planning to arrive here around 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 30th. If you are in the area, feel free to stop by to say goodbye to Father Emmanuel, or to welcome Father Maschio.

DAILY MASS CHANGE

There will NOT be daily Mass at St. Patrick's on Monday and Tuesday, June 29th and 30th since we will be between Priests. Father Maschio has indicated that once he arrives, he will continue to offer Mass every day of the week for the public but would like to have Mondays as day off from the office.

DIOCESEAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Please keep in mind our call to GOD, PRAYER and SERVICE.
 St. Patrick's-Hallock parish goal is \$6,633 of which \$2,018 is outstanding. Twenty-one families have given \$4,615.

Holy Rosary-Lancaster parish goal is \$1,965 of which \$1,480 is outstanding. Six families have given \$485.

Thank you for supporting your local church. Let's try our best to make our goal by year's end.

BULLETIN BITS - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38)

Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS

We will once again be assigning ministers to the various tasks for the weekend Masses. If you are unable to serve, please try to find a substitute or let the sacristan know that you are unavailable. If you want to be removed from the list as a minister, let Pam Hunt know via email at stpatrickshallock@gmail.com and your name will be removed. OR if you want to be added as a minister, let Pam know and she'll arrange for the proper training and gladly ADD you to the list!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY June 27th
 Holy Mass 5:00 PM Lancaster +Verona Karboviak

SUNDAY June 28th
 Holy Mass 9:00 AM Hallock *Pro Populo

MONDAY June 29th
 NO MASS

TUESDAY June 30th
 NO MASS

WEDNESDAY July 1st
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock +Adeline Loeffler

THURSDAY July 2nd
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock +Wayne Seng

FRIDAY July 3rd
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock +Verona Karboviak

SATURDAY July 4th
 Holy Mass 5:00 PM Hallock *Andi Olsonawski

SUNDAY July 5th
 Holy Mass 9:00 AM Hallock *Pro Populo

Holy Mass 10:45 AM Lancaster +Lawrence Kiesow

MASS INTENTIONS

Currently, all the Mass intentions we have received have been assigned so now is a good time to request Mass intentions so we don't have to request some from the Diocese. Masses can be requested from the parish at anytime, for the living or the dead, or for any good intention. A \$5 offering is customary for each request.

PRAYER LIST

Those who are Sick, Struggling, Recovering

Catherine Klegstad

Elmer Hungate

Sophie Olsonawski

Andi Olsonawski

Betty Lockman

Eleanor Kraska

Cathy Cleem

Iver Cleem

Janet Olsonawski

Dion Turgeon

Jeanette Forfang

Kim Short

Wayne Stewart

LeRoy Vonasek

Renee Stewart

Mark & Megan Przekwas

Deceased Loved Ones

Jack Przekwas

Walt Crummy

H Jeannie Howe

Louise Docken

Kristen (Hunter) Erickson

Verona Karboviak

Angie Plaine

Alice Carlson

Lois Pantzer

Don Cheshire

Maynard Docken

Allan Cleem

Lawrence Anderson

Email the parish office with those you would like listed above for prayer each month.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

Saturday July 4th 5:00 PM St. Patrick
 Sacristan: Jeff Reese
 Ministers: Volunteers

Sunday July 5th 9:00 AM St. Patrick
 Sacristan: Hank Noel
 Servers: Wyatt Saydi Olsonawski
 Commentator: Gloria Cedergren
 Lector: Chuck Dziengel
 Ushers: Phil Muir & Shane Stewart
 Money Counters: Keith Urbaniak & Ron Anderson

Sunday July 6th 10:45 AM Holy Rosary
 Ministers: Volunteers

Parish Council and Finance Council Dual Meeting 6/10/2020

We began the meeting by talking about the land across the street. The paperwork that will grant us permission to sell the land across the street is currently at the Diocese. George Hanson is making abstracts which will prove clear title so that we will be able to sell the land. He should be done by the end of the week.

The cost for the abstracts should be about \$1,000. Robert Carr will pay for one of them and St. Patrick's will pay for the other.

We discussed the current state of church attendance in light of the change to allow 50% attendance at church with the Diocese recommending that only 1 of every three pews still be used. We decided to keep two of every three pews blocked off and try to make sure that people filled them as safely and efficiently as possible.

We also discussed current the financial health of the church. Before the Covid-19 shutdown, we were about \$6,000 behind in charitable giving. During the shut down we did gain some ground and are only about \$4,000 behind right now. The confessional renovation is now paid off and we seem to be doing fine.

Father brought up that Matt Holly would like to purchase a used sofa for the youth so that they could meet more comfortably. After discussion it was decided that he should do that.

Father will be leaving us on June 29th and Father Maschio Mascarenga will be arriving in the afternoon of the 29th.

The Louise Docken funeral will occur on July 31st.

We ended the meeting with a prayer led by Father Sylvester.