

Faith Formation by Toni Webb

IF GOD WANTS THERE TO BE.....

In May of this year, Pope Francis told a group of women superiors of religious that there could be dialogue about female deacons. This is a radical departure from his immediate predecessors—Popes Benedict XVI and John Paul II—who both forbade in the strongest terms, with threatened discipline—even the discussion of female clergy. Important to remember here is that deacons do not automatically become priests. In fact, during the same month as the pope's declaration, 13 men from our diocese (at least some of them married that I know of, perhaps all) were ordained permanent deacons and assigned to ministry in their respective parishes.

It is further worth noting that reserving ordained ministry to males is a man-made, not a God-made rule. Other examples of these human-made laws that have been changed: Mass celebrated only on Sunday, the communion fast which went from midnight, then to three hours and finally the current one which is 1 hour, and only allowing boys to serve on the altar. This last was because the hierarchy looked upon acolytes as possible future priests—a conclusion somewhat borne out by the fact that most of our current clergy were at one time altar boys. But many more altar servers never became priests.

Those who promulgate a male-only clergy point to the fact that Jesus called only men to be His Apostles. In doing this, they not only ignore the culture and context of Jesus' time, they conveniently forget the high regard Jesus held for women as witnessed by His unusually good and respectful treatment of them. Examples include Mary, His mother, for whom He performed His first miracle—changing water to wine at Cana, even though He told her it wasn't time to reveal Himself, raising the dead son of the widow at Naim (and she didn't even ask!), the Samaritan woman at the well, the woman taken in adultery, raising Lazarus from the dead for Mary and Martha, and many, many more.

There is also tremendous anecdotal evidence that women acted in the diaconal capacity (perhaps only for the women and children) of serving in social ministry which, according to Acts 6:1, was the original premise for which deacons were ordained.

In the Eastern Orthodox Church, with whom we share a common belief in the Eucharist, women are ordained as deacons in Greece, at least, if not in other places.

It is also important to remember that women have worked in important positions including, in my lifetime, Sister Mary Byron, who served on the Marriage Tribunal in Wheeling. The current head of the Office of Worship and Sacraments is Dr. Bernadette McMasters-Kime, and the head of the Office of Safe Environment is Mrs. Sharon Goudy.

On any given weekend in most parishes, I would venture to say that well over half of those attending Mass are women and children. And in this day and time, when women abound in the workforce, and when 24 females are CEOs of Fortune 500 companies (TIME, June, 2014, the

last year for which statistics are available), it rather begs the question why 50% of the church is excluded from ordained ministry?

In conclusion, even St. Paul, who at times seems to come across as being anti-women, states the following in Gal. 3:27-28: "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female (emphasis mine) for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church

BRINGING THE MESSAGE OF
JESUS CHRIST TO OTHERS FOR OVER
100 YEARS



June 12, 2016

*Eleventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

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Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:30p.m.	Jun. 11 - Vigil Walter Ignatovich by Bruce & Toni Webb
Sun. 8:00a.m.	Jun. 12 † Betty Blankenship by Mary Kerby
10:30a.m.	For All Parishioners — ✠ —
Tues. 6:00p.m.	Jun 14 † Emerita Mascarinas by SSPP Family
Wed. 8:30a.m.	Jun 15 † Walter Ignatovicj by SSPPLG
Thurs. 6:00p.m.	Jun 16 † Frances Raynes by Art & Mary Gonzales
Fri. 8:30a.m.	Jun 17 † Angela Wojtowicz Jewell by Ed & Fay Wojtowicz
Sat. 5:30p.m.	Jun 18 - Vigil † Charlie Miller by Terry & Sally Shay
Sun. 8:00a.m.	Jun 19 † Louis Greenawalt by Denise Kerby
10:30a.m.	For All Parishioners

Lectors

Sat. (Vigil): 6/18
5:30p.m. : Jimmy Lively
Sun. 6/19 - 8a.m.: Vicki Caldwell
10:30a.m.: Bill Klenk

Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

June

Sat. (Vigil):
5:30p.m. : Toni Webb/Sally Shay
Sun. 8a.m.: Trish Blake/ Dominic Re
Sun. 10:30a.m.:
Herman & Bev Hundley

Altar Server Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil): 6/18
5:30p.m.: Michael Howerton/
Noah & Camden Craddock
Sunday: 6/19
8:00a.m.: Andre Re/Sarah Hale/
Josephine Keaveny
10:30a.m.: Caitlin Watkins/
Corey & Gracie Littreal

Offerings June 5, 2016

Env/Loose:	\$ 2,849.23
Online:	\$ 165.00
School	\$ 10.00
Maintenance:	\$ 10.00
Father's Day	\$ 195.00

Proceeds from the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on June 12th will go towards the purchase of Holy Water Containers.

This Week.....

Sunday 8am—1pm Knights Pancake Breakfast
In the Parish Hall
Mon. 6:00p.m. Feast Day Planning Meeting
Fr. Moore Room
Tues. 7:00p.m. Knights of Columbus
Wed. 4:15p.m. "Saturday Choir" rehearsal
5:30p.m. "Sunday Choir" rehearsal

Mass Schedule Times to Change

Starting Monday, June 13th:

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 6:00p.m. Mass
Wednesday 8:30a.m. Mass
Thursday 6:00 p.m. Mass
Friday 8:30a.m. Mass

There are no changes to the weekend

The diocese has scheduled confirmation for our students on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016 at the 10:30 am Mass. Practice for the confirmandi and their sponsors will take place on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016. Time will be determined at a later date.

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL 2016

PARISH GOAL: \$17,150.00

Current Status: \$10,515 (61%)

**Amount Needed
to reach goal: \$ 6,635.00**

Bulletin Deadline:

Any requested announcements for the bulletin must be turned into the Parish Office by **11a.m. on Wednesdays.** You may email to: ssppp1216oh@dwc.org or call: 304-465-5445.

Thank You!

A Family Perspective

Jesus sat down for a meal and was caught between the weeping woman and the indignant Pharisee. Why is it tough issues always pop up at meals? No wonder we need antacids. Jesus focused on the positives, offering forgiveness to the woman and understanding to the Pharisee.

- Bud Ozar

First Communion picture proofs may be viewed & orders placed at the church office until June 30th.

RCIA will begin anew on Wed., June 22, 2016, at 7:00 pm in the Fr. Moore room. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic church, or know someone who is, please come, and bring them to this meeting. No preregistration is required. Questions, call Toni at 304-469-6069, email webbtoni72@hotmail.com, with RCIA in the subject line, or call the church office at 304-465-5445.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for your assistance at the Feast Day Celebration on June 26, following the 10:30a.m. mass. For more information on volunteer tasks, please contact Mrs. Nancy Sanger at 304-469-9333, or Amy in the church office 304-465-5445.

Pet Food Drive

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Thanks to all who helped in raising money and bringing food items for the Fayette County Animal Shelter this past week. We received generous donation that were well received. Knights of Columbus will continue to accept food donations, please place in a bin located in the vestibule of the church.



Father's Day Envelopes.....

If you wish to have your father, living or deceased remembered during the month of June, please return the envelope with the father's name. and your name indicated on the envelope as well. The envelopes will be placed in the sanctuary during June so all the fathers listed on the envelopes will be remembered at the daily Masses.

School Notes:

We are looking for a part time one day a week music teacher. We are also looking for a part time science teacher. Please contact Principal White (405-812-5448) if you or someone you know is interested.

Looking for 250-300 used tennis balls. They will be used on the base of the chair legs to help protect the school floor from scuffs. For more information, please contact the Principal.

June 12, 2016, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus forgives the woman's sins."

As we continue this Jubilee Year of Mercy, today's readings proclaim the remarkable mercy and forgiveness of God. As we gather every Sunday, we pray a Penitential Act that also proclaims God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us turn to this merciful God with all our hearts now, and with gratitude pray to show such mercy to everyone else we meet.

We are currently in need of a Faith Formation teacher for grades 3-5 for this fall. If you serve in this ministry, please call Toni Webb at 304-469-6069, email at webbtoni72@hotmail.com with Faith Formation in the subject line or call the office at 304-465-5445.

Catholic • 2016 Sharing Appeal

Opening The Doors Of His Mercy

We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting the Catholic Sharing Appeal. By contributing to the Appeal, you can help spread the merciful presence of the church to our brothers and sisters in Christ across West Virginia. If circumstances allow, we ask you to contribute to the CSA; your gift will fund ministries such as faith formation, youth ministry, Catholic education and Catholic Charities.

For more information and ways to contribute, please visit: www.dwc.org/csa