

## The Mass Revisited – Dan Bergen

The Mass that we celebrate is the most important action we as Catholic Christians perform because the Mass is a) the source of all our strength and b) the ultimate sign of praise and worship of our God. The Mass is full of ritual and symbols that have been formed over the course of 2000 years. In order to fully participate and appreciate and to receive the blessings of the Mass, it is good to examine the various aspects and attempt to more fully understand what is happening. Or, to put it another way, “Why do we do it that way?”

Over the course of the next several months we will include in the bulletin a series of articles by a noted expert on the Mass, Fr. Lawrence Mick. These articles will examine in detail the various elements of the Mass and take us to a deeper understanding. In addition, before the each of the weekend Masses a reader will summarize the content of the “article of the week” to draw attention to it.

This education/catechesis is happening in many of the parishes in our Youngstown Diocese and is being encouraged by the Diocesan Liturgy Office. In addition to reading these bulletin inserts, we encourage you to save them and keep them together for future reference. If you miss one, we will have it available on our website or at the office for you.

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