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### ***Sunday of the Priests***

**\*Weekend Masses:**

**Saturday at 4:00 p.m.** [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]

**Sunday at 10:30 a.m.** [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]

**\*Weekday Masses:** **Tuesday and Thursday at 12:05 p.m.** [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]

**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday No Mass. Pastor's office work.**

**\*Confession:** Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment

**\*Baptism:** Please call the Pastor as soon as baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic

**\*Weddings:** Please make arrangements at least **six** months in advance before any other plans are made

**\*Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688

**\*Parish Council:** Lou Kourey, Rita Strawn, Mary Stees, Susan (John) Burns

**\*Choir Members:** Lou Kourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski, Holly Stahl

**\*Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer

**\*Altar Servers:** Earl Duffy, Dalton Haas

**\*Altar Boys:** Christopher AlKhoury

**\*Cedar Club:** Linda Duffy, President

**\*Women's Society:** Carol Dougherty, President



**\*Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information to Msgr. Bakhos by Noon on Tuesday every week

**\*New Parishioners:** We welcome you with great joy & invite you to officially register as one of our parishioners

**\*Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

## *Sunday of the Priests*

Readings: 1 Tim 4:6-16 and Lk 12:42-48

Message of Pope John Paul II for the 40th World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Theme: Vocation to Service

Venerable Brethren in the Episcopate, dearest Brothers and Sisters throughout the whole world!

1- *“Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased”* (Mt 12:18; cf Is 42:1-4).

The theme of this Message for the 40th World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to return to the roots of the Christian vocation, to the story of the first person called by the Father, his Son Jesus. He is “the servant” of the Father, foretold by the prophets as the one whom the Father has chosen and formed from his mother’s womb (cf Is 49, 1-6), the beloved whom the Father upholds and in whom he is well pleased (cf. Is 42, 1-9), in whom he has placed his spirit and to whom he has transmitted his power (cf. Is 49, 5), and as the one whom he will exalt (cf. Is 52:13 –53:12).

The inspired text gives an essentially positive connotation to the term “servant”, which is immediately evident. In today’s culture, the person who serves is considered inferior; but in sacred history the servant is the one called by God to carry out a particular action of salvation and redemption. The servant knows that he has received all he has and is. As a result, he also feels called to place what he has received at the service of others.

In the Bible, service is always linked to a specific call that comes from God. For this reason, it represents the greatest fulfillment of the dignity of the creature, as well as that which invokes the creature’s mysterious, transcendent dimension. This was the case in the life of Jesus, too, the faithful Servant who was called to carry out the universal work of redemption.

2. *“Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter ...”* (Is 53:7).

In Sacred Scripture, there is a strong and clear link between service and redemption, as well as between service and suffering, between Servant and Lamb of God. The Messiah is the Suffering Servant who takes on his shoulders the weight of human sin. He is the lamb “led to the slaughter” (Is 53:7) to pay the price of the sins committed by humanity, and thus render to the same humanity the service that it needs most. The Servant is the Lamb who “was oppressed, and was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth” (Is 53:7), thus showing an extraordinary power: the power not to react to evil with evil, but to respond to evil with good.

It is the gentle force of the servant, who finds his strength in God and who, therefore, is made by God to be “light of the nations” and worker of salvation (Is 49:5-6). In a mysterious manner, the vocation to service is invariably a vocation to take part in a most personal way in the ministry of salvation -a partaking that will, among other things, be costly and painful.

3. *“... even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve”* (Mt 20:28).

In truth, Jesus is the perfect model of the “servant” of whom Scripture speaks. He is the one who radically emptied himself to take on “the form of a servant” (Phil 2:7) and to dedicate himself totally to the things of the Father (cf. Lk 2:49), as the beloved Son in whom the Father is well pleased (cf. Mt 17:5). Jesus did not come to be served, “but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mt 20:28). He washed the feet of his disciples and obeyed the plan of the Father even unto death, death on a cross (Phil 2:8). Therefore, the Father himself has exalted him, giving him a new name and making him Lord of heaven and of earth (cf. Phil 2:9-11).

How can one not read in the story of the “servant Jesus” the story of every vocation: the story that the Creator has planned for every human being, the story that inevitably passes through the call to serve and culminates in the discovery of the new name, designed by God for each individual? In these “names”, people can grasp their own identity, directing themselves to that self-fulfillment which makes them free and happy. In particular, how can one not read in the parable of the Son, Servant and Lord, the vocational story of the person who is called by Jesus to follow him more closely: that is, to be a servant in the priestly ministry or in religious

consecration? In fact, the priestly vocation or the religious vocation are always, by their very nature, vocations to the generous service of God and of neighbor.

Service thus becomes both the path and the valuable means for arriving at a better understanding of one's own vocation. *Diakonia* is a true *vocational pastoral journey*.

4. “*Where I am, there shall my servant be also*” (Jn 12:26).

Jesus, Servant and Lord, is also the one who calls. He calls us to be like him, because only in service do human beings discover their own dignity and the dignity of others. He calls to serve as he has served. When interpersonal relationships are inspired to reciprocal service, a new world is created and, in it, an authentic vocational culture is developed.

With this message, I should like, in a way, to give voice to Jesus, so as to propose to young people *the ideal of service*, and to help them to overcome the temptations of individualism and the illusion of obtaining their happiness in that way. Notwithstanding certain contrary forces, present also in the mentality of today, in the hearts of many young people there is a natural disposition to open up to others, especially to the most needy. This makes them generous, capable of empathy, ready to forget themselves in order to put the other person ahead of their own interests.

Dear young people, service is a completely natural vocation, because human beings are by nature servants, not being masters of their own lives and being, in their turn, in need of the service of others. Service shows that we are free from the intrusiveness of our ego. It shows that we have a responsibility to other people. And service is possible for everyone, through gestures that seem small, but which are, in reality, great if they are animated by a sincere love. True servants are humble and know how to be “useless” (cf. Lk 17:10). They do not seek egoistic benefits, but expend themselves for others, experiencing in the gift of themselves the joy of working for free.

Dear young people, I hope you can know how to listen to the voice of God calling you to service. This is the road that opens up to so many forms of ministry for the benefit of the community: from the ordained ministry to various other instituted and recognized ministries, such as Catechesis, liturgical animation, education of young people and the various expressions of charity. At the conclusion of the Great Jubilee, I reminded you that this is “the time for a new ‘creativity’ in charity”.

Young people, in a special way it is up to you to ensure that charity finds expression, in all its spiritual and apostolic richness.

5. “*If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all*” (Mk 9:35).

This is how Jesus spoke to the Twelve, when he caught them discussing among themselves “who was the greatest” (Mk 9:34). This is a constant temptation, which does not spare even the one called to preside at the Eucharist, the sacrament of the supreme love of the “Suffering Servant”. Whoever carries out this service is actually called to be a servant in a yet more radical way. He is called, in fact, to act “*in persona Christi*” and so to re-live the same condition of Jesus at the Last Supper, being willing, like Jesus, to love until the end, even to the giving of his life. To preside at the Lord's Supper is, therefore, an urgent invitation to offer oneself in gift, so that the attitude of the Suffering Servant and Lord may continue and grow in the Church.

Dear young men, nurture your attraction to those values and radical choices which will transform your lives into service of others, in the footsteps of Jesus, the Lamb of God. Do not let yourselves be seduced by the call of power and personal ambition. The priestly ideal must be constantly purified from these and other dangerous ambiguities. The call of the Lord Jesus still resounds today: “if any one serves me, he must follow me” (Jn 12:26). Do not be afraid to accept this call. You will surely encounter difficulties and sacrifices, but you will be happy to serve, you will be witnesses of that joy that the world cannot give. You will be living flames of an infinite and eternal love. You will know the spiritual riches of the priesthood, divine gift and mystery.

6. As at other times, on this occasion, too, we turn our gaze to Mary, Mother of the Church and Star of the new evangelization. Let us call upon her with trust, so that in the Church there will be no lack of men and women who are ready to respond generously to the invitation of the Lord, who calls to a more direct service of the Gospel:

“Mary, humble servant of God Most High, the Son to whom you gave birth has made you the servant of humanity. Your life was a humble and generous service. You were servant of the Word when the angel announced to you the divine plan of salvation. You were servant of the Son, giving him life and remaining open to his mystery. You were servant of Redemption, standing courageously at the foot of the Cross, close to the Suffering Servant and Lamb, who was sacrificing himself for love of us. You were servant of the Church on the day of Pentecost and with your intercession you continue to generate her in every believer, even in these our difficult and troubled times. Let the young people of the third millennium look to you, young daughter of Israel, who have known the agitation of a young heart when faced with the plan of the Eternal God. Make them able to accept the invitation of your Son to give their lives wholly for the glory of God. Make them understand that to serve God satisfies the heart, and that only in the service of God and of his kingdom do we realize ourselves in accordance with the divine plan, and life becomes a hymn of glory to the Most Holy Trinity. Amen.”

(Pope John Paul II, Vatican, 16 October 2002.)

## ***This Weekend, January 23-24: Commemoration of the Priests***

### **Saturday, January 23 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Elizabeth Ferris Magnone (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Susie Fadoul by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

### **Sunday, January 24 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Ida Shia Lewis (Anniversary) by Cynthia Lewis Reasbeck
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie & Family
- ✠ Nikki Popovich & Lisa Breiding (Birthdays) by Dalton Haas

## ***Weekdays Masses***

**Monday, January 25: No Mass. Pastor's day off**

### **Tuesday, January 26 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI) and GiGi

**Wednesday, January 27: No Mass. Office work**

### **Thursday, January 28 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Kathleen Olinski & Alois Marchy by Mary Ragase
- ✠ Susie Fadoul by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ Violet Golebiewski (Birthday) by Mike & Terri Golebiewski

**Friday, January 29: No Mass. Pastor's day of vacation**

## ***Next Weekend, January 30-31: Sunday of the Righteous & Just***

### **Saturday, January 30 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney & Pat Sengewalt
- ✠ Susie Fadoul by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Special Intention

### **Sunday, January 31 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ 40-Day Susie Fadoul by her husband Millet & Family
- ✠ Laura M. Wakim (Birthday) by Chris & Jeannette Wakim & Family
- ✠ Dennis & June Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ Sam Elias (Birthday) by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- ✠ Deceased of the Hassan and Nassar Families by Dalton Haas

## ***Week of the Faithful Departed*** (February 6 until February 12, 2021)

***All Masses will be offered for the Repose of the Souls of the followings:***

- † Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- † Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart
- † Josephine Ferris (Anniversary) by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone
- † Isabel Ferris Wolfe (Birthday) by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone
- † Deceased Members of the Khourey and Howard Families by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Khourey
- † Bob Saseen and Steve Schlog (Birthday) by Fran Saseen
- † Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- † Michael Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- † Freda & William Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- † Deceased Members of the Josephs Family by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- † Johnny George and Deceased Members of the George Family by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- † Nicholas & Amelia Elias (grandparents) by their loving Family
- † Donald A. Nickerson Sr., by his loving Family
- † Our dear mother Shirley Elias Nickerson by her loving Family
- † Shirley Elias Nickerson and all deceased members of the Elias Family: Rose, Helen, Margaret, Mary, Madeline, Jean by their loving Family
- † Deceased of the Thomas Family by Rita Strawn
- † Deceased of the Strawn Family by Rita Strawn
- † Deceased of the Dellget Family by Rita Strawn
- † Deceased of our parish by Rita Strawn
- † Deceased of the Anna & Gus Shia Family by the Family
- † Thomas Jochum by his Family
- † Tim, Ginny, and Martha Shia by Sue Jochum
- † Deceased members of the Golebiewski Family by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Deceased members of the Elias Family by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Richard Frazier by his wife Luane & sons Rick & John
- † Cecilia Ann Murad by her daughter Luane Frazier
- † Susie Fadoul by her friend Luane Frazier
- † Thomas A. Ferris & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
- † Bill Daniel Jr., by Rebecca & Michael DiFabrizio
- † Mary E. Daniel by Rebecca & Michael DiFabrizio
- † Najib Nassif (MN) by Msgr. Bakhos
- † Tessa Christine Joseph by her mom Stephanie Joseph
- † Gerard Henry Joseph by his wife Stephanie Joseph
- † Deceased members of the Elias Joseph Family by Stephanie Joseph
- † Deceased of the George and Stiles Families by Margaret George, Mary & Karen George
- † All Souls in Purgatory by Margaret George
- † Ralph & Mary J. Shipley & Deceased of Namon & Salema Joseph & Family by Thomasina Geimer
- † Robert L. Hunter, Jr. & Robby Hunter III by Thomasina Geimer
- † Deceased Family members of the Albaugh and Chidiac Family by Denny Albaugh
- † Leona Albaugh by Msgr Bakhos
- † George & Mary Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Augie Montalbano & Helen Fielding by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Mike O'Kane by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † To honor Jesus agonizing suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Susie M. Fadoul by her husband Millet, daughter Janet, sons Millet C & Jonathan
- † Deceased of the Bentz, Fadoul, Sengewalt & Werner Families by Millet L. Fadoul & Family

- ✠ Elaine & Jay Cybulski, Marthann Rinehart, Carolyn Costain, Annette Tysk, George Thomas & Paul Doyle by Millet L. Fadoul & Family
- ✠ Michael Joseph by his wife Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Alphonse and Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Deceased members of the Shiben and McFarland Families by John & Dee Shiben
- ✠ Siham & Elias Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane, Justin and Andreah & Zack Riedel
- ✠ LaVerne Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane, Justin and Andreah & Zack Riedel
- ✠ Silvio Perilli by Paula Perilli and the Perilli Family
- ✠ Melvin Peluchetti by Paula Perilli
- ✠ Judith L. Bowman by Paula Perilli
- ✠ Brian D. Schwanerbrger by Paula Perilli
- ✠ George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen and Family
- ✠ Deceased Members of the Shutler Family by Janet Shutler
- ✠ Deceased Members of the Nolte Family by Janet Shutler
- ✠ Deceased of the Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Weisner & Joseph Families
- ✠ George Weisner (beloved husband and father) by Jean Weisner and Family
- ✠ Blanche and John G. Wakim by Jeannette & Chris Wakim

(Please complete the attached Mass Form and return it before February 3<sup>rd</sup>)

## ***Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:***

- January 26 Chris DeMuth
- January 28: Nikki Popovich
- February 2: David John, Doug Bratton
- February 4: Lindsay Carl
- February 9: Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Michael DiFabrizio
- February 10: Sandra DeMuth
- February 11: Charlotte Khourey
- February 14: Diane Frenn
- February 15: Nettie Seidler
- February 16: Dave Sengewalt
- February 17: Rebecca DiFabrizio
- February 21: Louie Khourey

## ***Msgr. Bakhos 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday***

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, Msgr Bakhos will celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. He spent the last 20 years serving Our Lady of Lebanon church in Wheeling. They were fruitful years for the church and the parish. He loves West Virginia and he will retire at age of 75. His daily prayers are for all the benefactors of the church and her pastor.

## ***Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List***

(Note: Please call Msgr. Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulations)

Louis "Butch" Elias, Mary Thomas, Jack Hogan (infant son of Mark & Michaela Hogan & great nephew of Lou Khourey), Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, John Shiben, Al Depto, Don Henning, Shirley & Jim George, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Mary Jo Terry, Barbara Hostage, Phil Geimer,

## ***Your Church Support Last Week***

\$665.00	Sunday Collection
62.00	Candles

150.00	Donation to church in Memory of Susie Fadoul
5.00	Utilities
\$882.00	<b>Total Deposits:</b> <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy, Susan Burns

## *What's New*

### *Parish Condolences: Philip Hankish*

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Hankish Family on the loss of their beloved Philip. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the funeral Mass at our Church. May the Blessed Mother intercede for him and lead him to the light of Christ. We extend the parish's condolences to his Family in their time of sorrow.

### *Many Thanks*

--To the dedicated and responsible parishioners who sanitized the pews and every possible touched items on the way to Mass. May God reward you abundantly.

--To those of you who are wearing Masks properly at all times that you are inside Our Lady of Lebanon Church Building. This is to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other flu & bacteria. Please note that your Nose & Mouth are to be covered at ALL times – especially when you are within 6 feet of another person.

## *Spirituality*

### The Eucharist and the Family

The richest, most complex Sacrament, and the one most difficult to understand in depth and define is surely the Eucharist. For this reason, we need to have recourse to different names, each of which describes its particular aspects: Eucharist, Lord's Supper, Breaking the Bread, Eucharistic Assembly, Memorial, Holy and Divine Liturgy, Communion, Holy Mass.

We have to acknowledge that we, Christians, are not fully aware of the value of the word "Eucharist". The term is Greek and it is incomprehensible for most people. The two verbs that make up the term, "eucaristien" and "eulogein" recall the Hebrew blessings, especially at meals, which proclaim God's works: creation, redemption, sanctification. Therefore, Eucharist means "thanksgiving".

An exhaustive explanation of the value of the Sacrament of the Eucharist is found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It explains the reasons why the Eucharist is above all the sacraments, "almost the crowning of spiritual life and the end towards which all the sacraments tend", as St. Thomas states in the Summa Theologica.

Even though we cannot understand all the spiritual richness that the Eucharist represents for our Christian formation—which is expressed in the different names by which it is called—nonetheless, our thought as Christians "on the move" cannot help but go to Sunday Mass and Communion.

It is during the Mass, especially at some intense moments, that we manage to remain in silent conversation with Christ, divested of our vanity and despoiled of ourselves, aware of our weaknesses, fears and doubts. In those moments, our thoughts as parents go to our families, and a desire grows in us to thank God for the gifts he has given us, for our children and grandchildren, for the favors we have received, and for the joys and satisfactions we have had and continuously get from life. Perhaps this is the most beautiful moment of our day. In addition to feeling a great inner need to thank God from the bottom of our hearts, we also feel spiritually united to our spouses and family members. In an unconscious, but surely intense way, they too are in communion with Christ who has always loved us and wants what is good for us. From this mysterious interweaving of spiritual ties, we realize that we are not alone with our miseries and weaknesses because God is close to us, even at the most critical and difficult moments.

The knowledge, then, that the entire Christian community is gathered together all over the earth to give thanks to God in the Eucharist reconciles us with the whole world. It makes us see our neighbor closer to us, and, above all, it lets us see how great God's Love is, which is distributed among all his creatures.

We have all experienced how beautiful it is, as a family, to come together on Sunday in church to pray together. Together we feel the same sentiments of gratitude to God. Even if going to Mass on Sunday may feel like a routine at times, a cold, repetitive "precept" to be observed (like when we were children and our parents forced us to "sanctify the holy day"), nonetheless, it does leave a sense of satisfaction in our hearts. We feel more goodness and well-disposed towards others, as well as reassured and less insecure about ourselves. However, it is especially Communion that enthralls and involves us. Jesus' words, "Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him", penetrate within and upturn the entire person. To know that Jesus Christ is inside me is to relive his sacrifice for the remission of our sins and understand the greatness of his love for others. This makes us capable of getting away from a disordered life, the different futilities that try to seduce us, our pride and our selfishness. Above all, however, the greatness and the value of real Love appear clearly to us. This Love, present in Christ's sacrifice for the salvation of all humanity, constitutes a valid and real reference point for the family. This Love is a beacon that can and must enlighten our life together and make us overcome, with serenity and hope, the inevitable obstacles that come up in our daily lives which, despite everything, should be faced joyfully and as witness for those who are navigating amidst uncertainties and do not have the perspective of the resurrection.

## *A Time to Laugh (487)*

### *Perfect Example*

A man was approached by a homeless man who asked for two dollars.

"Are you going to use this to buy booze?" the man asked.

"No, I'm not," the homeless man replied.

"Are you going to use it for gambling?"

The homeless man shook his head and said, "No."

"Are you going to use it to make bets at the golf course?"

"No, I don't golf," he answered.

The man was elated and asked the homeless man to come home with him and meet his wife. He then explained,

"My wife needs to see what happens to a man who doesn't drink, gamble or play golf."

### *Tee Time for the Blind*

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers.

The engineer asked, "What's with these guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes."

The doctor agreed. "I don't know, but I've never seen such ineptitude!"

The priest noted, "Hey, here comes the greens keeper. Let's have a word with him."

The priest called out to the greens keeper, "Say, George, what's with that group ahead of us?"

"They are rather slow, aren't they?" he answered. "Oh yes, that's a group of blind firefighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free."

The group was silent for a moment.

The priest sympathized, "That's so sad. I think I'll say a special prayer for them tonight."

The doctor added, "That's a good idea. I'm going to contact an ophthalmologist buddy and see if there is anything we can do for those guys."

The engineer suggested, "Well, in the meantime, why can't these guys play at night?"

### *Finding Your Way*

A couple were returning to their seats in a theater after the intermission. The man asked a man at the end of the row, "Did I step on your toes as I went out?"

"You certainly did," the man answered grimly, waiting for an apology.

The man turned to his wife and exclaimed, "Here, honey, this is our row."

## ***Tied Down***

A henpecked husband went to a psychologist to learn to assert himself. The psychologist told him, "You do not have to accept your wife's bullying. You need to go home right now and let her know that you are your own boss."

The husband was encouraged to take the doctor's advice. He went home and slammed the door on his way in. He shook his fist in his wife's face and shouted, "From now on you'll do what I say, woman! Go get my supper, then go upstairs and lay out my clothes. After I eat, I'm going out with the boys. You can stay here where you belong. By the way, do you know who is going to tie my tie for me?"

"I sure do," said his wife calmly. "The undertaker."

## ***Jesus Saves***

Jesus and Satan were having an ongoing argument about who was better on his computer. They had been going at it for days, and God the Father was tired of hearing all the bickering. Finally, God said: *"cool it. I am going to set up a test that will run two hours, and I will judge who does the better job."* So Satan and Jesus agreed and sat down at their keyboards and typed away.

They moused.

They did spreadsheets.

They wrote reports.

They sent Faxes.

They sent e-mails.

They sent e-mails with complicated multiple attachments, yet.

They downloaded files.

They did some genealogy reports (both necessarily brief)

They created labels and cards.

They did every known job.

Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency, and Satan was faster than Hell. But ten minutes before the time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured and, of course, the electricity went off.

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known to the underworld.

Jesus just sighed. The electricity finally came back on and each of them rebooted with computers.

Satan started searching frantically, screaming *"It's gone! It's all GONE! I lost everything when the power went off!"*

Meanwhile Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours.

Satan observed this and waxed wroth: *"Wait! He cheated! How did he do that?"*

God shrugged and said: *"Jesus saves."*

## ***Porsche***

A woman offered a brand-new Porsche for sale for the price of ten dollars. A man answered the ad, but he was slightly disbelieving.

"What's the gimmick?" He inquired.

"No gimmick," the woman answered. "My husband died, and in his will asked that the car be sold and the money go to his secretary."