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# *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Resurrection*

\***Weekend Masses:** Saturdays: Mass at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays: Mass at 10:30 a.m.

\***Weekday Masses:** Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays: No Mass. Pastor's office work.  
Tuesdays and Thursdays Mass at 12:00 Noon

\***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and Sunday of the month after Mass.

\***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 Khourey, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad, Gary Weisner.

\***Choir Members:** Lou Khourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Holly Stahl.

\***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer

\***Altar Server:** Earl Duffy and Joe Roxby

\***Altar Boy:** Christopher AlKhouri

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

\***Women's Society:** Jeannette Wakim, 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.

## *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection*

Readings: Job 42:1-6; 2Tim 2:8-13 and Lk 24:13-25

Are you no longer hoping? Behold, Christ is alive; and hope is dead in! Certainly Christ is alive! The living Christ finds the hearts of his disciples dead. He appeared before their eyes, yet he was not manifest to them; he was visible, yet he was hidden from them. For, if he were not visible to them, how did they hear him when he questioned them? How did they answer his questions? He walked with them on the road as a companion, yet he was their leader. Certainly they saw him, but they did not recognize him, for 'their eyes were held, that they should not recognize him,' as we have heard today. They were not prevented from seeing him, but they 'were held that they should not recognize him'.

Ah, my brethren, where was it that the Lord wished to be recognized: in the breaking of bread. We are safe; we break bread, and we recognize the Lord. He did not wish to be recognized except in that act, for the sake of us who were not destined to see him in the flesh but who, nevertheless, would eat his flesh.

Therefore, whoever you are who are faithful, you for whom the title Christian is not an empty name, you who do not enter this church without reason, you who hear the word of God with sentiments of fear and hope, let the breaking of bread bring consolation to you. The absence of the Lord is not real absence; have faith, and he whom you do not see is with you.

When the Lord spoke to the disciples, they did not have faith; because they did not believe that he had risen, they did not hope that they could rise again. They had lost faith; they had lost hope. As dead men they walked with the Living; as dead men they walked with Life itself. Life walked with them, but life was not yet renewed in their hearts. (Augustine, Sermon 235)

### ***This Weekend: Sat-Sunday, April 13-14: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter***

#### **Saturday, April 13 at 4:00 pm:**

- ✠ Rosemary F. Coury (Anniversary) by Richard Coury
- ✠ Melo J. Wakim (Anniversary) by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- ✠ Dana Burkhart by his wife Carol Burkhart

#### **Sunday, April 14 at 10:30 am:**

- ✠ Nancy Ferris Coffield (Anniversary and Mary Stees by Libby Magnone)
- ✠ Gerard Joseph (Anniversary) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Deceased of the Yeater Family by Chris and Jeannette Wakim

### ***Weekdays Mass Schedule***

**Monday, April 15:** No Mass. Pastor's day off.

#### **Tuesday, April 16 Mass at Noon:**

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Robert J. Shutler, Jr (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) by his sister Janet Shutler

**Wednesday, April 17:** No Mass. Office works.

#### **Thursday, April 18, Mass at Noon:**

- ✠ Janice Roxby by Mary Ragase
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ Mary Stees by her Family

**Friday, April 19:** No Mass. Visitation of the sick

### ***Next Weekend: Sat-Sunday, April 20-21: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***

#### **Saturday, April 20 at 4:00 pm:**

- ✠ Dana Burkhart by his wife Carol Burkhart
- ✠ Janice Roxby by Janet Shutler

✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will  
**Sunday, April 21 at 10:30 am:**

✠ William M. Yeater Jr. (Anniversary) by Chris and Jeannette Wakim

✠ Mary Stees by her Family

✠ John Shibben by Erica Shibben and Family (FL)

## *Coming Parish Events*

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| Sunday, April 14  | Cedar Club Meeting after 10:30 am Mass                              |
| Sunday, April 21  | Women's Society Meeting after 10:30 am Mass                         |
| Sunday, April 28  | Mother Day dinner after 10:30 am Mass. Please reserve a seat early. |
| Saturday, May 11  | Bake Sale. More details in next bulletins.                          |
| Father Day Masses | 2 weekends Masses for Fathers & Grandfathers (June 15-23)           |

## *Mothers' Day Masses (from May 11 until May 19)*

### *Masses for the Deceased Mothers and Grandmothers*

✠ Special Remembrance:

--on May 12: Ray McLaughlin, Sr. (Anniversary) by Mark & Bard McLaughlin

--on May 12: Betty J. Fadoul, MarthAnn Rienhart & Elaine Cybulski and Jim Heagler (Birthday) by Millet Louis Fadoul & his children Janet, Millet C. and Jonathan.

✠ Deceased of the Togliatti & Harb Families by GiGi Rice

✠ Deceased mothers & grandmothers of Jamil Harb (MI)

✠ Louise N. Khourey & Gladys Howard by children Lou & Charlotte & grandchildren Emmalena & Louie

✠ Emma Nader & Nabiha "Lena" Khourey by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

✠ Minnie Church Riggs & Cassandra "Cassie" Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

✠ Sadie Chidiac (mother), Kathrine & Hasibi (grandmothers) & all my sisters by Msgr. Bakhos

✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will

✠ Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carole Burkhardt

✠ Pearl I (Nolte) Shutler (mother), Clara (Frohnappel) Shutler (grandmother) by Janet Shutler

✠ Isabelle (Frey) Nolte (great-grandmother) by Janet Shutler

✠ Lucy Gibbons, Ann Otterbeck & Sadie Coury by Ron & Kim Gibbons

✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson & Amelia Elias and Deceased of the Elias Family by Tammy Strong

✠ Wanda Nickerson by Tammy Strong

✠ Sara Joseph McLaughlin & Selma Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

✠ Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

✠ LaVerne Thomas & Siham Frenn by Dr Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Andreah & Zack & Christian Riedel

✠ Ginny and Martha Shia and Anna Shia by Sue Jochum and Family

✠ Edna Jochum by Sue Jochum and Family

✠ Foumia Saad Cater by her daughter Dr. Maryann Cater

✠ Siberia Georges Cater by her niece Dr. Maryann Cater

✠ Cecilia Ann Murad by her daughter Luane Frazier

✠ Lottie Ann Elwartoski by her son Richard Elwartoski

✠ Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Connell

✠ Marie Connell by Jim & Pat Connell

✠ June Fahey by George & Patricia Fahey

✠ Agnes Jacovetty by George & Patricia Jacovetty-Fahey

✠ Mary K. Ferris by her daughter Denise Ferris

✠ Chamse Rahi & Mary Rouhana by the Peklinsky, Storm, Howarth and Rahi Families

✠ Frances Serafin by Dick & Ann Marie Serafin

✠ Julia Gongola by Dolores Oser

- ✠ Cecilia (mother) & Saada (grandmother) by Carol Dougherty (OK)
- ✠ Helen Schroeder by her son Mark & Jane Wine
- ✠ Doloes Palotay by the Palotay Family
- ✠ Elizabeth Luczak, Helen Hitt, Julia & Filka Hodulik & Alice Wilson by Judy Wilson
- ✠ Eileen M. Hatty and Mary Ann Hatty by the Hattys of Michigan
- ✠ Cecilia Frances Hatty by the Hattys of Michigan
- ✠ Ann Bott & Angela Henning by Don & Roberta Henning
- ✠ Dolores M. Leech Fahey and Minnie M. Leech by Jackie & Pat Petros
- ✠ Betty Lou Sherman Petros and Gertrude Sherman by Jackie & Pat Petros
- ✠ Rose Ann Polsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- ✠ Emily Vince by her children & grandchildren
- ✠ Patricia Gompers by the Matt Gompers Family
- ✠ Evelyn Goodson (mother) & Mariam Joseph (grandmother) by Cathy Goodson
- ✠ Viola Jeannette Yeater and Viola J. Reass by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- ✠ Laura Z. Wakim and Edna Wakim by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- ✠ Mariam Joseph and Mary Catherine Habeb by Jean Weisner and Family
- ✠ Martha Saseen by her son George Saseen
- ✠ Elizabeth Harasuk by her daughter Susan Saseen
- ✠ Georgette Joseph and Betty Allen by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Nancy Valles by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Mary J. Shipley (mother) & Salema Joseph (grandmother) by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Elena Caputi Blake and Delia Cetorelli and Angela Caputi by Lillian and Larry Siebieda

### *Masses for the Living Mothers and Grandmothers*

- ✠ Charlotte Kourey by her children Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Living mothers & grandmothers of Jamil Harb (MI)
- ✠ My sisters & their daughters in law by Msgr. Bakhos
- ✠ Barb McLaughlin by Brad McLaughlin & Kristen Graney
- ✠ Barb McLaughlin by Nathan & Shane Graney
- ✠ Diane Frenn & Andrea Riedel by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Zack & Christian Riedel
- ✠ Jean Weisner by her 8 children
- ✠ Judy Hudlik Wilson by Buzz, Chris, Pete & Bailey
- ✠ Nancy Valles and Jo Ann Morrison by Vickie Joseph

### *91<sup>st</sup> Mahrajan News Update*

--**Mahrajan Date:** Sunday, August 11, 2024 from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm at Oglebay Park.

#### **--Church Dance Troupe Announcement**

We are looking for kids and young adults to participate in our parish dance troupe for the 91<sup>st</sup> Mahrajan! If you know anyone who would be interested, please contact the church at 304-233-1688. Practices will be held every Sunday starting April 7 after 10:30 am Mass. Mrs. Nesrin Alkhouri

--**Mass:** Outdoor Mass at Oglebay **at 10:00 a.m.** not 10:30 am.

--**Program:** Live Band, Belly dancers, inflatables, face painting, souvenirs, Lebanese Food, shish kebab, pastry, wine, beer, adult and children games, and much more.

--**Raffle Prize:** will be \$10,000 if all 1,000 numbered tickets are sold.

--**Magnet:** Save the Date Magnet was mailed to everyone on the church mailing list.

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

- April 14: Mark McLaughlin, Lori Chickos
- April 20: Angela Petros
- April 28: Ann Marie Weisner Serafin
- April 29: Jeannette Wakim

May 5: Eden DeMuth  
 May 6: Nikki Lenz  
 May 9: Mark Thomas

| <b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b> |   |
|---|---|
| \$2,184.00                                  | Sunday Collection   |
| 51.00                                       | Candles   |
| 11.00                                       | Coffee hour   |
| 75.00                                       | Donation to the church  |
| 90.00                                       | Mother Day dinner   |
| 432.00                                      | Utilities   |
| \$2,843.00                                  | Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i><br>Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Susan Burns, Liz Murad, Mark McLaughlin |

### ***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)

Mary Zigler (sister of Lillian Siebieda), Dolores Oser, Sally Sengewalt, Anthony Wakim, Earl Duffy, Fran Saseen, Sandra DeMuth, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Patty Olinsky, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

### ***Rummage Sale Items Drop off all Year Long***

Please bring with you to the church all the items you wish to donate toward the Rummage Sale. Items are accepted all year long. The Cedar Club and the Women Society raise funds to cover the expensive Building Insurance of our church. Any donation is accepted and helpful. We will open the basement door for you anytime. Please call 304-233-1688

### ***What's New?***

#### ***2024 Food Handling Classes Dates:***

All volunteers at food events or at the festival are required to have their "Food Handling Card" when preparing food. Jeannette will work with the health department to schedule a class at the cedar hall for all the volunteers. She will inform everyone about the day and time of that class. Anyway, if someone wants to get his/her card at a different place and time, here are some dates. Thanks.

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tuesday, June 4 | Wilson Lodge (terrace Room)       |
| Tuesday, July 2 | Wheeling Park (hall of Champions) |

### ***Diocese Pilgrimage to Poland and Prague***

When: From August 26 to September 4, 2024. Space is limited

Where: Poland and Prague

Cost: \$2,900.00 double occupancy. Price per person

Information: call our Diocese at 323-336-3168 or 818-626-9193

### ***Spirituality***

God never refuses grace to those who honestly ask for it. All He asks is that the vague thirst for the Infinite which has urged the soul on to seek its good in a succession of pleasures shall now be transformed into a thirst for God Himself. All we need do is to voice these two petitions: Dear Lord, illumine my intellect to see the Truth, and give me the strength to follow it. It is a prayer that is *always* answered. And it makes no difference whether the desire for God we voice has come from our disgust, satieties, and despair or whether it is

born of our love of the beautiful, the perfect. God is willing to take either our old bones or our young dreams, for He loves us, not because of the way we are, but because of what we can be through His grace.

*Bishop Fulton SHEEN, Peace of Soul, 1949, p.241.*

## Wisdom

“Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.” (Helen KELLER 1880-1968)

The proverb that comes to mind is, “Nothing ventured, nothing gained.” Still, most proverbs emphasize caution, prudence, and vigilance. For every “Go for it!” and “He who hesitates is lost,” there are dozens of warnings like, “The crab that walks too far falls into the pot.” (Haitian), “Sleeping people can’t fall down” (Japanese), or “Fish don’t get caught in deep water.” (Malay)

The fact is, of course, that crabs have to walk just to find food. The concept of “too far” is relative. Besides, skilled crabbers wait by crab holes, so even going out for air can be life threatening. By the same token, sleeping people can’t eat, relate to others, work, or make love. Sleeping all the time to avoid falling down will land one in the permanent sleep of death. And while deep-water fish may not get caught by shore-hugging anglers, they are hardly safe from mechanized commercial fishing boats or the predatory fish-eating monsters of the deep. Remember: No one gets out of life alive. That goes for even the cleverest of all.

Risk taking is our ticket to ride. Without a leap of courage, none of us would go to school, interview for a job, enter a committed relationship, buy a house, move to a new town, live in a foreign country invest in the stock market, have an operation, board an airplane, or open a business. Some mornings just getting out of bed is a challenge, not to mention leaving for work. What unseen crabber might be awaiting us as we come out for air? Helen Keller, the most famous multi handicapped person in American history surely knew that without taking risk after risk, she would have been doomed to the dark loneliness of her condition. Her courage has inspired generations of us to leave our caves of fear.

## Story

One day, an expert in time management was speaking to a group of business students. To drive home a point, he used an illustration those students will never forget. As he stood in front of the group of high powered overachievers he said, *“Okay, it is time for a quiz.”* Then he pulled out a one-gallon, wide-mouthed Mason jar and set it on the table in front of him. Then he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar. When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, *“Is this jar full?”*

Everyone in the class said, *“Yes.”* The management expert asked, *“Really?”* He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the space between the big rocks. Then he asked the group once more, *“Is the jar full?”* By this time the class was on to him. *“Probably not,”* one of them answered. *“Good!”* he replied. He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in the jar and it went into all of the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question,

*“Is this jar full?”* *“No!”* the class shouted. Once again he said, *“Good.”* Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim.

At this point he looked at the class and asked, *“What is the point of this illustration?”*

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, *“The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always fit some more things in it!”*

*“No,”* the speaker replied, *“that’s not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don’t put the big rocks in first, you’ll never get them in at all.”*

What are the **'big rocks'** in your life? Your children; Your loved ones; Your education; Your dreams; A worthy cause; Teaching or mentoring others; Doing things that you love; Time or yourself; Your health; Your significant other. Remember to put these BIG ROCKS in first or you'll never get them in at all. If you sweat the little stuff (the gravel, the sand) then you'll fill your life with little things you worry about that don't really

matter, and you'll never have the real quality time you need to spend on the big, important stuff (the big rocks). So, tonight, or in the morning, when you are reflecting on this short story, ask yourself this question: What are the **'big rocks'** in my life? Then, put those in your jar first. Don't forget God!

### *Another extra story: Saying Grace In A Restaurant*

Last week, I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice cream! Why, I never!" Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?"

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job, and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table.

He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer." "Really?" my son asked.

"Cross my heart," the man replied.

Then, in a theatrical whisper, he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes." Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment, and then did something I will remember the rest of my life.

He picked up his sundae and, without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes; and my soul is good already."

Sometimes, we all need some ice cream.

## *A Time to Laugh (111)*

### *The Ambitious Priest*

One day, a rabbi and a priest were sitting next to each other on a plane each discussing their careers.

The rabbi then asked the priest, *"Tell me Father, how far can you advance in the Catholic Church?"*

The priest thought about the question for awhile and replied, *"Oh, I guess if I am lucky, I could become a bishop."*

The rabbi smiled and patted the priest's lap, *"Come now Reverend, why limit yourself. How high could a man of ambition make it?"*

The priest thought again and said, *"I suppose I could aspire to be an Archbishop, but that would take some doing and all the right connections."*

The rabbi then asked, *"Could you go higher than that?"*

*"If I receive Divine Intervention, I guess I could be made a Cardinal"*, said the priest.

*"Could you be anything higher than a Cardinal?"* probed the rabbi.

Hesitating a little bit, the priest said, *"I suppose that I could be elected Pope, but that would be a miracle."*

*"And then where would you go from there?"* prodded the rabbi.

The priest was now quite flabbergasted and said, *"Surely you don't suggest that I could be the Messiah himself?!"*

*"Why not,"* said the rabbi. *"One of our boys made it!"*

### *The Regular Father*

Two priests were complaining one day about their bishop, who had a reputation for being a bit of a tightwad.

*"I don't see how he expects us to cut expenses any further. We're already operating on a shoestring budget as it is,"* said the first priest.

*"I don't mean any disrespect,"* said the second priest, *"but he's so tight that when he dies and sees the light at the end of the tunnel, he'll turn it off!"*

## *Famous Quotes (16)*

- I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them. (Thomas Jefferson)
- My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government. (Thomas Jefferson)
- No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms. (Thomas Jefferson)
- The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government. (Thomas Jefferson)
- The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. (Thomas Jefferson)
- To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical. (Thomas Jefferson)
- In light of the present financial crisis, it's now very interesting to read what Thomas Jefferson said in 1802: "I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered."
- On the Right Track: Even if you're on the right track, you're going to get run over if you sit there.
- When you become reluctant to change, remind yourself of the beauty of autumn.
- If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?
- Church members are like automobiles—they start missing before they quit.
- The heart is happier when it beats for others.
- A Christian is one who does not have to consult his bank book to see how wealthy he really is.
- If you don't take care of your body, where else are you going to live? (Logans Ferry Messenger)
- It doesn't take much of a man to be a Christian –it takes all of him.
- The less real religion a church has, the more entertainment it takes to keep it going.
- Civilization stands at the crossroads. Down one road is despondency and despair, and down the other is total annihilation. Let us pray that we choose the right road. (Woody Allen)
- The act of faith is an act of acceptance, not an explanation. (Morris West)
- All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)
- Unless we form the habit of going to the Bible in bright moments as well as in trouble, we cannot fully respond to its consolations, because we lack equilibrium between light and darkness. (Helen Keller)
- Dying is no big thing, since I'm prepared for it by my Catholic faith. (Walker Percy)
- No one is mature until he/she has confronted the reality of his/her own death and has ordered his/her life accordingly. (Dr. Donald Irish)
- I have no property or stocks or insurance. I have no family but a niece and nephew I never see and a brother to whom I am as close as to a mild-mannered short-order cook. I see no friends constantly, only when I'm in the city. I have no memorabilia, clippings, reviews, photographs, records, printed or manuscript music, I keep only the letters of one man. I refuse to contemplate the past or future. I have no plans, no ambitions or infatuations. I assume that the worst is likely to occur at any moment and therefore celebrate not so much feeling well as not feeling sick .... Since I have reduced my needs and interests, to a minimum, there will be that much less to die. (The New Yorker, 12 January 1981: on the death of one of its staff members, from the published Last Will and Testament)