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# Trinity Sunday

- \*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**: 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.

## *Trinity Sunday*

Readings: Gen 18:1-8; Rom 11:25-36 and Mt 28:16-20

How does one speak about God and who would be able to understand him? In his presence, we are like a child before the vast ocean which seems to be endlessly renewed; he fills his bucket from the waves without leaving a trace; he empties it into a hole in the sand; the water soaks in and disappears. How give expression to that which knows no bounds? How attempt to do so, without having at least some experience of the immensity of its waters? Surely the best way to know the ocean would be to approach it and lose oneself in it?

Those great men and women who are versed in prayer are witnesses to the fact that we cannot speak about God until we learn to speak to him. We are only acolytes answering the initiative of a God who makes himself known and reveals his name to us in the intimacy of faith. God alone can speak adequately about God. This he has done by becoming man in Jesus Christ. Jesus of Nazareth is the divine love in human form; in him the fullness of the Godhead has dwelt in our flesh and his Spirit murmurs within us the hidden Name: 'Abba', Father! What is revealed of the Triune God is still a 'mystery', something that eludes our grasp and brings us once again face to face with the reality of an inexpressible God.

'God loved the world so much ... (Jn 3:16). St John gives us a glimpse of the mystery of God and his plan for us. Like the three strangers who became Abraham's guests at the oaks of Mamre (Gen 18:1-18), so too God wants us to be his companions in eternity: in order to break bread with him, to share the true food in an intimacy which will know no end. To say to somebody: "I love you, means: You will never die." (G. Marcel). We must go back to the deep life of God if we are to grasp what the love of the Father for mankind brings about - eternal life for those who believe in Jesus Christ.

### ***This Weekend: Sat-Sun., May 25-26: Trinity Sunday***

#### **Saturday, May 25 at 4:00 pm:**

- ✠ John Glaser by his sisters Kathy Boehm & Mary Gotses & Families
- ✠ Janice Roxby by Mary Ragase
- ✠ Robert Rose (Birthday) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Dana Burkhart by his wife Carol & Family

#### **Sunday, May 26 at 10:30 am:**

- ✠ Mary Stees by her Family
- ✠ Bill Dougherty (Birthday) by his wife Carol (OK)
- ✠ John H. & Marion W. Colfer (OH) by their son Sean P. Colfer

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

**Monday, May 27:** No Mass. Pastor's day off.

#### **Tuesday, May 28 Mass at Noon:**

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Mary Stees by her Family
- ✠ Erlinda Pacheco Tackaberry (TN) by her husband Steve Tackaberry
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

**Wednesday, May 29:** No Mass. Office works.

#### **Thursday, May 30, Mass at Noon:**

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Jossie Ferris Wolfe (Birthday) and Mary Stees by Libby Magnone
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

**Friday, May 31:** No Mass. Visitations of the sick.

### ***Next Weekend: Sat-Sun., June 1-2: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

**Saturday, June 1 at 4:00 pm: Mass followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

- ✠ Deceased of the Hughes Family by Mark Schroeder and Jane Wine
- ✠ John Glaser by his sisters Kathy Boehm & Mary Gotses & Families
- ✠ Janice Roxby by Ron & Susan Burns
- ✠ Dana Burkhart by his wife Carol & Family
- ✠ Special Intention

**Sunday, June 2 at 10:30 am: Mass followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

- ✠ Tom Ferris (Anniversary) and Mary Stees by Libby Magnone
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Pat Sengewalt

***Coming Parish Events******Masses for the Living and Deceased fathers and grandfathers from June 15 until June 23rd******Rest of the souls of Deceased Fathers' Day Masses***

✠ Special Remembrance:

--on June 22: Cathy (Sharp) Howard (Anniversary) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

--on June 23: Mariam Joseph (Anniversary) by the Weisner and Joseph Families

✠ Habib Khourey, Louis Khourey Sr., & Nassif Nader by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

✠ Charles "Pud" Howard, Bruce Cody Riggs and Franklin C. Howard by Lou & Charlotte & Family

✠ Adib Chidiac (father) & Nadim Chidiac (brother) by Msgr. Bakhos

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

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

✠ Deceased fathers and grandfathers of the Saseen Family

✠ Robert J. Shutler, Sr. (father) and Fred J. Shutler (grandfather) by Janet Shutler

✠ Harry J. Nolte grandfather and Harry F. Nolte (great-grandfather) by Janet Shutler

✠ Al Otterbeck by Ron & Kim Gibbons

✠ Donald A. Nickerson Sr. and Albert Nickerson by Tammy Strong

✠ Nicholas Elias by Tammy Strong

✠ Ray McLaughlin Sr., and Elias Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

✠ John Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin

✠ Elias Frenn and Jim Thomas by Dr Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Andreah & Zack & Christian Riedel

✠ Tim Shia and Gus Shia by Sue Jochum & Family

✠ Tom Jochum, Jr. and Sr., by their children and grandchildren

✠ Walter John Elwartoski by his son Richard Elwartoski

✠ George Alan Weisner by his 8 children

✠ Richard Serafin by Dick & Ann Marie Serafin

✠ Thomas A. Ferris by his daughter Denise Ferris

✠ Dennis Fahey by George & Patty Fahey

✠ Vincent Jacovetty by George & Patty Jacovetty Fahey

✠ Abdoo Saseen by Jim & Pat Connell

✠ Bernard Connell by Jim & Pat Connell

✠ Frank Gongola by Dolores Oser

✠ Robert (father) and Charles (grandfather) by Carol Dougherty

✠ Bill Dougherty by his daughter Lisa Kennedy and his wife Carol Dougherty

✠ Ray Palotay by the Palotay Family

✠ Albert Schroeder by his son Mark and Jane Wine

✠ John Wilson, Rudy and Theodore Hodulik, Wayne Wilson by Judy, Buzz, Chris, Pete and Bailey Wilson

✠ Philip E. Petros and George E. Petros by Jackie and Pat Petros

- ✠ George A. Fahey and George M. Fahey by Jackie and Pat Petros
- ✠ John Henning and Joseph Bott by Don & Roberta Henning
- ✠ Michael T. Hatty and Louis M. Hatty by the Hattys of Michigan
- ✠ Joseph P. Hatty by the Hattys of Michigan
- ✠ Donald Vince by his children and grandchildren
- ✠ Angelo Polsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- ✠ Melo J. Wakim and John Wakim by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- ✠ William M. Yeater Jr and William M. Yeater by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- ✠ Nimon Joseph and Maroon Habeb by Jean Weisner and Family
- ✠ George J. Saseen by his son George Saseen
- ✠ Steve Harasuik by his daughter Susan Saseen
- ✠ Alphonse Joseph and Albert Valles by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Mike Joseph and Clay Allen by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Nicholas Bedway Jr. by his children
- ✠ Thomas Ferris (uncle) and Nicolai Magnone (granpa) by Libby Magnone
- ✠ John Ferris (uncle) and Abdo Ferris (grandpa) by Libby Magnone
- ✠ William Magnone (father) by Libby Magnone
- ✠ Michael Kzaley and Moses Kzaley (MN) by Pat & Leon Anderson
- ✠ Richard Anderson and Richard Aside (MN) by Pat & Leon Anderson
- ✠ George Weisner by his son Gary Weisner
- ✠ Samuel Gaudio by his daughter Shirley Bine
- ✠ Holly Bine by his son Kenny
- ✠ Nimon Joseph by Kenny & Nancy Joseph and Family
- ✠ Russell Wetzel by Rusty Wetzel
- ✠ George Fadoul & Joseph Duffy by Mickey & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Steve Sofka by Mike & Judy Sofka
- ✠ Tim Stanton and Bill Sayre by Mike & Judy Sofka
- ✠ Anthony George and Sam George (Mn) by Margaret George
- ✠ Albert Stiles (Mn) by Margaret George
- ✠ Assad Nassar by Anthony & Rena Nassar
- ✠ George Popovich and Mike Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Augie Montalbano, Stan Fielding and Don Fielding by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Beb Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt and Family
- ✠ Matthew Siebieda, Joseph Siembieda and Constantino Cetorelli by Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- ✠ Orval A. Blake Sr., Friend Blake and Nicola Caputi by Lillian & Larry Siebieda
- ✠ Silvio “Joe” Perilli by Diana Gavin and Paula Perilli
- ✠ George Joseph, Edward Joseph, Gerard Joseph, Lawrence Ferrera and Elias Joseph by Larry & Becky Ferrera
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### *Intentions of the Living fathers’ Day Masses*

- ✠ Lou H. Khourey by his children Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Jamil Harb by his Family (MI)
- ✠ Mark McLaughlin by Brad McLaughlin and Kristen Graney
- ✠ Mark McLaughlin by his grandchildren Nathan & Shane Graney
- ✠ Dr. Adel Frenn and Zack Riedel by Diane & Justin Frenn & Andreah & Christian Riedel
- ✠ Dick Serafin by Ann Marie Serafin, Andrew, Michael, Julie and Daniel Serafin
- ✠ Assad Rahi by the Peklinsky Family
- ✠ Chris Wakim by Laura Wakim Chapman & Family and Nathan Wakim
- ✠ Louis Valles by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Bill Stees (brother-in-law) by Libby Magnone
- ✠ Josh McDowell (nephew-in-law) by Libby Magnone

- † William Nicholas Magnone (brother) by Libby Magnone  
 † James Kzaley (MN) by Pat & Leon Anderson  
 † Butch Dennis by Annette Wetzel  
 † Joe Popovich by Nikki Popovich and Family  
 † PJ Lenz by Joe & Nikki Popovich  
 † Larry Ferrera, Larry III, Tony Ferrera, Tony Renzella and Mark McLaughlin by Becky Ferrera  
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## *Flowers to the Blessed Mother During May*

Thank you to Nettie Seidler & Mary Lish for sponsoring the first week Flowers

Week of 05/26/24	Libby Magnone, Thomasina Geimer, Pam Obyc, Patrick Stees
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## *NAM Delegate needed*

Dear parishioners, If anyone have time to attend the NAM Convention in Detroit this year, our church needs one or two delegates to represent us at the meetings. The NAM is in the first week of July (4-7 July). Please contact Msgr Bakhos for details. Thanks.

## *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:*

- May 27: Emmalena Khourey, Brad McLaughlin  
 May 30: Josie Stees Fertig  
 June 1: Billy Committee  
 June 2: Debbie Sengewalt  
 June 5: Earl "Mickey" Duffy, Kenly George  
 June 7: Jean Weisner  
 June 9: Ava DeMuth  
 June 14: P.J. Lenz, Kathy Boehm  
 June 15: Becky Joseph Ferrera, Grace Ferrera  
 June 20: Nick Ghaphery, Jr.  
 June 23: Mary Beth Weisner

## *Your Church Support Last Week*

\$1,146.00	Sunday Collection
73.00	Candles
24.00	Coffee hour

25.00	Donation to the church
615.00	Mahrajan
\$1,883.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> 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)  
Regina, Shelly and Gavin Hancher, 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),

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

### ***Rummage Sale Information***

Drop off days are scheduled for **May 27, 28, 29** from **12 Noon to 3:00 p.m.** in the basement Hall. Our Parish Rummage Sale will be on **Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** and on **Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** For any questions call Linda at 304-242-6853. Thank you

### ***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.

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: Nasty People in Heaven!!***

Our Blessed Lord was very fond of nasty people. He told so many stories about them. One of the charges the enemies made against Him was that He ate with nasty people and with sinners. One of the greatest of all the Apostles came to Our Blessed Lord through hate. It is the prodigal who was placed before his virtuous brother; the son who rebelled and repented was preferred to the one who pleaded loyalty and then disobeyed. The lost sheep was put upon the shoulders of the Good Shepherd, and the ninety-nine were left in the field. The lost coin was found and made an occasion for rejoicing, but there was never any party or celebration for the other nine. The Savior turns out the buyers and sellers from the Temple and then takes a child upon His knees and says that he will enter the Kingdom of Heaven before the wise university professors. He washes the feet of disciples who seek first place at table, talks freely to women whom the whole nation hates, and intervenes to protect an adulteress from stoning at the hands of those adultery has not yet been found out. The announcement of His Incarnation was made to a Virgin; but the announcement of His Resurrection from the dead was made to a converted sinner.

Because Our Blessed Lord preferred the nasty people to the nice people, it is very likely that if we could look up into Heaven we should see some sights that would scandalize us. We should say: "*Well, how did that woman get there?*" or "*How did he get in? I knew him when ...*" There will be many in Heaven whom we never expected to see there. The surprises will be numerous. But the greatest surprise of all will be to find that we are there ourselves.

*--Bishop Fulton Sheen, Peace of Soul, pp.82-83.*

## ***Wisdom: Safety Tips for Women #2***

Received from a friend who is in the property insurance business. It is well worth reading. The original message was written by a lady whose brother and his wife learned a hard lesson this past week.

Their house burned down ... nothing left but ashes. They have good insurance so the house will be replaced and most of the contents. That is the good news. However, they were sick when they found out the cause of the fire. The insurance investigator sifted through the ashes for several hours. He had the cause of the fire traced to the master bathroom. He asked her sister-in-law what she had plugged in the bathroom. She listed the normal things ... curling iron, blow dryer. He kept saying to her, "No, this would be something that would disintegrate at high temperatures". Then her sister-in-law remembered she had a Glade Plug-In, in the bathroom.

The investigator had one of those "Aha" moments. He said that was the cause of the fire. He said he has seen more house fires started with the plug-in type room fresheners than anything else. He said the plastic they are made from is THIN plastic. He also said that in every case there was nothing left to prove that it even existed.

When the investigator looked in the wall plug, the two prongs left from the plug-in were still in there. Her sister-in-law had one of the plug-ins that had a small nightlight built in it. She said she had noticed that the light would dim and then finally go out. She would walk in to the bathroom a few hours later, and the light would be back on again. The investigator said that the unit was getting too hot, and would dim and go out rather than just blow the light bulb. Once it cooled down it would come back on.

That is a warning sign. The investigator said he personally wouldn't have any type of plug in fragrance device anywhere in his house. He has seen too many places that have been burned down due to them.

## ***Story: Sacred Heart of Jesus***

In the spring of 1967, my younger brother was reported missing in action in Vietnam. First, we received a telegram stating Mike was missing in action. Then another informing us Mike had lost his legs and was in critical condition. Then followed the nightmare of a Marine officer and chaplain arriving on my parents' doorstep with the news Mike had died.

It turned out Mike was actually recuperating from a minor wound in Tokyo, Japan. He called soon after we received the mistaken report. It was at this point that my older brother Bill determined to put college on hold and rejoin the Marines. He asked for duty in Vietnam to be with my younger brother Mike. His hope was to convince Mike to file under the Sullivan ruling, which states no more than one family member has to serve in a life-threatening situation at a time.

Bill wanted Mike in a safer place—out of the combat zone while he served in 'Nam himself. Bill had always looked out for his three younger siblings, and he was determined to do so again. If Mike refused to leave, Bill figured they could at least support one another. The last thing my father did on the day Bill was to leave for retraining was to make sure he was wearing his

Sacred Heart badge. My parents had my sister, two brothers, and me consecrated to the Sacred Heart when we were babies. They made sure we made the First Friday devotions that were given to St. Margaret Mary. It was to her that Christ revealed his promises concerning devotion to His Most Sacred Heart.

Daddy jokingly told Bill: "It might not stop a bullet, but it can keep you safe along the way. Just remember it is only as good as the faith you put with it. If you wear it as a scrap of material and don't follow Christ, it will be no help at all. Remember what's important ... Trust Christ and follow him. He will get you home. Ask St. Margaret to help you too. That's all the protection you really need." With that last bit of unassuming faith from my father, Bill left for hoot camp wearing the banner of Christ, his Sacred Heart badge.

After training, Bill landed in Vietnam on August 21st. Sadly, the very day Bill landed, our brother Mike was again wounded. This time his wounds were much more serious. A land mine struck his amphibious mobile unit and Mike was badly burned. Bill managed to track him down in the hospital.

Because of the severity of Mike's wounds, Bill was not allowed in to see him. All Bill could do was say a prayer and report for duty. The two never saw each other before Mike was soon transported stateside for

medical treatment. Bill's plans were to do his duty, and then return home to finish college. He had a sense of duty to serve his country, and he strove to follow Christ even under difficult circumstances.

In order not to worry us, Bill wrote letters home telling us he was assigned in Da Nang as a clerk. He jokingly referred to his great quest to serve as being reduced to shuffling papers. That was our Bill always protecting others. His ploy worked, and we believed that he was fairly safe in Da Nang.

But then, during the night of September 21, 1967, I had a terrible dream. I dreamed I was standing on a small incline and saw my brother Billy carrying a machine gun. I heard the horrible sound of rockets and mortars going off. In my dream I screamed: "Run, Billy, run!" And then a big flash and explosion landed close to him. Through the smoke and fire I saw him lying wounded. Both of his hands were gone and there was blood everywhere. He was moaning in pain but I could not reach him. My heart broke as I watched and tried to run to him. My beloved Billy was all alone. I was so close to him and yet so far.

Then, suddenly, I saw a Catholic chaplain run over to Bill. He appeared to be wounded also but leaned over Bill and began to comfort him. He prayed and anointed Bill as best he could. He was so calm and reassuring to my brother. He said: "Don't worry son. God is with us this good day." I was crying so hard by this time, I woke up from this awful nightmare. As I always did as a child, I wanted my dad to sooth me from this nightmare. I got out of bed and called him at 1:30 a.m.

When I called, the phone barely rang once before dad picked it up. He was crying softly when he answered. To this day I don't remember which one of us said it first: "Billy is dead." Dad and I related the exact same dream and the exact details. We consoled one another, and clung to the hope that it was just a warning. "Maybe it is just a sign we need to pray harder for Bill," Dad said. We both so desperately wanted to believe that.

One week later, on September 28<sup>th</sup>, the Marines again paid a visit to my parent's home. This time there would be no phone call saying it was a mistake. Instead, our nightmare was confirmed. Billy was dead. The Marines reported that on September 21<sup>st</sup>, while on night patrol, Bill's entire unit was caught in an ambush. They were trapped in a crossfire of rocket and mortar fire, which claimed the life of every man in the unit. Bill managed to survive alone until another unit found him. One of the letters we received later related how the Marines, who ministered first aid to Bill before he died, had promised to honor Bill's request: "Please thank the Padre for helping me die well." They unfortunately did not know the name of the priest who had administered the last rites of the Church to Bill. There wasn't one in their unit.

We were told Bill was at peace when he died on September 21<sup>st</sup>, exactly one month from the day that he had landed in Vietnam. Christ kept his promise to protect those devoted to His Most Sacred Heart even deep in the jungles of Vietnam. We never could locate the chaplain who helped my brother. As time passed, we decided we would never be able to thank the mysterious priest in this life.

My beloved father went home to meet his Lord on Valentine's Day, 1985. Before he died, he gave me his most treasured possession the tattered and bloodstained Sacred Heart badge which the Marines had returned after Bill's death. He asked that should I ever find that wonderful priest who had helped Bill, to thank him personally. Many years had passed when I received an e-mail one day from a friend who had also served in Vietnam. He wanted me to read about a wonderful chaplain from Vietnam who received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his extraordinary service. The chaplain was known as the "Grunt Padre." As I opened the attachment and saw the picture of the priest, my heart skipped a beat. It was the priest from my dream of Bill's death, all those years before. My father and I had both described him to each other in the same exact detail. His name was Father Vincent Robert Capodanno. He also had died in Vietnam in 1967.

Reading the attachment, I learned that Father Capodanno had died of severe wounds. He was missing part of his right hand. The story explained the extent of his injuries. They were the same wounds of the priest in my dream.

The Sacred Heart devotion revealed to St. Margaret Mary: *I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to those who communicate on the first Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.*

## A Time to Laugh (117)

### ***My greatest sin***

*While on retreat, the bishop called his priests together and instructed them to stand up among one another and openly confess their greatest sin.*

*The bishop then left the room so that the priests could confess without worrying about his reaction.*

*The first priest stood up and said, "My greatest sin is drinking. After Mass is done, and all the people have left*

*the church, I drink all the sacramental wine that wasn't consecrated... That is my greatest sin."*

*The second priest said, "My greatest sin is stealing... Often, I go to the store and shoplift little things like candy, key chains... I just can't help myself. That is my greatest sin."*

*The next priest stood up and said, "My greatest sin is pride. I wanted to be made Monsignor so badly that when I was passed up last month, I made a dart board with a picture of the bishop and threw darts at it for a week. That is my greatest sin."*

*One by one, the priests stood up and confessed their sins. Finally, the only priest who did not stand up was Father Joe. He remained quiet, hoping he would not be noticed. Soon though, all eyes looked to him, and the first priest said, "Father Joe we did not hear your greatest sin. Surely you are not without sin."*

*Father Joe stayed silent.*

*Another priest chimed in, "Come on now, Joseph! We told you our greatest sins; now you have to tell us yours!"*

*"All right! All right! Said Father Joe, "My greatest sin is that I am a gossip, and I can't wait till the bishop comes back to the room."*

### ***Ouch***

Jesus came running into his father's carpenter chop and said, *"Father, did you call me?"*

Joseph said, *"No, Son. I just hit my thumb with a hammer."*

### ***Lightbulb Changers-A Collection***

Q: How many Presbyterians does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: They don't know, but they will appoint a commission to discuss it and report back at the next meeting, at which time it will be discussed and referred back for further work.

Q: How many Presbyterians does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: Are you kidding? They don't change burned out lightbulbs. After all, it was predestined to burn out. How can you fight predestination?

Q: How many liberals does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: Ten, as they need to hold a debate as to whether or not the lightbulb exists. Even if they can agree upon the existence of the lightbulb, they may not go ahead and change it for fear of alienating those who use fluorescent tubes.

Q: How many evangelicals does it take to change a lightbulb?

## Famous Quotes (21)

--"Relationships are hard. It's like a fulltime job, and we should treat it like one. If your boyfriend or girlfriend wants to leave you, they should give you two weeks' notice. There should be severance pay, and before they leave you, they should have to find you a temp." (Marilyn Pittman)

--"My Mom said she learned how to swim when someone took her out in the lake and threw her off the boat. I said, 'Mom, they weren't trying to teach you how to swim.'" (Bob Ettinger)

--"A study in the Washington Post says that women have better verbal skills than men. I just want to say to the authors of that study: 'Duh.'" (Paula Poundstone)

--"Why does Sea World have a seafood restaurant? I'm halfway through my fish burger and I realize, 'Oh, my God...I could be eating a slow learner.'" (Conan O'Brien)

- "I think that's how Chicago got started. A bunch of people in New York said, 'Gee, I'm enjoying the crime and the poverty, but it just isn't cold enough. Let's go west.'" (Lynda Montgomery)
- "If life were fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead." (Richard Jeni)
- "Sometimes, I think war is God's way of teaching us geography." (Johnny Carson)
- "My parents didn't want to move to Florida, but they turned sixty, and that's the law." (Paul Rodriguez)
- "Remember in elementary school, you were told that in case of fire you have to line up quietly in a single file line from smallest to tallest. What is the logic in that? What, do tall people burn slower?" (Jerry Seinfeld)
- "Our bombs are smarter than the average high school student.... At least they can find Afghanistan." (Hutcherson)
- "Ah, yes, divorce...from the Latin word meaning to rip out a man's genitals through his wallet." (Whitney Brown)
- "You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'My God, you're right! I never would've thought of that!'" (Robin Williams)
- "There are two kinds of people in the world, the Givers and the Takers.
- The Takers may eat better, but the Givers sleep better." (Danny Thomas, Founder of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital)
- Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.
- Kindness is like a boomerang, it always returns.
- There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward;
- And there are those who give with pain, and that pain is their baptism;
- And there are those who give and know not pain in giving, nor do they seek joy, nor give mindfulness of virtue.
- They give as in yonder valley the myrtle breathes its fragrance into space. Through the hands of such as these
- God speaks, and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth. (Khalil Gibran)
- If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.
- Lord, I love You and I need You, come into my heart, today. For without You I can do nothing.
- If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under. (Ronald Reagan)
- The back fence is the shortest distance between two gossips.
- Why is it that we rejoice at a birth and grieve at a funeral? It is because we are not the person involved. (Mark Twain)
- You had made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You. (St. Augustine)
- The surprising thing about heaven is that it remains a heaven with so many different women living under the same roof. It could happen only in heaven. (Ed Howe)
- What a pity that the only way to heaven is in a hearse. (Stanislaw J. Lee)
- There will be lots of people in heaven just as surprised to see you there as you will be to see them.
- One of the pleasures of heaven must be reading the weather reports from hell.