

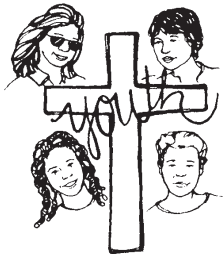


NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

1. February 22 and 23, during each of the Masses, a special Commission Blessing will be held for all Eucharist Ministers and those who take Holy Communion to the sick and shut-in.



2. Attention, Musician Ladies, we are in need of First Sopranos in our Choir. Please come and sing with us. Any questions? Call Lynn Turner at 763-8522.

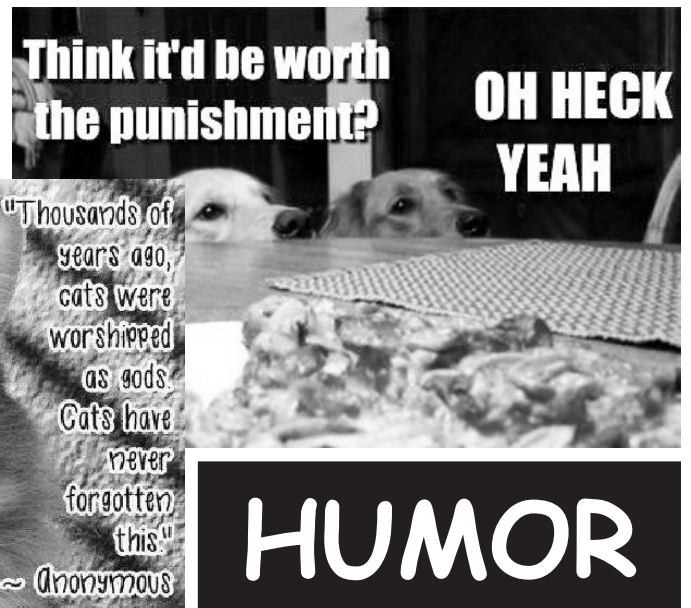


3. Youth Group will meet February 22, 2014, in Fr. Luehrmann Parish Hall, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Food, fun and games. Special guest speaker will be Father Mike. All students in Grades 7 to 12 are invited to attend.

4. Worldwide Marriage will be celebrated at St. Mary on the weekend of February 15 and 16 at all Masses. A special blessing will be given to all married couples at all Masses. Husbands are required to take their wives out to eat. A Plenary Indulgence will be granted to those husbands who do so to eradicate all their many sins against their wives.

5. A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO ROME AND ASSISI: You are invited to join us on a once-in-a-lifetime "Journey to Rome & Assisi," seven days, October 4 to 10, 2014. Includes visits to Rome, Vatican City, Assisi and more! Only \$2,799.00, from Cincinnati (CVG), plus airport taxes and tips. Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Mike Paraniuk of St. Mary Catholic Church in Hillsboro, Ohio. To download the free color brochure and registration form, visit www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Hart, or for more information, please contact Ms. Cindy Hart at (937) 218-1715 or cindy.s.hart@gmail.com. Space is limited. Register today!

6. Parish retreat for all 6th Grade students on March 1, 2014, in Fr. Luehrmann Hall, beginning at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Questions? Call Mrs. Salyer at 840-9932, ext. 2 for more information.



Last week, I stated this woman was  
the ugliest woman I had ever seen.  
I have since been visited by her sister,  
and now wish to withdraw that statement.

– Mark Twain



The secret of a good sermon is to have a good  
beginning and a good ending; and to have the  
two as close together as possible.

– George Burns



Santa Claus has the right idea.  
Visit people only once a year.

– Victor Borge



Be careful about reading health books.  
You may die of a misprint.

– Mark Twain



By all means, marry. If you get a good wife,  
you'll become happy; if you get a bad one,  
you'll become a philosopher.

– Socrates



I was married by a judge.  
I should have asked for a jury.

– Groucho Marx



My wife has a slight impediment in her speech.  
Every now and then she stops to breathe.

– Jimmy Durante



I have never hated a man enough  
to give his diamonds back.

– Zsa Zsa Gabor



Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass  
all four essential food groups:  
alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat.

– Alex Levine

My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery,  
people would stop dying.

– Rodney Dangerfield



Money can't buy you happiness...  
But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.

– Spike Milligan



Until I was thirteen,  
I thought my name was SHUT UP.

– Joe Namath



I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon.  
Then it's time for my nap.

– Bob Hope



I never drink water because of the disgusting  
things that fish do in it.

– W. C. Fields



We could certainly slow the aging process down  
if it had to work its way through Congress.

– Will Rogers



Don't worry about avoiding temptation.  
As you grow older, it will avoid you.

– Winston Churchill



Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty...  
But everything else starts to wear out,  
fall out, or spread out.

– Phyllis Diller



By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step,  
he's too old to go anywhere.

– Billy Crystal



And the Dr. Gunderman diet:  
*If it tastes good, spit it out.*

## FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My father phoned me as I was sitting down at my computer, wondering what good sermon I could come up with. He asked, "Michael, have you wrote out your sermon yet?" I said, "No Dad. The Gospel is about ripping out your eyes and cutting off your hands if they cause you to sin. How do I make that interesting?" Dad said, "Listen, I got a great sermon for you. If you preach this the people will see how good God is and they won't want to sin. Trust me." He shared with me a miracle story so powerful I have to preach it to you now.

Sonny Gallio is my father's brother-in-law and a beloved uncle to me. Life has been hard for him. In 2005, his oldest son died far too young at 53 and, a year later, his wife of 58 years died from cancer just three days after Christmas at 78. This 83-year-old widower has lived alone for the past eight years in the same house he and my aunt, Josephine, bought almost 55 years ago.

One day, Uncle Sonny was standing at the kitchen sink cutting vegetables for his supper. In his own words, he said, "I fell asleep while cutting vegetables." He fell to the floor but did not know how long he lay there. He was awakened by loud knocks on his kitchen door. When he woke up, he found himself laying in a big pool of blood. His right hand and arm were gashed with deep cuts as a result of the "falling asleep." Even part of the skin on his arm was scraped off.

The knocking continued persistently, so he pulled himself off the floor. He opened the door, his shirt and pants covered with blood, to the shock of the two strapping young men standing there. My uncle asked, "Who are you?" They replied, "We are the paramedics from the Conway Fire Department. You called us." Sonny protested, "I never called you. I've been sleeping on the floor this whole time. But if you can fix me up, come on in." They immediately worked to stop the profuse bleeding by bandaging his wounds. One of the paramedics radioed into dispatch that they were on the scene at 1313 Porter Street. The dispatcher radioed back, "You guys are at the wrong address. You're supposed to be at 1413 Porter Street." The paramedics requested another unit go to 1413 as they really needed to work on my Uncle, who was still bleeding. (Blood thinners do that to you.)

The second unit arrived at 1413 Porter Street. They apologized to the guy who answered the door for the delay and explained how the first unit went to the wrong address. The guy said, "I never called for a paramedic. Why are you guys here?" They asked, "So you never called 911?" He answered, "No. I don't need you." The guy appeared irked at the intrusion.

But Sonny was glad these two other guys were there for him. Not only was Sonny rescued by a paramedic team that went to the wrong address, but nobody seems to know who made the call in the first place. The tape reveals that Sonny's voice is not on the other end of the phone. But whose is?

The Book of Sirach states, "Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing. The eyes of God are on those who fear him..." Sonny has a newfound appreciation of the "Guardian Angels." God sends His Angels as the "Eyes of God." They watch over you, protect you and *they see all that you do*. So use your eyes and hands for God. St. Teresa of Avila wrote so eloquently, "Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ looks out upon the world...ours are the hands with which He Blesses His people." Now use your eyes, your hands and your feet to bless someone with good. Blessings...Fr. Mike (If you like this sermon, I'll give you Dad's phone number.)