

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH



1. We are currently enrolling students in all the programs for next year. Please call the school if you would like to enroll for the 2013-2014 school year. We are adding another section of preschool next year. It is an early four program. If anyone has a kitchen set, easel or any type of preschool play materials they would like to donate or sell, please contact the school.
2. June 1st is the Sharkey-Penn Golf Scholarship Tournament. Ruth and Joe were wonderful supporters of the school, so let's honor Ruth's recent passing with the best tournament ever. Hole Sponsors are \$100.00 and teams are \$200.00. Please contact Mary Stanforth at 402-0653 or 840-9932 if you would like to participate, sponsor a hole, or donate an item for the raffle.
3. Olive Burwinkel is at an assisted living home in Cincinnati and misses hearing from her friends in Hillsboro. Her address is: **The Lodge**, Room 219, 12050 Montgomery Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249 (937-725-7590).

ST. MARY TO START SOUP KITCHEN ON JULY 13TH

St. Mary will begin a new chapter in ministry on Saturday, July 13th. Since 2000, we have fed the mind with education at St. Mary School. Now we will feed the body with food according to the mandate of Christ who commands us to feed the poor. The St. Mary Soup Kitchen will be of service to the poor once a month, on the second Saturday, from 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. We are asking Church members to volunteer just 6 hours *a year*. The sign-up volunteer sheet is located in the Narthex. We need a minimum of 45 parishioners, split into three teams of 15 each, to work the kitchen: cooking, serving and cleaning afterwards. Each team will work every fourth month. Without your help, we cannot sustain this important ministry. If God is calling you, please respond.

Thanks...Fr. Mike

THE GOD BOX

The God Box will be placed in the back of Church where you can write requests or thanksgiving to God on a slip of paper and put it into the box. The Box will be part of every Offertory Procession and placed at the altar during Mass. Write your worries, anxieties, or fears on the paper, throw it into the box and leave it there. Give it to God and leave in Peace. (See Fr. Mike's Ascension Homily last week for the origin of the Box).



**Frances,
the cat
who puts
fear into
the hearts
of men!**

HOW DO COURT RECORDERS KEEP STRAIGHT FACES????

These are from a book called *Disorder in the American Courts* and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while the exchanges were taking place.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?
WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'
ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?
WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?
WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?
WITNESS: July 18th.
ATTORNEY: What year?
WITNESS: Every year.

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?
WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.
ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?
WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?
WITNESS: Yes.
ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?
WITNESS: I forget.
ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?
WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?
WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?
WITNESS: Are you kidding me?

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?
WITNESS: Yes.
ATTORNEY: How many were boys?
WITNESS: None.
ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?
WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?
WITNESS: By death.
ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?
WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?
WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.
ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?
WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?
WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

ATTORNEY: Doctor Beery, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?
WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?
WITNESS: Oral...

ATTORNEY: Doctor Terrell, Do you recall the time that you examined the body?
WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.
ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?
WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?
WITNESS: Are you qualified to ask that question?

And last:

ATTORNEY: Doctor Beery, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?
WITNESS: No.
ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?
WITNESS: No.
ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?
WITNESS: No.
ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?
WITNESS: No.
ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?
WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.
ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?
WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.



FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR PENTECOST



The unleashing of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is like the Big Bang where God created this huge explosion that filled the Universe with planets and stars. The Holy Spirit's Big Bang occurred in Jerusalem and was recorded in the

Bible: "And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

After the Holy Spirit exploded into our world, the Apostles were given power to work all types of miraculous events: Paul raised from the dead a young boy who fell out of a three-story window and Peter raised from death a good woman named Tabitha. If anyone touched Paul's handkerchief, they were cured, and anyone in Peter's shadow was cured. Even Paul himself was stoned to death, but he got up and walked away healed!

Have you ever wondered, "Why don't these wonderful miracles happen today like they did in the early Church? Why doesn't God give us signs today to reveal His presence among us?" I believe God still works wonderful signs for His followers today. I personally have witnessed miraculous healings and signs from God to lift up broken hearts. I now share with you the story of a "God Incident" that occurred to one of our parishioners last week. (Story used with permission.)

Two weeks before Mike Moses's mother, Betty Lou, left us, he visited her at Crestwood

Nursing Home. He held her hand and asked if she could understand him, to squeeze his hand twice. She did this. He then asked her when she leaves this Earth to send him a sign that she made it to Heaven OK. She agreed to do this.

Betty Lou left at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7th, fortified with the Sacraments of the Church. Mike said goodbye and reminded her of her promise. Due to being an employee short, Mike had to return to Greenfield to manage Joe's Party Shop. He took \$60.00, and with his son, Zachary, kicking in another \$10.00, to play the Pick Three numbers for the day. For one extra buck, Mike also played the "wheel" option, which meant he could win with six different combinations of the three numbers he chose. Mike chose 8-0-5, the date of his mother's birthday, August 5th.

That night around 7:45 p.m., Zach goes to his iphone to check the daily numbers. The numbers came in as 5-0-8, Betty Lou's birthday in reverse. Maybe there was a dyslexic spirit in Heaven who read the numbers backwards. But it didn't matter. Since Mike played the wheel, 8-0-5 was a winner as well. Mike received the sign from mom that he was looking for on the day she died, winning the Pick Three with the numbers from the day she was born. The winning amount was sizeable, into the thousands. Mike said, "It's like mom was paying for her funeral expenses from Heaven. My dad, Joe, and mom had to have worked together. I know she made it up there." Mike now feels a greater peace.

God offers us many signs of His presence among us, which I believe are as awesome as the ones at Pentecost. I wonder, "Is anyone paying attention?"