

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

1. The Patriotic Rosary will be prayed as part of the Fortnight for Freedom. Please plan to attend on Friday, July 4th following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. If anyone would like to participate, please call Mary Tamborski at 840-0544. Blessings, Mary
2. Welcome Fr. Hans to St. Mary at the 5:30 p.m. Mass today. Fr. Mike is saying a farm Mass.

INTERESTING TIDBITS

1. **YOUR SHOES ARE THE FIRST THING PEOPLE SUBCONSCIOUSLY NOTICE ABOUT YOU. WEAR NICE SHOES.**
2. **THERE ARE AT LEAST 6 PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WHO LOOK EXACTLY LIKE YOU. THERE'S A 9% CHANCE THAT YOU'LL MEET ONE OF THEM IN YOUR LIFETIME.**
3. **SLEEPING WITHOUT A PILLOW REDUCES BACK PAIN AND KEEPS YOUR SPINE STRONGER.**
4. **A PERSON'S HEIGHT IS DETERMINED BY THEIR FATHER, AND THEIR WEIGHT IS DETERMINED BY THEIR MOTHER.**
5. **IF A PART OF YOUR BODY "FALLS ASLEEP," YOU CAN ALMOST ALWAYS "WAKE IT UP" BY SHAKING YOUR HEAD.**
6. **THERE ARE THREE THINGS THE HUMAN BRAIN CANNOT RESIST NOTICING: FOOD, ATTRACTIVE PEOPLE AND DANGER.**
7. **PUTTING DRY TEA BAGS IN GYM BAGS OR SMELLY SHOES WILL ABSORB THE UNPLEASANT ODOR.**
8. **ACCORDING TO ALBERT EINSTEIN, IF HONEYBEES WERE TO DISAPPEAR FROM EARTH, HUMANS WOULD BE DEAD WITHIN 4 YEARS.**
9. **THERE ARE SO MANY KINDS OF APPLES, THAT IF YOU ATE A NEW ONE EVERYDAY, IT WOULD TAKE OVER 20 YEARS TO TRY THEM ALL.**
10. **YOU CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT EATING FOR WEEKS, BUT YOU WILL ONLY LIVE 11 DAYS WITHOUT SLEEPING.**
11. **PEOPLE WHO LAUGH A LOT ARE HEALTHIER THAN THOSE WHO DON'T.**
12. **LAZINESS AND INACTIVITY KILLS JUST AS MANY PEOPLE AS SMOKING.**
13. **A HUMAN BRAIN HAS A CAPACITY TO STORE 5 TIMES AS MUCH INFORMATION AS WIKIPEDIA.**
14. **OUR BRAIN USES THE SAME AMOUNT OF POWER AS A 10-WATT LIGHT BULB.**
15. **OUR BODY GIVES ENOUGH HEAT IN 30 MINUTES TO BOIL 1.5 LITERS OF WATER.**
16. **STOMACH ACID IS STRONG ENOUGH TO DISSOLVE RAZOR BLADES.**



FOURTH OF JULY HUMOR

How Many States Can You Name?

- Father William, the old priest, made it a practice to visit the parish school one day a week. He walked into the 4th grade class, where the children were studying the states, and asked them how many states they could name. They came up with about 40 names. Father William jokingly told them that in his day students knew the names of all the states.

One lad raised his hand and said, “Yes sir, but in those days there were only 13 states.”

- The difference between a duck and George Washington is:
One has a bill on his face; the other has his face on a bill!
- What was the craziest battle of the Revolutionary War?
The Battle of Bonkers Hill.
- The Fourth of July weekend was approaching, and Miss Pelham, the nursery school teacher, took the opportunity to tell her class about patriotism. “We live in a great country,” she announced. “One of the things we should be happy about is that, in this country, we are all free.”

Trevor, who was a little boy in her class, came walking up to her from the back of the room. He stood with his hands on his hips and said loudly, “I’m not free. I’m four.”

FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR FEASTS OF STS. PETER AND PAUL

It was so good to reconnect with many friends and movie stars of long ago at the Classic Horror Film Fest (aka Monster Bash) in Pittsburgh. One friend who is especially kind to me is the famous historian and nationally known author Greg Mank. Greg wrote the most important book ever in 1990 about the two men who played the Dracula and Frankenstein Monsters: "Karloff and Lugosi: The Story of A Haunting Collaboration." When he wrote a sequel to this book in 2009, I and other "Lugosi" fans lobbied Greg hard to put Lugosi's name first over Karloff. Since Greg is a devout Catholic, I used Catholic guilt and the possibility of eternal flames if he refused our bidding. It worked. The title of the new book is "Bela Lugosi and Boris Karloff: The Expanded Story of a Haunting Collaboration."

Greg shared with me a "haunting" story from his life that must be told. Greg's rise to fame and fortune started with a work he wrote long ago about the life of a young actor named Laird Cregar. Laird weighed 300 pounds and was cast in movie after movie as a "heavy heavy." Laird became tired of being cast in fat roles. He went on an unsupervised crash diet in which he lost 100 pounds in just a few months in the hopes of maybe finding a wife, or at least a romantic lead part in a movie. The sudden weight loss weakened his heart and destroyed his stomach. He died December 9, 1944 at the age of 31 only days after surgery at a Los Angeles Hospital.

Greg wanted to honor Laird for getting him started on his successful writing career. He and his wife of 42 years, Barbara, went to visit Laird's final resting place at Forrest Lawn Cemetery in California. They set out on his death anniversary, December 9th, to look for Laird's grave at the Eventide Section Lot 37, Space 2. Greg and Barb kept getting lost on their way to Forrest Lawn. They had to hurry, as the winter daylight was short. They finally arrived where they met an employee who got confused by taking them to Lot 2, Space 37. They had to rush all the way back to Lot 37. The sun was setting fast. They rushed from grave to grave when Barb yelled out, "I found him!"

Greg was profoundly moved to be at the final resting place of the man who started his career. But something even more profound was to happen. I'll let Greg tell the story: "While standing at his grave, I heard in my mind, 'look at your watch...look at your watch.' I peered at my watch. It read 4:52 p.m. I couldn't believe my eyes. I remembered from my research that this was the exact moment of the time when Laird passed as listed on his death certificate. There was some grass covering part of the grave. I brushed aside the debris. The grave read... 'I Am With You Always.' Barb and I got lost again as we left the cemetery. I was not surprised when we ended up at a Hospital. I wondered how we got *here*. Then it hit me. This was the same Hospital where Laird had his surgery."

Once St. Peter and St. Paul gave their life and love to Jesus, their lives did not suddenly become easier. Just the opposite. They both would travel the road to supreme sacrifice... martyrdom. Yet they were strengthened to keep walking that path, no matter how hard it got because they believed those final words of Jesus, "I am with you always." Laird Cregar died because he was looking for love. Jesus died because He wanted your love. In the daily sacrifices you make, hear the haunting question of Jesus – "Do you love Me?" Now that's a holy collaboration.

Blessings... Fr. Mike