

Father Paul's Weekly Email

November 3, 2023

My maternal grandmother Ann Marie Flood died in August 1991 and migrated to heaven to be with her husband of 55 years Bernard Flood. She was a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother as well as a businesswoman. She was a member of several Church and civic organizations such as the parish Sanctuary Society, Matthew 25 Food Pantry and both the Women's and Garden Clubs. Grandma was daily Mass Catholic and a prayer warrior whose efforts were called upon by friends and family alike. Since there was so much chaos created by younger siblings, I stayed in Grandma's basement when visiting home.

It became my important job to set all the many clocks (especially digital ones) when Daylight Savings Time began or ended. There were many upstairs, downstairs, and in the car. It is discouraging and amusing that I find myself unable to set much less correct a digital clock in my office. I have read and try to correct the time since Don Becher originally set it. Last Spring when the time changed, I had to add an hour to the time shown. This weekend the clock will have the correct time until Spring.

On November 3rd we are beginning our winter schedule for Mass times. Saturday Mass will start at 4pm to allow people time to get home before dark or go out to dinner, a show, concert, or movie. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:00 until 3:45 pm or anytime by appointment. Masses on Sunday will be the same — 9:00 and 11:30 am. **PLEASE NOTE:** with the recommendation of the Pastoral Council, when the Winter Schedule ends in the Spring, the new Mass time for Saturday will be at 5 pm.

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This Sunday's Bulletin <https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/november-5-2023/?wpdmdl=1508&refresh=65454809595921699039241>

Noteworthy News

This weekend and next, people are invited to **GIVE THANKS** by **GIVING THANKS-GIVING DINNER.** Please see the bulletin for more info. and what you might bring. 25 Baskets will go to Heart & Hand. The rest will be for the Coalburg Food Pantry.

A BLESSED SACRAMENT THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATION is scheduled to begin with Mass at 1pm and a covered dish turkey dinner. There is no charge, but you are invited to bring a covered dish. Please sign up in the gathering space. There will be some supervised activities for children.

Be sure to read about a **COMMUNAL ANOINTING** of the **SICK** during the 4 pm Mass on Saturday November 18 and 11:30 am Mass on November 19. Check out this weekend's bulletin for more information.

POEM

Fall is a beautiful time of year.
The oak retains its leaves until spring.
To me it represents two favorable qualities,
(1) tenacity, and (2) the ability to let go.
Tenacity is that quality where we decide to hold on
despite terrible, harsh circumstances all around us.
The ability to let go or yield to God
is not easy for most of us.
Sometimes we find it very difficult to 'let go.'
It is difficult to release our loved ones to death.
It is difficult to relinquish control
of our own lives to our Creator.
We know that we should let go,
but we can't bring ourselves to do it.
Sometimes letting go involves telling
a dying spouse, family member or friend,
"It's OK to die."
If we can learn to trust God in all things,
we will not find it so difficult to let go.
—David Yohe Bevington in
Hospice Stories and Poems to Assist You in the Grieving Process

PRAYER

How brief is our span of life compared with the time
since You created the universe.
How tiny we are compared with the enormity of Your universe.
How trivial are our concerns compared with the complexity of Your universe.
How stupid we are compared with the genius of Your creation.
Yet during every minute and every second of our lives
You are present, within and around us.
You give Your whole and undivided attention to each and every one of us.
Our concerns are Your concerns.
And You are infinitely patient with our stupidity.
I thank You with all my heart— knowing that my thanks are few
compared with Your greatness. Amen.

– Fulbert of Chartres (970–1028)

MYSTIC MORSEL

One of the things we absolutely owe our Lord is never to be afraid.

– Saint Charles De Foucauld (1858-1916)

We live inside a tiny moment of time. All of our time, compared with eternity, is nothing. It is a serious waste to let a day go by without allowing God to change us.

–Richard Rolle (c. 1300-1349)

CARBONATED GRACE ***

A truck loaded with thousands of copies of Roget's Thesaurus crashed yesterday losing its entire load. Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralyzed, dazed, bewildered, mixed up, surprised, awed, dumbfounded, nonplussed, flabbergasted, astounded, amazed, confounded, astonished, overwhelmed, horrified, numbed, speechless, and perplexed. (° ୧ °)

*** Anne Lamott calls laughter *carbonated grace*