



# Father Paul's Weekly Email

## June 28

Charles Blondin was a French tightrope walker. On June 30, 1859 he first walked across Niagara Falls on a tightrope that was 1,100 feet long, and 160 feet above the waterfall. With a balancing pole, the daredevil walked across in only five minutes. He then crossed back again, *blindfolded*. Next, he walked across pushing a wheelbarrow. When he got to the other side with the wheelbarrow he was congratulated, and one man said to him: "That's superb! Wonderful!" Blondin said to him: "Do you believe I can walk back again with the wheelbarrow?" "Yes," said the man in great admiration. "Do you believe I can walk back across the tightrope with someone in that wheelbarrow?" Again, the man said "Yes, you can do it!" Then Blondin asked him: "Will you get into the wheelbarrow?" - but the man refused!

He *thought* the daredevil could do it. But he didn't have *faith* enough in him to trust *him* take carry him safely across the falls in a wheelbarrow. It would take great faith indeed. How about us? I can't say I really blame the fellow. We know well the story of Abraham whose faith was greatly tested when asked to sacrifice his son Isaac. Doubting Thomas reminds us that even those closest to Jesus had doubts. What is important to remember that doubts come and go as we grow in our relationship with God. As medieval mystic Meister Eckhart (1260-1328) declared, "Be prepared at all times for the gifts of God and be ready always for new ones. For God is a thousand times more ready to give than we are to receive."

We won't be asked to walk a tightrope over Niagara Falls. But it is critical to know and remember that we ought not take a vacation from God during the summer months. I hope to see you church at least once or twice or more times a month in July and August.

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Faith in West Virginia	<a href="https://faithinwv.org/latest-bulletin/">https://faithinwv.org/latest-bulletin/</a>	
This Sunday's Readings	<a href="https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/063024.cfm">https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/063024.cfm</a>	
Wednesday Bible Handout:	We will not meet on July 3	
This Sunday's Bulletin	<a href="https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/june-30-2024/?wpdmdl=1946&amp;refresh=667ec59ab97581719584154">https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/june-30-2024/?wpdmdl=1946&amp;refresh=667ec59ab97581719584154</a>	

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## Please Note

Please welcome **DIVINE WORD MISSIONARY** Father Walter Ostrowski, DVM and be prepared to contribute to the second collection at each Mass this weekend.

This week is the last opportunity to have your picture and correct information in the new **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**. There are openings for new pictures on Sunday June 30, Monday and Tuesday July 1 & 2. Here are just some of the reasons to do so.

1. It is an act of charity for the staff especially our new Deacons), current parishioners, & newcomers to our parish.
2. Those whose pictures appear in the directory will get one free copy.
3. You will find it helpful in learning and remembering names.
4. For a fee, you can place an ad so parishioners can choose to support your business.

To sign up for one of the remaining slots to have your picture taken, approve using your picture from the current directory, and check your contact information, please see the table in the Gathering Space, email [bsccwv.org](mailto:bsccwv.org) or call the office (304) 744-5523.

This the last Sunday the **NURSERY** will be available until September.

### **POEM**

Love is always new!  
Those who live in Love,  
are renewed each day  
and through their  
frequent acts of goodness  
are born all over again.  
I call these old people the Rejuvenated.  
They become attached to Love.  
They look on Love with passion always, and live.  
— Hadewijch (c.1150-1200)

### **MYSTIC MORSELS**

Be sincerely **kind** to every one according to the words of our Lord:  
*Learn of me, for I am meek and humble of heart.*  
Thus you are imitating God.  
— Saint Angela Merici (1474-1540)

We may be excused for not always being bright,  
but we are not excused for not being gracious and **considerate**.  
—Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

Holiness grows so fast where there is **kindness**. The world is lost  
for want of sweetness and **kindness**. Do not forget we need each other.  
—Saint Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

**CARBONATED GRACE**

At the conclusion of the sermon, the worshippers filed out of the sanctuary to greet the minister. As one shook the minister's hand, he said, "Thanks for the message, Reverend. You know, I bet you're smarter than Einstein." Beaming with pride, the minister said, "Why, thank you, brother!" As the week went by, the minister began to think about the man's compliment. The more he thought, the more he wondered why anyone would deem him smarter than Einstein. So, the following Sunday he asked the man, "Exactly what did you mean that I must be smarter than Einstein?" The man replied, "Well, Reverend, they say that Einstein was so smart that only ten people in the entire world could understand him. But Reverend, no one can understand you."