



## Weekly Email from *Father Paul Wharton*

March 11, 2023

Franklin Delano Roosevelt was the President of the USA during two of the three darkest hours in our history — the Great Depression and World War II. In his Inaugural Address he said famously, “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.” His fireside chats were a series of seemingly informal radio addresses able to be heard by 90% of the country from 1933-1944. He used simple, everyday language to speak words that were sometimes encouraging and other times challenging.

As part of our Wednesday night Lenten Program, I will be giving a Fireside Chat of my own on Wednesday March 15 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. My presentation is only part of the evening. Unlike FDR’s addresses, there will be a chat when you will be free to speak up, ask questions, and give opinions on the Roman Catholic Church in general and Blessed Sacrament Parish in particular. During the Synodal listening sessions, people repeatedly ask for opportunities to be heard. This is one.

St John Newman said "God has created everyone to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to us which He has not committed to another. We may never know it in this life, but we shall be told it in the next. In speaking about the priesthood, I will share what was that purpose God gave me. You have to come to find out."

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Faith in West Virginia                    <https://faithinwv.org/latest-bulletin/>  
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SURVEY MONKEY QUESTIONS: Make yourself heard.

- Receiving Communion from the cup: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VZT3SZW>
  - Coffee, Cocoa, and Questions: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/252W85K>
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## Coming Soon to Blessed Sacrament

COMMUNION from the CUP will be an available option beginning on Holy Thursday. Please let us know if you plan to receive the Precious Blood of Christ once it becomes possible again by taking the Survey Monkey Poll on our Website or on one of the tables in the Gathering Space.

On Wednesday March 22 from 6 - 8:30 pm CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT IN RECOVERY: The Journey Toward Transformation will be held here at Blessed Sacrament Parish. This is a collaboration of: Blessed Sacrament Parish, Addiction Healing Center at St. Francis Hospital, and The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality. A free program to learn about recovery from alcohol and drug addiction. Panel presentations, information tables, food, and sharing. Enhance your Lenten journey!

### POEM      We want for Nothing

We want for nothing  
if we listen to our God,  
his gentle whisper  
breaking through  
the storms of life.

We want for nothing  
if we rely upon our God,  
his grace enough  
to bring healing  
into broken lives.

We want for nothing  
in the service of our God,  
in blessing others  
through our lives  
so we are blessed.

We want for nothing  
in the worship of our God,  
his Holy Spirit  
the comforter  
will satisfy our souls.  
— John Birch, Faith and Worship



## MYSTIC MORSEL

You need not seek him here or there, God is no further than the door of your heart; there he stands patiently awaiting whoever is ready to open up and let him in. No need to call him from afar: God can hardly wait for you to open up. He longs for you a thousand times more than you long for him.  
- Meister Eckhart (1260-1328)

## CARBONATED GRACE \*\*\*

A Dominican, a Franciscan, and a Jesuit all die and go to heaven. Jesus asks each one: "If you could go back, what would you change about your life?" The Dominican pondered and then said, "There's so much sin in the world. If I went back, I'd try and stop people from committing so much sin." The Franciscan thought a bit before saying, "There's so much poverty in the world. If I went back, I'd try and get people to share more of their wealth with the poor." The Jesuit looked at Jesus and said, "If I went back, I'd change my doctor."

\*\*\* Anne Lamott calls laughter *carbonated grace*.

