

Father Paul's Weekly Email



May 3, 2024

200 years ago on May 7, 1824, perhaps Ludwig von Beethoven's masterpiece Ninth Symphony was first performed in Vienna. How remarkable the symphony sounds, especially when one considers the composer was completely deaf at this time. Although people may not realize it, one of the greatest chorales in classical music and best-known hymns tunes is perhaps the climax of this symphony. Beethoven was unaware of the thunderous applause until one of the musicians turned him around to face the audience. Haruki Murakami wrote, "A deaf composer is like a cook who's lost his sense of taste. A frog that's lost its webbed feet. A truck driver with his license revoked. That would throw anybody for a loop, don't you think? But Beethoven didn't let it get to him. Sure, he must have been a little depressed at first, but he didn't let misfortune get him down. It was like, Problem? What problem? He composed more than ever and came up with better music than anything he'd ever written."

In honor of this occasion, I have selected some wonderful words of wisdom.

- * I wish you music to help with the burdens of life, and to help you release your happiness to others.
- * What I have in my heart and soul - must find a way out. That's the reason for music.
- * I have never thought of writing for reputation and honor. What I have in my heart must come out; that is the reason why I compose.
- * Then let us all do what is right, strive with all our might toward the unattainable, develop as fully as we can the gifts God has given us, and never stop learning.
- * The vibrations on the air are the breath of God speaking to man's soul. Music is the language of God. We musicians are as close to God as man can be. We hear his voice, we read his lips, we give birth to the children of God, who sing his praise. That's what musicians are.
- * In the country It seems as if every tree Said to me 'Holy! Holy!' Who can ever express the ecstasy of the woods! Almighty One, In the woods I am blessed. Happy every one in the woods. Every tree speaks through Thee. O God! What glory in the woodland.
- * To play a wrong note is insignificant. To play without passion is inexcusable!

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Headlines and Happenings

The Priests of West Virginia will be meeting with our Bishop Mark Brennan from Tuesday through Thursday at the annual **CONVOCATION** of **PRIESTS**. It is a time of prayer, fellowship, education, and honoring. The only weekday Mass at Blessed Sacrament will be on Friday at noon with Fr. John so Fr. Paul can do a funeral.

You are invited to help restock the shelves at the **COALBURG FOOD PANTRY** by your donations. Lists of suggested items can be found in the Gathering Space

MAY 12 TRIFECTA

- Mother's Day Blessing at all Masses
- Senior Sunday 9:00 am Mass
- Pancake Breakfast Extraordinaire 10:15 - 11:15

PRAYER

Pick me up, Lord,
and dust me off:
polish my tarnished spots...

Give me a kick
just where I need it
to get me going again...

Open my eyes
to see what's before me
now, in the moment, today...

Jump start my will
to do the right thing
as fully as I may be able...

Breathe in my soul,
fill my heart to the brim
with the peace and joy of your Spirit...

Grant me the grace
of a new brand-new day,
blessed by your wisdom and truth...
And stay with me, Lord,
hour by hour,
step by step by my side...

And when day is done
I pray for good rest
till you shake me awake in the morn... Amen



— Fr. Austin Fleming

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MYSTIC MORSEL

Holiness does not demand anything great, beyond the ability of the person.
It depends on God's Love; every daily act can be transformed into an act of love.

— Saint Ursula Ledóchowska

CARBONATED GRACE ***

An 89-year-old woman was arrested for shoplifting. When she went before the judge, he asked what she had stolen. She replied a can of peaches. The judge asked her why she had stolen the can of peaches and she said she was hungry. Then the judge asked her how many peaches were in the can. She replied 6. The judge said he would give her 6 days in jail. Before the judge could pronounce the punishment, the woman's husband spoke up and asked if he could say something on his wife's behalf. The judge gave him permission. The man said, "She also stole a large can of green peas."

*** Anne Lamott calls laughter *carbonated grace*

PLEASE KNOW

I will **NEVER** ask anyone to buy gift cards for me to give away.

I will **NEVER** be stuck in a foreign country since I have no passport.

I will **ONLY** send you an email from pjw424@gmail.com

I will **ONLY** text you from my cell phone (304) 433-7472

NO Blessed Sacrament Staff member will **EVER** ask you to buy a gift card for them.
Only do so, if he or she puts the cash in your hand!