



## Weekly Email from Father Paul Wharton May 5, 2023

As memorable as the day was when I was ordained a priest on April 24, 1982, I tell candidates for their First Holy Communion that the most special day in my life (so far) was May 3, 1964, when I was able to begin receiving the Eucharist at every Mass. I had been going to Mass every day since I began kindergarten and had been looking forward to the day for a long time. What a joy it was and sometimes still is when I don't take it for granted.

When the children of Blessed Sacrament Parish celebrate and share in this turning point in their Christian life, we who witness it are given the opportunity to do three things: remember our own First Holy Communion; remind ourselves not to take this gift of Jesus for granted; and pray for Christ our Good Shepherd to protect and lead them always.

Lori Waller has offered to care for children 3 years old and younger in the nursery during the 11:30am Mass. This great service will happen for 3 weeks. (5/7, 5/14, and 5/21) Christine Fernandes has offered the same wonderful service for children 3 years old and younger in the nursery during the 9:00am Mass on 5/14 and 5/21. We need volunteers to help Lori and Christine during these nursery sessions. Parents, grandparents, and others experienced in babysitting – please let Lori know you are ready to help: [lorimay@earthlink.net](mailto:lorimay@earthlink.net) or [1-717-542-7184](tel:1-717-542-7184).

Senior Sunday Mass at 9:00 am on May 14. If you plan to come, please send a picture of yourself (formal portrait or candid) and a short bio to be included in the Worship Aid to Mary Odin at [wmodin@frontier.net](mailto:wmodin@frontier.net). We want to celebrate this accomplishment and turning point in your life.

During June and July there are two special events for our children and grandchildren to experience. Camp Leon is a weeklong opportunity for fun, fellowship, and faith taking place in Huttonsville from June 11 to 17. Swimming, wall climbing, zip-lining, campfire, and more. There are still 2 openings for boys. Vacation Bible School will be held in the early evenings from July 24 to July 28. You will be hearing much more about this. Many volunteers are needed for VBS.

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This Sunday's Readings  
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/050723.cfm>  
Faith in West Virginia  
<https://faithinwv.org/latest-bulletin/>

**This Sunday's  
Bulletin** <https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/may-7-2023/?wpdmdl=1091&refresh=645599a7ec39a1683331495>

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## MYSTIC MORSEL

No one's life should be rooted in fear. We are born for wonder, for joy, for hope, for love, to marvel at the mystery of existence, to be ravished by the beauty of the world, to seek truth and meaning, to acquire wisdom, and by our treatment of others to brighten the corner where we are.  
— Dean R. Koontz

## CARBONATED GRACE \*\*\*

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and asked his father when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son: "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car." After about six weeks, his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut." The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair... and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair." His father replied, "Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

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

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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](mailto:pjw424@gmail.com)  
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**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!

I gratefully accept **INVITATIONS** to breakfast, lunch, and dinner in people's homes or at restaurants. By the way, I have no food allergies or special dietary needs.