

# Father Paul's Weekly Email

October 20, 2023

On this day, one of my favorite actors was born at Evanston, IL in 1932. It is believed that Paul Revere was one of his ancestors. William Christopher met his future wife Barbara on a blind date. They married in 1957 and the couple adopted two sons, Jed and Ned. Ned has autism, and he devoted much of his spare time to the National Autistic Society, doing public-service announcements to bring attention to autism. In 1985, his wife Barbara and he wrote *Mixed Blessings*, a book about their experiences in raising Ned. He was a perfect example of the Hollywood staple known as a character actor.

A character actor might sometimes not be recognizable as themselves from one role to the next. Character actors usually play smaller supporting roles and is known for playing many different and unusual characters across a wide and varied range of types and genres. He appeared in episodes on *The Andy Griffith Show*, *Gomer Pyle*, *Hogan's Heroes*, *The Patty Duke Show*, *That Girl*, *The Carol Burnett Show* as well as several stage productions and movies. But he is best known for his role as Father John Patrick Francis Mulcahy on *M\*A\*S\*H*.

Television shows and cinema more often than not portrays priests in a negative light. What I find most endearing about Fr. Mulcahy is he a caring, sensitive, open-minded in some ways but unwilling to back down when it comes to his Catholic Faith, easy to talk with about problems, and blessed with a good sense of humor. I like to say, "All priests are eccentric; it's just that some really excel at it." Very few people are able to see a priest without bringing with them the positive and unfortunately negative experiences they have had in their lives.

When you think about the bad and the ugly priests of your life, try to spend more time blessing God for the good priests you know and love. If they are alive, give them a call, write a note, or talk to them in person about how they blessed you and touched your life. If they are dead, pray for them or have a Mass said in their memory from time to time. Pray for the bad priests you have known living and deceased. May God change the hearts and minds of those alive. May God be merciful and spare these unfortunate men from everlasting damnation.

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This Sunday's Readings

Wednesday Bible Handout

This Sunday's Bulletin

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<https://www.blessedsacramentwv.org>

<https://faithinwv.org/latest-bulletin/>

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/102223.cfm>

<https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/bible-share-10-25-2023/?wpdmdl=1487&refresh=6532c4d99a24b1697826009>

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## Read ... Remember ... Respond

**THE FINAL FOUR and MORE!** Fr. Paul will teach about we Catholics believe about death, judgment, Heaven, Hell, and more at 10:15 am in our library Sunday, October 22.

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 will be for the Coalburg Food Pantry.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Sunday October 29 from 10:15 until 11:15 am. Plenty of free food and fellowship. Donations are appreciated to pay for the food.

**WINTER MASS SCHEDULE** begins on Saturday November 4. Mass on Saturdays begin at 4pm to allow those who find it difficult to drive at night to get home safely. The Sunday Mass schedule remains at 9:00 and 11:30am. **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 5:00 pm.

**COME HOME** for **THANKSGIVING DAY** at **BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH** on Thursday **NOVEMBER 23**. Mass at 1pm and Dinner at 2pm. See bulletin for info.

### PRAYER

Take, Lord, and receive  
all my liberty, my memory,  
my understanding and my entire will,  
All I have and call my own.  
You have given all to me.  
To you, Lord, I return it.  
Everything is yours;  
do with it what you will.  
Give me only your love and your grace.  
That is enough for me. Amen  
— Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)



### MYSTIC MORSELS

Because in the school of the Spirit man learns  
wisdom through humility,  
knowledge by forgetting,  
how to speak by silence,  
how to live by dying.  
—Johannes Tauler (c. 1300-1361)

What difference does it make to you what someone else becomes, or says, or does?  
You do not need to answer for others, only for yourself.

— Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471)

## POEM

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“Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor s,  
and to God the things that are God s.”

—Matthew 22.21

And you, made in God s image,  
stamped with God s fingerprints,  
the likeness of God s love,  
give yourself, who are God s, to God.  
Let God alone spend you.  
Only God knows what you have been saved for.  
But whatever it is, you will be well spent.  
Release yourself into the hands of the Gracious One,  
and trust.  
You are worth much.  
— Steve Garnaas-Holmes [www.unfoldinglight.net](http://www.unfoldinglight.net)

## CARBONATED GRACE \*\*\*

A little nine year old girl was in church with her mother when she started feeling ill. "Mommy" she said "Can we leave now?" "No" her mother replied. "Well, I think I have to throw up!" "Then go out the front door and around to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush."

In about two minutes the little girl returned to her seat. "Did you throw up?" her mother asked. "Yes" the little girl replied. "Well, how could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and return so quickly?" "I didn't have to go out of the church, Mommy" the little girl replied, "They have a box next to the front door that says 'for the sick'."

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