

# Father Paul's Weekly Email

September 29, 2023

A group of military leaders back in the day succeeded in building a super-computer able to solve any problem, large or small, strategic or tactical. These decorated generals with a galaxy of stars pinned to their lapels gathered in front of the new machine for a demonstration. The engineer conducting the demonstration instructed these officers to feed a difficult tactical problem into it. The military leaders proceeded to describe a hypothetical situation to the computer and then asked the pivotal question: attack or retreat? This enormous super-computer hummed away for an hour and then printed out its one-word answer: YES. The generals looked at each other, somewhat stupefied. Finally, one of them submits a second request to the computer: YES, WHAT? Instantly the computer responded: YES, SIR.

In Sunday's gospel Jesus tells a parable about two sons who both disrespected their father. Jesus, the Son of God, was better than both because he not only *said* he would obey his Father's will, he actually *did*. I am very grateful to our catechists who answered the call to share the light of faith with our children and adults. Our Director of Religious Education Mike Granata deserves kudos and congratulations on his hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm. The eagerness and excitement was wonderful to see and hear.

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This Sunday's Readings	<a href="https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/100123.cfm">https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/100123.cfm</a>	
Wednesday Bible Handout	<a href="https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/bible-sharing-10-04-23/?wpdmdl=1467&amp;refresh=65170217b5f4c1696006679">https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/bible-sharing-10-04-23/?wpdmdl=1467&amp;refresh=65170217b5f4c1696006679</a>	
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## Noteworthy News

### **SUNDAY OCTOBER 1**

- Election of Parish representatives to the Charleston Vicariate Pastoral Council
- Faith Formation for Children and Adults 10:15 - 11:15 am
- Blessing of Animals at 2:00 pm

### **BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE!**

- Monday 6pm - Meeting of those interested in possibly becoming Catholic
- Tuesday 6pm - Grief Sharing
- Wednesday 10am - Bible Study in Library or on Zoom
- 6:30 pm - Sunday Gospel Faith Sharing in Library or on Zoom
- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 12pm noon - Daily Mass in Chapel
- Thursday, 5pm – Virtus Certification Party in the Parish Hall
- Thursday 7pm - Choir Rehearsal in the Church
- Saturday 9am - Men's Group in Library or on Zoom

**POEM**        The Road to Wisdom  
The road to wisdom? —  
Well, it's plain and  
simple to express:  
Err  
and err  
and err again,  
but less  
and less  
and less.  
— Piet Hein



**A CELTIC PRAYER**

Circle me Lord  
Keep hope within  
Keep doubt without  
Circle me Lord  
Keep protection near  
And danger afar  
Circle me Lord  
Keep peace within  
Keep evil out  
Circle me Lord  
Keep light near  
And darkness afar  
May You be a bright flame before me  
May You be a guiding star above me,  
May You be a smooth path below me,  
And a loving Guide behind me,  
Today, tonight, and forever. Amen!

**PLEASE NOTE**

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](mailto: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!

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.

## **CARBONATED GRACE \*\*\***

An angel appears at a faculty meeting and tells the Dean that in return for her unselfish and exemplary behavior, the Lord will reward her with the choice of infinite wealth, wisdom, or beauty. Without hesitating, the Dean selects infinite wisdom. "Done!" says the angel, and disappears in a cloud of smoke and a bolt of lightning. Now, all heads turn toward the Dean, who sits surrounded by a faint halo of light. One of his colleagues whispers, "Say something." The Dean sighs and says, "I should have taken the money."

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