



Weekly Email from *Father Paul Wharton*

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Although he was by no means the first to say it, founding father Benjamin Franklin is usually credited with the adage: "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." Will Rogers made these observations. "The income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf has." "Even when you make a tax form out on the level, you don't know when it's through if you are a crook or a martyr."

Major League Baseball has begun. The Masters came and went. Holy Week was special as always. Four adults were baptized or professed their faith, were confirmed, and received the Body and Blood of Christ. Two other rites of passage are upon some of our younger parishioners: First Holy Communion and Graduation. Please ask God's blessings upon them.

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Coming this week to Blessed Sacrament

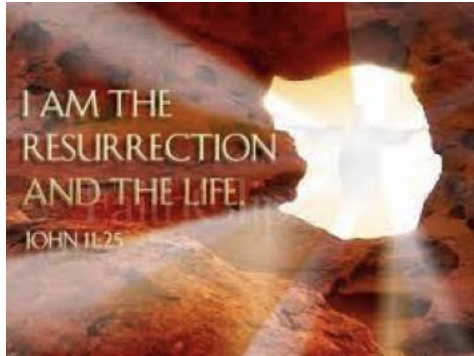
Faith Formation and First Communion Classes continue between Masses today.

The Gift of Years Book Club, led by Kathy Lester will hold its first meeting Sunday, April 16 from 10:15am-11:15am in the Community Room adjacent to the Parish Hall. Copies of the book are available. This book looks at the many dimensions of the aging process, its purpose and its challenges, its struggles and its surprises, its problems and its potential, its pain and its joys . . .

Our next **Breathing Under Water Session** will meet at 1:30pm Sunday, 4/16, either in the church Library or on Zoom. Chapter 11, which focuses on Step 11: "Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood [God], praying only for knowledge of [God's] will and the power to carry that out." Please see the bulletin for more information.

Hope Beyond Today is a six-week program designed by those who have lost loved ones, and have navigated through the maze of hurt, sorrow, and heartache caused by grief. The program is designed to help those who have lost loved ones to find hope during their personal grief journey. Each session begins with a 30-minute DVD, which is followed by discussion time for the group to share their own thoughts, words of encouragement and comfort. Please contact the church office to register @ (304) 744 - 5523 or bsccwv@gmail.com

Lunch Bunch: Please join us for Mass at 12:00noon followed by lunch featuring Mexican specialties from La Carreta Restaurant! If you can, as usual, please bring along salads, side dishes and desserts to share. THANK YOU for marking dishes the contain nuts! (Hint: We NEVER have enough deviled eggs!) This is for all ages at no charge!



He is risen, Alleluia!
Now 50 days to revel in and savor Paschal joy!
Fifty days: a week of weeks 'til Pentecost
brings down the Spirit's fiery flames
to fill my heart with gifts of grace...

From PADD save me, Lord,
and help me find each day
a reason to be joyful,
to lift my heart and sing:
He is risen, Alleluia!
He is risen, Christ the Lord!

Protect me, Lord, while I'm awake,
keep vigil while I sleep
that awake, I might keep watch with you
and asleep, rest in your peace... Amen.

— Fr. Austin Fleming <http://concordpastor.blogspot.com/2023/04/night-prayer-monday-410.html>

CARBONATED GRACE ***

- One difference between **death and taxes** is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets.
- The rich and the poor are alike. They both complain about taxes.
- A fool and his money are soon parted. The rest of us wait until income tax time.
- Golf is a lot like taxes. You drive hard to get to the green and then wind up in the hole.
- George Washington never told a lie, but then he never had to file a Form 1040.
- Death and taxes are inevitable...But at least death doesn't get worse every year!

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