

From the Heart

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Crosswinds

Last fall we began this year of building and change in our parish by giving everyone a refrigerator magnet that read, “*If we build it, all will come!*” By the time you read this issue of our parish newsletter, I hope you will be seeing more clearly *what* we are building.

Hopefully, you will see more clearly our expanded parish center with its new parish offices for pastoral life and faith formation, expanded meeting space, a new childcare room, and upgraded kitchen facilities. This will literally be the “parish center” where all parish worship is celebrated, where the G.I.F.T. program of faith formation for all will take place, where all parish committee and ministry meetings and parish gatherings can happen. One stop shopping! The expansion project is on schedule to be completed sometime in June. We will use it from the moment it is ready, but we will celebrate a formal blessing and dedication on Sunday, September 10 at the 11 a.m. Mass. Archbishop Henry Mansell of Hartford



will preside at the dedication. More details will follow.

Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter you will also notice that we no longer have a “rectory” as such. Rectories traditionally have been the places in which the parish priest(s) lived and worked. Especially in the days when all parish ministry was done by or with the priest(s) it was also the place in which parish meetings took place. The restored sense of the involvement of all baptized members in the life and ministry of the Church ushered in by Vatican II changed all that. A different type of space for parish meetings and business was needed. This is what was intended here at Sacred Heart in the 1989 expansion. However sufficient funds were not available and this part of the expansion was postponed.

The parish offices will soon be in the parish center and we anticipate that we will have sold the “rectory” by this time to help pay for it (“God willing,” as my grandmother used to add to such wishes). We have, as you may know, purchased a small residence for me and future pastors of Sacred Heart Parish. It is located at 91

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Old Waterbury Road in Southbury. It will be a residence only. No parish business will take place there. I will do my pastoral ministry and take all pastoral appointments at the parish center. This will afford me a healthier break between ministry and residence. That separation will hopefully enhance my pastoral leadership and ministry here. Parishes all over the country are moving toward this model, and I am very grateful to all of you for making this arrangement possible here.

On May 21, we will have completed our year of G.I.F.T. in the adapted form, which we had to undertake because of the construction of our parish center. Next fall we will be able to have the full intergenerational

G.I.F.T. program of faith formation. Please see my comments about G.I.F.T. and its format in the "Ask Father" column on page 5.

In the end the most important thing we are seeking to "build" is a faith-filled community, a community like Jesus envisioned, a vibrant and life-giving Church. Such a Church community will help all who "come" to be part of it to grow in a mature faith in Jesus. It will help them find the meaning and richness that our Catholic faith is meant to bring to our lives. In other words we are "building" a better Church with the belief that to the degree we do so, as the refrigerator magnet says, "all will come." I hope and pray that you are finding this to be true. I know I am.

Father Joe

An Invitation

We know of many parishioners here at Sacred Heart, who have had spiritually uplifting experiences while in service to others. An example is the faith building that happens when our young people go on their yearly mission trip. They always come back with a renewed sense of God in their lives.

We at *From the Heart* would love to be able to share some of these experiences with our faith community. If you have had one of these faith-renewing experiences and would be willing to share it with the parish, please contact Katherine Pavone at 264-6599. You can write the article yourself, or we will interview you if you prefer.

Perhaps sharing your experience can help someone else along his or her faith journey.

Katherine Pavone



Mustard Seed Fund at Work

Have you ever been in a position where you had to purchase a birthday, anniversary, or some other special occasion gift for someone, and that person already had all they needed and then some?

Recently I ran into this situation when I received an invitation to a person's 90th birthday celebration. After wracking my brain for a suitable gift, I decided I would make a contribution to the Mustard Seed Fund in his name. The recipient was thrilled to receive this gift and said it was the nicest thing I could have done! Other parishioners have told me they have made birthday gifts to the Mustard Seed Fund in the name of family members, and they too, received very favorable responses.

And what a nice feeling to be on the receiving end of a Mustard Seed gift in your name! Two friends, who wanted to express appreciation for something I had done for them, made a contribution to the fund in my name. I can't tell you how much I appreciated this kind and thoughtful gift!

In the past year I have also had occasion to contribute to the Mustard Seed Fund in memory of a deceased friend.

Gifts to the Mustard Seed Fund, large or small, are always most welcome and are tax-deductible.

Like the two sisters who were the originators of this effort, you may want to include the fund and its good work in your estate planning.

What a wonderful way to bring the kingdom of God to someone else!

Jean Brickey

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New members, ideas and Ask Father questions are welcome throughout the year. Please contact the rectory or Katherine Pavone at 264-6599.

Just Faith: A Hunger for Justice

Solving Word Hunger, One Village at a Time

During the late 1930s, a bloody civil war raged in Spain. Dan West, an Indiana farmer, was given the task of handing out rations of milk to hungry children. Because the milk supply was limited, West often was forced to turn children away when the milk ran out. Being a father himself, that troubled him deeply. He often said, "These children don't need a cup, they need a cow."

West went home with the idea "a cow, not a cup" germinating in his mind. It took a few years to bloom, but when it did, it became Heifers for Relief, the goal of which is to end hunger permanently by providing families with livestock and training so they "could be spared the indignity of depending on others to feed their children."

In 1944, Heifers for Relief sent out its first shipment of heifers, 17 in all, to Puerto Rico, to families whose children had never even tasted milk. Each family receiving a heifer had to agree to donate the female offspring to another family. The secondary recipients also had to promise to pass on the benefits to needy neighbors so that the benefits of the original gift could eventually nourish the entire community.

The concept that it was more effective to give families a source of food rather than short-term handouts caught on and millions of families in 115 countries have experienced the benefits of Dan West's bright idea.

Over the sixty some-odd years since that first shipment of 17 heifers, Heifers for Relief has matured into Heifer International, an organization which, according to its 2005 annual report, "directly and indirectly assisted 674,000 families" in 2004 as a result of 537 active projects in 50 foreign countries and 26 states in this country, including hurricane-ravaged Louisiana. Its inventory of creatures has been expanded. It now includes goats, water buffalo, chickens, ducks, pigs, and even honey bees. Heifer International also provides education in livestock and land management and seeks to promote awareness of

global hunger concerns.

Beatrice Biira of Uganda is just one of the people that have been helped by Heifer International. Beatrice's mother, by selling the milk of a goat provided by Heifer International was able to save enough to send Beatrice and her other four children to school. The goat is named Mugisa, which means "luck" in the local language.

Mugisa has indeed brought luck to the Biira family. Beatrice has finished her schooling in Uganda and has a scholarship to attend Connecticut College in New London, CT.

When Dan West died in 1971, it must have been with a feeling of profound peace and satisfaction with a life well spent in the service of humanity.

Walter Cronkite said Heifer International "... is unique in its program to directly aid people around the world. ... With this project you get a much greater sense of a person-to-person relationship, which

is very important." Other public figures who have endorsed Heifer International include Jimmy Carter, Ted Danson, and Mary Steenbergen.

Heifer International's projects are funded by donations from subscribers like you and me. Will I be contributing to Heifer International? Yes. I am convinced their program provides an opportunity to solve 'World Hunger' the way it needs to be solved, one family at a time, one village at a time. Should you contribute? The answer is, endorsements aside, you should INVESTIGATE before you INVEST. For more information, write to:

Heifer Project International
P.O. Box 8058
Little Rock, AR 72203

or visit their web site at <http://www.heifer.org>

W. J. Calabrese



“And Life Goes On...”

Regular readers of this Sacred Heart faith community newsletter should readily recognize this familiar tag line. It is the closing of every article written by Dennis McLaughlin in *From the Heart* for the last seven plus years.

This whimsical slant on our faith experiences as seen through the eyes of a father and his growing children has entertained, as well as, enlightened us about our faith in a style all his own. You may ask, “What makes him tick?” – this somewhat off-beat author, imparting faith lessons for today through his often difficult but always humorous family anecdotes of years past. I have known Dennis for just about all of his 13 years in the parish, since his emigration from, not Dublin, but Bronxville, New York by way of Manhasset, Long Island and as a fellow member of the newsletter staff for over seven years. Even after interviewing him for this article, I can honestly say that I still don’t have a clue!

Nonetheless, this larger than life leprechaun strikes a chord with me (although possibly not all) with his unique approach to faith formation. What better way than through sibling rivalry, childish selfishness and naïve questions could our faith lessons be learned (and then there are his children’s antics too!).

A resident of Heritage Village, this adjunct law professor at Post University, and Notre Dame alum has provided the Sacred Heart faith community with a unique slant on faith that certainly captures our attention, almost as if it were a “Catholic Family Circus” comic strip.



Dennis also has a serious side (really!). He has been a reader at weekday and weekend liturgies for years and has used his special gifts in the Palm Sunday and Holy Week liturgies, such that it once prompted former pastor, Fr. Mark Flynn to say, “He is the best Judas we ever had!” In addition, he is also involved in the parish initiative JustFaith, which along with 9 other Sacred Heart parishioners is participating in a 30-week study program, which promotes justice actions within our parish and the community at large.

We are all privileged to have him as one of us, and we will look forward with anticipation to his continued literary contributions to our newsletter hopefully for years to come. Who knows? Maybe he can start a series recanting his grandchildren’s faith journeys for us!

And Life Goes On...

Rich Stephens

(This article is dedicated to Judy who must have a great sense of humor or the patience of a saint or both!)



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a ministry at Sacred Heart which reaches out to those among us who need help in many ways such as shopping, doing yard work getting to church or appointments, etc. If you are in need, know someone who is, or if you would like to help, please call: Marilee Adams at 267-5775 or Sue Houlihan at 267-5516.



Violets

Pick violets with loving care
Pick them one by one
In grass still wet with sparkling dew
Kissed by the morning sun.

Each violet is a message
Of patience, love, and caring.
Pick violets for the ones you love;
Violets are for sharing.

Irma Rilling



ASK FATHER

“What are the future plans for the G.I.F.T. program in our parish?”

Hopefully, as I said in my “Crosswinds” column in this issue, you are seeing great progress on the expansion of our parish church and center. With the construction completed we will be able to actually experience the G.I.F.T. process of intergenerational faith formation as it is supposed to be done. We plan to register parishioners for G.I.F.T. beginning this month. The program will begin anew this fall.

Our theme for the next season will be “Following Jesus.” There will be six G.I.F.T. sessions offered at five different times for your convenience. Each G.I.F.T. session will consist of: a meal, table prayer and table task in our parish hall. These are designed to promote and enrich a greater sense of community and prayer within our parish as well as allowing an opportunity for us to focus the learning planned for that evening;



- a gathering prayer service and/or presentation in church to further develop the learning of that evening;
- age and level appropriate learning sessions on that particular night’s focus of our Catholic faith;
- a gathering of all generations back together in church with an opportunity to hear what we actually learned about. This is meant to reinforce and integrate the learning;
- a prayerful send off with the important “home packet” containing all sorts of things to help us continue the learning in our homes;
- a reinforcement of our learning through participation in the feast of our Church’s liturgy that was emphasized in the G.I.F.T. session.

Notice that there are 3 essential parts to this educational model and participation in all 3 are needed for the model to work:

1. your attendance at the actual G.I.F.T. session;
2. your use of some or all of the contents in the home packet to reinforce and continue the learning at home;
3. your reinforcement of the learning by participating in the weekly liturgy of the Church.

Such an educational model and undertaking requires many volunteers since each of the six G.I.F.T. sessions will be presented five times. Therefore we are asking all households who participate to contribute their time and talent in some way. We need catechists, designers, facilitators of groups, artists, technology people (especially for audio-visual elements), dramatists, meal planners, hospitality folks, and set up and clean up workers. Those who do not necessarily participate in the G.I.F.T. program are asked to consider volunteering for their parish stewardship in some G.I.F.T. capacity.

We are sorry that our adapted program has limited what we could accomplish and when we could conduct the G.I.F.T. sessions. I appreciate your patience with the adapted program, but we have learned a lot about this unique model of faith formation and now we are ready for the real thing.

If you took part in the program, I hope you will enjoy the complete G.I.F.T. sessions this fall.

If you became discouraged or confused by our adapted program, please give the real thing a sincere try.

If you did not take part last year, I invite you to register for the new sessions. If there is some problem that prevents you from taking part, all of us are ready and willing to listen and help. This is the way your parish is helping you to grow in faith, and helping you enable your children to grow in faith as you promised you would do at their Baptisms.

There will be one change in the way we will register this year for G.I.F.T. Our experience thus far has shown that we need to include the cost for G.I.F.T. meals as part of the registration fee for the program. Last fall when we asked participants to pay for their meal on the night of each G.I.F.T. session we discovered that many people who had previously registered to attend did not actually come. Since we had ordered food for all who had registered, the result was a significant amount of money lost and food unnecessarily wasted. This year we will charge one fee at registration: \$90-\$240 per household depending on the number of people participating in G.I.F.T.

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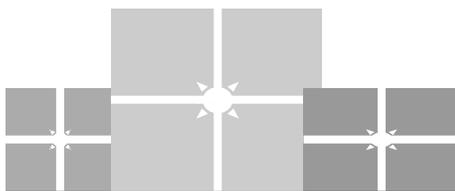
Ask Father

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Please note: *This fee covers all program materials and all meals for all six G.I.F.T. sessions.*

As we enter our second year of the G.I.F.T. intergenerational faith formation program I once again invite all members of our parish on board. It is meant to be for all parishioners of all generations in order to help us “**Grow In Faith Together.**” May we find our individual faith, the faith of our households and the faith of our parish growing and maturing because of G.I.F.T. It is hard work and it is a significant change for all of us who have been Catholic for a while. But after almost 35 years of priestly ministry working to lead people in our Catholic faith, I strongly believe it is the best way to go! Thank you again for your willingness to work at it with me. May God continue to guide and bless us in our efforts.

Father Joe



Mothers

Every year in the month of May we honor our mothers both living and dead. It is fitting that we honor them in the spring when we see new life all around us in nature. The trees, flowers and grass are reborn. Mothers assist

God by means of their bodies to issue forth new life. Whether they physically give birth or not, women are caregivers and nurturers by nature. Observe little girls with their dollies and the way they watch over their younger siblings. Observe nurses and teachers.

The greatest mother and most self-sacrificing woman of all is Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was willing to accept this honor with all the accompanying pain and sorrow because of her great love for God the Father.

The word “mother” or “mothers” appears in the Bible almost 300 times, while the word “mother-in-law” appears eleven times. You will recall the reference to Naomi, mother-in-law of Ruth, and Peter the apostle’s mother-in-law who had a fever and was healed by Jesus. Note how quickly she got up and ministered to the needs of the apostles as soon as she was well.

Often the mothers of kings in the Old Testament are more honored than the queen-wife. The kings had their mothers beside them while they sat on their thrones. Perhaps this was so because sometimes they had more than one wife. A mother’s influence is also stressed in Ezekiel



16:44 where the phrase “As is the mother, so is the daughter,” appears. The love of children was deep in the hearts of Hebrew women, and the mother was regarded with the deepest reverence.

We find some of the earliest laws of the Hebrews the obligation placed upon children to honor the mother as well as the father.

Sometimes a nation is spoken of as a mother and the people as her children. Jesus mentions in the Gospels a mother hen and how she would not forget her babies. Ships are referred to as female.

The mother of James and John is mentioned when she asked Jesus to place one son on his left and the other on his right in his kingdom. She was ambitious for her sons. Remember the Canaanite woman who asked Jesus more than once to heal her daughter who was afflicted with a demon? These are but a few examples of mothers mentioned in the Bible.

This spring think of your own mother and the Blessed Mother, and pray that we, like them, may love each other and look out for the abused children and speak up for the unborn and the elderly. We women represent life, love, concern, nurturing and peace, which the world so sorely needs. God gave us big hearts and we must use them to make a difference, a good one.

Dina Carella

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

Growing in Faith

To fully prepare for the celebration of Easter, Sacred Heart teens participated in many special activities for some of the most holy days of the year, Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The Holy Thursday night retreat and the Faith Walk on Good Friday were conducted as part of the parish's youth Lenten worship events.

In the final week of Lent, the Holy Thursday night retreat for teens occurred at St. James Lutheran Church. It was an opportunity for the young adults of the parish to have a fun time while also deepening their faith. This overnight lock-in included teens from seventh through twelfth grade. The Christian teens came from the Church of Epiphany, St. James Lutheran, the United Church of Christ, as well as Sacred Heart, and spent a fun night together playing games and completing social projects. On

the following day, Good Friday, the teens participated in the Faith Walk, which began at ten o'clock. Teens and families experienced what Jesus went through during the final days leading up to Easter and his resurrection. It was a great time to deepen relationships with and understanding of Jesus, and become even better prepared for Easter Sunday.

These two great activities provided fun and effective ways for the youth to learn more about God during this most holy time of the year.

Rachel Madenjian

Editor's note: Photos of these events can be found on our parish website at www.sacredheartchurch.info



In March, the Youth Group hosted the very successful first annual Spring Tea and Fashion Show to benefit their Mission Trip to Machias, Maine this summer. Pictured with her mother Ann D'Amico, is volunteer model Mary Korsu, wearing a gown from Ros-Lyn's Bridal Emporium, one of the retailers who provided the clothing.



Attention Youth G.I.F.T. Participants

From the Heart is looking for youth writers. G.I.F.T. participants would be most welcome, as well as any young adults who have something to say in regard to faith and life at Sacred Heart.

Please contact Katherine Pavone at 264-6599 if you can help us.

It's All About Grace, My Boy

“You shouldn’t talk to me out loud you know. People already think your nuts. I mean who writes about his guardian angel?” said my guardian angel.

“Yeh, I know what you mean.” I answered, out loud.

“Your friends would not be terribly receptive to you if they knew you made a habit of making sounds to no one and there’s no one there. I think that’s a line from a very popular Broadway musical.”

“O.K. I realize you’re showing off. I mean you can see all the musicals you want and not pay. After all, who sells a ticket to a nothing?” I thought.

“I am not a nothing. I am your guardian angel so please treat me with some slight respect. I could use the word modicum, but I am not sure you know what the word means.”

“Now you are insulting me.” I bristled, if one can bristle mentally.

“Not True. I am unable to insult and you know that, but heavens you are such an easy target.”

“Boy did you get up on the wrong side of the bed.” I retorted, instantly realizing I made a mistake since angels don’t sleep, and knowing my hairshirt does watch over me 24/7 as the hip people like to say.

“You and I will talk by mental telepathy. Now only you will hear me. Are you happy now?” I silently exclaimed.

“Sounds good to me,” replied my guardian angel. I could almost hear him laughing but instead I felt a slight breeze, which I guess in his

world was the same thing.

“And don’t worry about tomorrow. I’ll be there with you as well as Judy who will represent the tangible part of your little world. What’s a little colonoscopy and panendoscopy between friends? It’s a “twofer” as they say in the gastroenterology profession.”

“As you are well aware, my internist suggested I have the procedures for two reasons; one, every man should have one screening in his life and the second, why not! When the doctor finishes at one end he then can look up the other end.”

When I told this to Judy, she

thought it was very funny. I did not.

“And of course Judy will be there.” I thought belligerently, “Who is going to drive me home? You?”

“You are showing your stress my boy. Ease up a bit and let me do my job.”

“Which is?”

“To help provide you with the faith and trust in him. I have the whole community of saints backing me. Where can I go wrong? You, on the other hand, can screw up things without even trying.”

“You have hurt my feelings.” I

thought. Hopefully my lower lip quivered slightly for effect.

Ignoring me, so I felt, I heard my angel say very solemnly, “There won’t be anything in your life in which our Lord will not provide you with sufficient grace to over come. You have to trust him and have faith in the acceptance of the words of Jesus. Even a long tube being inserted....”

“Enough!” I said and I didn’t care who heard me either.

“While you are starving and hanging near a bathroom to prepare for tomorrow, let’s pass a little time discussing the various theological perspectives as they pertain to your faith community. Now you may remember the different kinds of theology...”

“I beg of you, let me suffer in peace.”

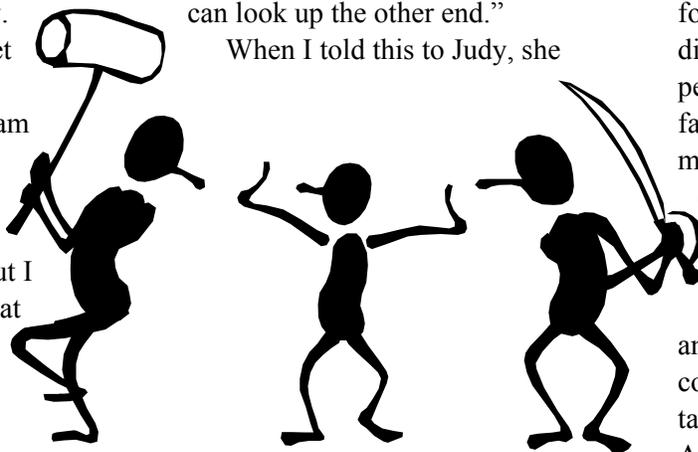
“And I pray for relief for the poor and destitute in the Latin American countries, the cessation of the brutalities practiced on whole tribes in Africa and you, going without food for twenty-four hours generates the response, ‘let me suffer in peace?’”

“I think you are annoyed with me.” I murmured contritely.

“I can’t be annoyed with you, that’s a human trait, but boy, if I was human I would give you a kick in the pants.”

“Violence against little me?”

“I think I’ll ask my superiors whether there is an exception to the Guardian Angel’s Non-Violence Doctrine. For your sake there better not be any because if so, I feel a lot of paddling coming up.”



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Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Born in humble surroundings in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Benevento, Italy, Padre Pio became internationally known for his charitable works along with the mystical phenomena that occurred daily in his life. “Jesus died on the cross for us’ is one of the principal tenets of our faith. This truth is so important that whenever people have forgotten it or have sought to find it, God has always intervened with events, deeds and miracles. In our time the temptation to forget the reality of the body of Christ is enormous. And God sent this man with the task of calling us back to the truth.” –Cardinal Giuseppe Siri

Knowing since his youth that he wanted to become a priest, he entered a Capuchin monastery in 1903. He took his vows in 1910 and became Padre Pio.

Within a month of his ordination he received the stigmata, the wounds of Christ. He prayed that they would be taken away...“I do want to suffer, even to die of suffering, but all in secret.” The stigmata disappeared for a short time.

The earliest of Padre Pio’s miracles occurred in his hometown. When his aunt burned her face in an accident, she placed a cloth he had given her over the wound. The pain instantly went away and she was healed. In the spring of 1913 an infestation of lice threatened to devastate the town’s bean crop. When asked by farmers, he prayed for an end to the pestilence. The lice came off the plants and the farmers had one of their most bountiful years ever.

In 1917 Padre Pio was permanently assigned to the friary of Our Lady of Grace in the mountainside of San Giovanni Rotondo, a place he had fallen in love with a few years earlier. There he spent the rest of his life in ministry that would touch countless lives around the world. He lived his motto, “Pray, hope and don’t worry,” and followed his five rules for spiritual growth: weekly confession, daily communion, spiritual reading, meditation and examination of conscience.

In July of 1918 Pope Benedict XV urged all Christians to pray for an end to the war. Padre Pio offered himself to God as a victim, and a few months later the stigmata returned, staying with him for the remainder of his life. By early 1919 the world began to know about him and countless physicians examined him. He accepted his condition as a gift from God, but always would have preferred to suffer the pains of Christ in private. The isolated friary

began to fill with the faithful, many sleeping outside. Padre Pio was busy for 19 hours a day saying Mass, hearing confessions and helping many countless pilgrims, lukewarm Catholics, unbelievers and atheists who were turned to God with a revelation or a healing.

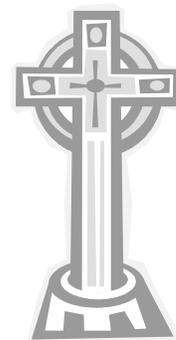
He was known to be irritable but put this to good use in the confessional by prodding people to honestly confront the condition of their souls. He was also known to read people’s hearts and predict the future. In 1947 he told a young Polish priest, Karol Wojtyla, that he would become pope. In 1999, that priest, who had become Pope John Paul II, beatified Padre Pio, and canonized him in 2002, making him Saint Pio of Pietrelcina.

Although he welcomed his own suffering he couldn’t endure the suffering of others. Hundreds came to him for healing, but he knew only some would receive a miraculous cure. Armed with faith, hope, prayer and a small army of friends, he envisioned a world-class hospital that would serve the poor.

In 1940 he announced plans to build the House for the Relief of Suffering, and in 1956 it became a reality, opening with a top shelf medical staff. Today it is an ever-expanding complex that resembles a small city.

By the mid 1960’s his health began to deteriorate, and by July of 1968 he was almost totally bedridden. On September 23 he died peacefully at his beloved friary, Our Lady Of Grace.

Diane Tomas



Father Joe congratulates Lachlan “Mac” Harkness, this year’s Sacred Heart recipient of the St. Joseph’s Award for his long service to the parish.

It's All About Grace, My Boy

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"This is the most ridiculous conversation to have with one's guardian angel," I thought.

"What? I can? (Pause) Oh, I can't, but he deserves it. Teach non-violence? Alright if that is what He wants."

"I get the picture. Suffer in silence!"

"No! That is exactly what I don't want you to do. Put yourself in the shoes of the starving little one's in Haiti.

Try to feel what the parents must be going through. Understand that for so many, they are relying on God's grace to help them get through the day."

Silence.

"I feel like a jerk. I am a better person than that you know."

"I know you are my boy. After all, I am your guardian angel who

knows you just as well as Judy. It's the low amount of sugar in your blood caused by the starvation."

"Right," thinking of the children in Haiti.

ADDENDUM

My screening results indicated I was fine and the last I heard, my guardian angel was attempting to rally his fel-

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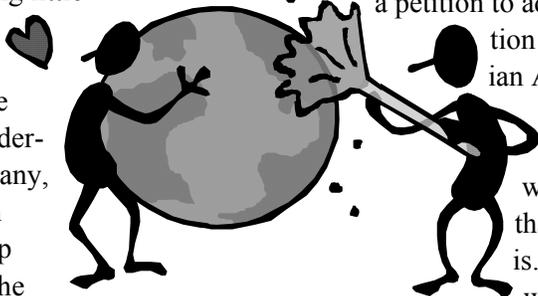
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not to know.

And so life goes on.

Dennis McLaughlin



Our Parish Welcomes You

Are you at a distance from or do you feel alienated from either the Church or Sacred Heart parish?

There are many different reasons that people find themselves drifting or walking away. Yet, we are less than who we should be or can be when you are not with us. If this applies to you or to someone whose faith you care about,

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