

ST. PATRICK'S NEWS & NOTES

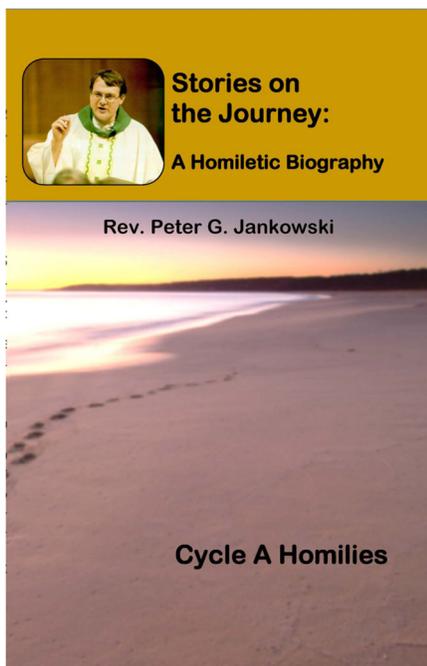
OCTOBER 18, 2016

Dear Friends of the Mailing List:

Right now, I am supposed to be at a diocesan retreat with our clergy, taking a week off in prayer and spending social time with the other priests of the diocese. Unfortunately, I spent Monday at the hospital, the recipient of two cortisone shots on the knees and a \$1,400 brace that I am hoping insurance will cover! According to the doctors, I probably will need to return in a couple months for "gel shots" (I told him I would prefer "Jell-O Shots," even though I don't drink... except altar wine) and then, down the line, partial/full knee surgeries on both knees.

I knew this problem was inevitable. Back in 1996 after ordination, the bishop was receiving letters from my parishioners that I acted sacrilegiously by *not* genuflecting all the way down during my prayers at Mass. After the bishop chuckled about the letters, I told him that if I ever went *down* on the knee regularly at Mass, he would be lucky if I ever got back up! I took x-rays last year of the knee to find out I have worn tissue due to arthritis (I guess it comes at all ages!) and that my future under the scalpel was inevitable. Keep praying for me - it's not the end of the world but don't expect me doing any "full genuflexions" in the near future!

As I will discuss over the next few weeks, our budget this year will be about \$25,000 short where we need to be. Part of this is due to the \$13,000 in delinquent tuition from religious education - this is a problem that exists in every parish throughout the world but nevertheless needs to be addressed. Yes, our collection should go up about \$500 a week but we are a poor to middle-class parish and I get the fact that we don't have that many resources (except, if you think about it, sacrificing one Starbucks coffee or fast food lunch a week and donating the proceeds to the parish would pretty much solve that problem as well).



That said, we have been working on a way to *save* on our electric bill, thus reducing our spending in a significant way!!!

Attached is an estimate from **GO GREEN SOLUTIONS**, who work with **COMMONWEALTH EDISON** in giving rebates to parishes who switch over to LED lights on the property. If we move fast (like within the next two weeks), Com Ed gives discounts on a first-come, first served basis. If we raise the \$14,662.20 in the next two weeks, we get the \$6,502.00 rebate from Com Ed, who tells us that if we do so, the electric bill can go down as much as 40-60% on the property. This bill covers all parts of the property *except* the

church proper, but we received a \$9,000 gift from an anonymous parishioner (who also is providing us with free materials to retile all our classrooms around the church) to cover the lights in the church. **IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW CAN HELP US RAISE THE JUST UNDER \$15,000 TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH (OR ME!) AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.**

On sale at the office is the book of homilies I just published, entitled, **[STORIES ON THE JOURNEY: A HOMILETIC BIOGRAPHY](#)**, published by Christian Lighthouse publishing. The cost of the book is \$12 and all the proceeds go to the parish – this is one of my contributions towards doing my part in the ministry. You can also purchase them on Amazon.com at the following link:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d/1532765835/ref=mp_s_a_1_10?qid=1462580446&sr=8-10&pi=AC_SX236_SY340_QL65&keywords=peter+jankowski

Rather than attaching the Bulletins, Homilies and Newsletters as I have done in the past, I think it best to just send them as links from our www.stpatsjoliet.com website so that the files I am sending out are not so large. This way, those with limited sized inboxes will not have a problem getting these communications. Thanks for understanding!

Here is the bulletin for October 22-23, 2016:

http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/modules/document.php?action=download_document&fid=594

To access all the bulletins, you can go to

<http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/documents/collection/bulletin>

I'll write the homily from last weekend as soon as I get enough energy to type it out!!! Sorry!

To access all the homilies, you can go to

<http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/documents/collection/fr-pete-s-homilies>.

Have a blessed week!

God Bless,

Rev. Peter G. Jankowski

Pastor, St. Patrick's Church

"Gloria Dei Vivens Homo" (The Glory of God is living in Man)

- St. Irenaeus of Lyons

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next Weekend, we will be taking a 2nd Collection for **WORLD MISSIONS' FUND**. We ask you please to be generous towards this cause.
2. The **BOOK OF THE DEAD** is located at the back of the Church, in remembrance of those who have died this last year. Please feel free to include those names of loved ones who have died this last year in the book. The Mass in Commemoration of All Souls will take place on Friday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
3. Next weekend is the fourth Sunday of the month, which we have designated as **FOOD PANTRY & ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SUNDAY**. Please consider the manner in which we can help serve our Lord by serving those less fortunate than ourselves.

4. Deacon Paul is asking our parishioners to consider **ADOPTING A FAMILY FOR THANKSGIVING** with a \$15 donation. This donation will provide an entire Thanksgiving dinner for one family, courtesy of *The Northern Illinois Food Bank*. You can put the money in an envelope entitled, "Thanksgiving Dinner" or drop the donation off at the rectory office.
5. This weekend, St. Patrick's Church is participating in **UNDY SUNDAY**, an underwear and socks drive benefiting low-income children, adults and seniors who receive help and support from Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet. Please see the bulletin for more info.
6. On October 22-23, St. Patrick's Church will be hosting her twice a year **THRIFT SHOP CLOTHING DRIVE** for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you wish to donate to the cause, please fill the bags that we are providing you in the entry ways of the church (or fill them with your own bags) and bring them to back to church next weekend. A SVDP truck will be located in our back parking lot for drop off. More information can be found in the bulletin.
7. The **ALPHA PROGRAM ON THE LIFE OF ST. PAUL IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH** begins simultaneously on October 20th. Information can be found in this week's bulletin; more information is located in the entry ways of the Church. You can register in the RE Office this weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Jeanine Acuff, Sonia Arriaga, Joan Bannon, Joe Barello, Alejandra Becerra, Virginia Borio, Anne Buldak, Frank Butera, Henry Chavez, Mae Delaney, Bernice Demmick, Richard Duke, Ray Fenili, Dan Green, Don, Dolores & Rich Jankowski, Kathy Kelly, Andrea Magosky, Christine McKittrick, Tom Meyer, Eleanor Orr, Felipe Partida, Brenda Perez, Jack & Mary Lou Querio, Enedina Salazar, Leticia Salinas, William Shega, Bernie Spieler & Scott Stackulak.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASES:

Angela Liberty & José Antonio Lopez