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Pastoral Reflection

Below is an email conversation I had with someone that knows and loves our church. Although I feel that we have much to improve on, she sees us as an example of how to keep our youth connected to the life of the church. I've called her the Faithful Servant of Christ.

Hi Father Benjamin,

I hope that things are beautiful in the great land of Minnesota! I was wondering if you could give me any suggestions or guidance on something in which I am involved. I am on one of the many groups in the country working on the church's strategic plan. Our area of focus is youth in the church, how we keep them, how we get them back if they have strayed, how we keep them coming to and being involved in the church between confession and marriage--you get the idea. I was surprised that during our first conference call, one of the people said that they lose children after their first confession and they don't come back again until they are getting married. That shocked me since I always went to churches that had teen and college student involvement. I immediately thought of your parish because you seem to keep them from womb to tomb!!

Thank you so very much for anything that you can offer and please give my best to all of the sweet folks at St. Mary's!

In Christ,
Faithful Servant of Christ

Dear Faithful Servant of Christ,

What a great question! Staying in church? There are many factors to look at and this is not an exhausted list by any means.

1. Beautiful and inspiring worship services.
2. Education for all age groups.
3. Ministries that connect people to the church, to their families, to their friends, and to their neighbors.
4. Possibly small group ministries that connect people to the church due to age, gender, and similar interests.
5. Fellowship opportunities.
6. Good leadership outside of the clergy.
7. Stewardship opportunities where folks can dig in and do the work of the gospel.
8. Compassionate and caring parish community.
9. Parents and families who are committed, loving, and faithful. If they are not, the chances of youth staying connected to the church are slim.
10. Prayers for the youth.

In the end, what grabs the attention of youth is to know they are cared for and loved. They will be presented with worldly challenges, might stray for a bit, but will hopefully come back when the heart calls them back home to His life saving and Holy Church.

Blessings and thank you for asking.

In Christ,
Fr. Benjamin

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

“For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.”

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

The celebration of spring and warm weather comes with extra excitement for those of us living in a northern climate. We certainly don't take our warm beautiful weather for granted.

And we had just such a beautiful day on Bright Saturday – for my daughter, Sara's wedding. Crystal blue sky, a beaming warm sun with temperatures in the mid 60's – it just can't get much better in Minnesota in April. But the day was made so much extra special because the wedding service was held at St. Mary's.

It was a unique crowd attending the service in many ways. Sara and her husband, Jasper, have both worked in various countries around the world. And a quite large group of attendees at the wedding were their international friends and relatives. There were many countries represented. Now we frequently have many guests at services that are attending St. Mary's for the first time. But for this wedding we had many people that were not only coming to St. Mary's and an Orthodox service for the first time, it was their first trip to Minnesota and their very first trip to the United States! What an outstanding impression was made by St. Mary's to all of our visitors.

After the wedding, people went on and on about the very kind and wonderfully friendly people at St. Mary's and they were in awe of the beauty of our Cathedral. They also were very impressed with the inspiration and spirituality of the Orthodox Wedding service and the incredible singing of our choir. In fact, several people attending the service were musicians. They told me that they just assumed that we had gone to the expense of hiring professional singers for our Choir. They said the four-part harmonies of the choir were at a professional level and just awe-inspiring! The guests were quite surprised and amazed when I told them that our choir were volunteer parishioners – and we are blessed to enjoy their incredible singing all year long!

Thank you very much to everyone for all of your incredible kindness, thoughtfulness and efforts for Sara's wedding. But then again, we're all pretty lucky – because this is what happens all the time around here at St. Mary's!!! All of the international visitors left quite frankly with such a great impression of the United States. Maybe the answer to conflict between our world's leaders is to invite them to St. Mary's for a weekend.

And now back to work – here are a few updates from Property Maintenance:

- ◆ A new roof was put on the Cathedral garage (behind the boiler room) by many hard-working volunteers. Thanks to all the guys that helped – but a special thanks to goes to the job foremen, Tim Kaseno and John Jurichko.
- ◆ A new copy machine will be ordered and delivered soon. Our current machine is 9 years old – and repair parts are no longer available for this older model.
- ◆ Bids are still being taken for repair work due to water damage to the NW corner of the Parish Center. The area surrounding the kitchen exit door. This will unfortunately be a bigger repair project that anticipated. We need to replace not only the kitchen door, but parts of the wall and foundation area will need to be repaired. More details to come once the bids are in.
- ◆ The bidding and plan reviews are underway for the Parish Center parking lot. Due to the busy summer construction season, we are not sure that the project can be completed before this year's Festival in September. More details to come as more information becomes available.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support of St. Mary's. I hope everyone has a safe and very enjoyable summer.

Yours in Christ,
Steve Tomczyk
President of the St. Mary's Board of Trustees

FROM THE HISTORY OF ST MARY'S: June, 1906

From an article in the *Amerikanskii Pravoslavni Vestnik (The American Orthodox Messenger)*

Consecration of a New Church in Minneapolis

The 25th of June will long be remembered by Orthodox Christians in Minneapolis: on this day a new church was consecrated by His Eminence the Archbishop.

The old church burnt down on January 11, 1905 and the parishioners with great ardor set out to build a new church. They donated money towards it and labored during its construction. Not long afterwards the place of the old church was adorned with a new one both great and majestic. It is one of the most beautiful churches in Minneapolis and one of the best Orthodox churches in North America.

Its proportions are as follows: inside from the outside doors to the end of the altar is 100 ft.; the width in the middle is 55 ft.; from the interior doors to the solea is 62 ft.; the choir loft is 13 x34 ft. Beneath the church there is a place for a school, the preservation of church items, and a big room for meetings. The height of the bell tower from the ground to the top of the cross is 121 ft. The height of the middle cupola is 91 ft. The windows looking into the church are colorful with images of saints.

His Eminence Archbishop Tikhon arrived in Minneapolis on the morning of June 23. That very same day two seminarians came: M. Fekula and A. Solyanko - appointed to be missionaries in Canada, Fekula in Gimli and Solyanko in Stuartborn. In both these cities Orthodox Christians have long been asking for permanent priests and promised to support them.

On Saturday, June 24, in the presence of His Eminence liturgy was served by Priest K. Tsonov in the school building (where liturgical services were held after the fire in the old church), before Liturgy, M. Fekula was ordained a subdeacon. That morning the Dean Archpriest John Kochurov and Deacon A. Kal'nev arrived from Chicago in order to participate in the celebration of the consecration of the church.

All Night Vigil on Saturday evening was served by Fr. Archpriest Kochurov with Deacon A. Kal'nev. Vladyka came out for the blessing of loaves and the magnification. He anointed with oil approximately 200 faithful, not including children. The singing of the choir and the exclamations of the priests rang out in the new temple. There were many burning candles and hundreds of electric lightbulbs shining brightly in the vast church. All Night Vigil began at 7:30 pm and while outside it was still light, the images of the saints were visible to the faithful in the church. But as it became darker the images of the saints began to fade. Finally it became completely dark and these images were no longer visible to the faithful, although the candles and electric lights brightly lit up the church. It was dark outside, but for some reason passers by involuntarily stopped at the new church. What attracted their gaze? The images of the saints, which were not visible inside due to the bright illumination were visible from the street and were filled with different colors.

On June 25, at 9:30 am, the parishioners gathered near the church: members of the Peter and Paul Society, the Protection Women's Union, and others. There was also a Russian band. The bell rang out and Vladyka made his way with "glory" to the church, where he was met by the rector of the church.

The church was filled with faithful. Besides the Minneapolis parishioners, there were also visitors from the northern prairies and Wisconsin. The Russian consul from Chicago, Baron A. A. Shlinenbakh was also there. Many Americans were present.

The rite of consecration began. The altar table was blessed; four dowels were hammered in and bees wax was poured over. It was wiped and vested along with the table of oblation. The walls of the church were anointed with oil on all four sides.

The procession began by getting relics. Everyone processed to the seminary, where the holy relics were being kept. They were placed on Vladyka's head. The procession went from the seminary, circled

around the church and stopped at the front doors. "Lift ye up ye everlasting doors and the King of Glory shall enter in", exclaimed Vladyka. "Who is this King of Glory?" responded the singers inside the church. And everyone entered the church as the prayer "The Lord of Strength, He is the King of Glory" was sung.

At the entrance into the church Fr. Archpriest J. Kochurov spoke a few words in which he remembered all those who labored in the Minneapolis parish, beginning with the first planter of Orthodoxy in Minneapolis, Fr. Archpriest Toth. He praised the diligence of the parishioners who worked in the construction of such a beautiful church.

At the end, he spoke to the heterodox in English and thanked them for their participation in the celebration.

Liturgy began, which His Eminence Archbishop Tikhon served with Fr. Archpriest J. Kochurov, Priest I. Popv, and Deacon Kal'nev. During the Liturgy M. Fekula was ordained to the diaconate and A. Solyanko to the subdiaconate. Liturgy ended at about 2 pm.

After Liturgy, the building committee honored His Eminence Vladyka and other clergy with lunch. The Russian Imperial consul from Chicago and members of the committee also were at the lunch.

The Consul gave the first toast to the health of the Emperor. Then toasts were given for His Eminence Archbishop Tikhon, Fr. Toth, and all those who labored in the founding of the Minneapolis temple.

The next day at 9 am, Vladyka served liturgy and ordained Deacon M. Fekula to the priesthood and Subdeacon A. Solyanko to the diaconate. On Tuesday, Vladyka served liturgy again and ordained A. Solyanko to the priesthood.

On Tuesday, June 27, Vladyka left Minneapolis for Streator, Illinois.

A Participant

(trans RM)

May 10, 2017

Dear Father Andrew:

CHRIST IS RISEN!

I write to express my profound gratitude to Saint Mary's Cathedral parish community, the Borris-Hansen Committee and you personally for the warm welcome and gracious hospitality accorded to me during my visit to Minneapolis this past weekend.

I was honored to be this year's speaker for the annual Saint Alexis Toth Lecture. I was pleased with the enthusiastic audience that came for the lecture and the engaging discussions and questions that took place during the reception that followed. I am especially grateful to the parish's Borris-Hansen Committee which funded my travel and lodging and provided a generous honorarium.

Finally, I am profoundly grateful to you personally for attending to my every need and providing warm hospitality throughout my stay in the midst of your many pastoral responsibilities.

My stay in Minneapolis was a unique opportunity to visit your historic parish for the first time, to see beautiful Saint Mary's Cathedral with its amazing acoustics and to witness first hand the vibrancy of the large parish community. I also had an opportunity to see the parish's own archives and to discuss their future development and proper preservation. I hope that the parish will pay serious attention to the perpetuation of its rich historical legacy through the preservation of its archival treasures. I will always be glad to provide assistance or support in these efforts as needed.

I do hope to be able to visit Minneapolis and your parish again in the future. I prayerfully wish you, your family and the parish community of St. Mary's Cathedral salvation and furtherance in all good things for many years.

Asking your blessing and prayers.

With much gratitude and love in the Risen Lord,

Alexis Liberovsky,
Archivist,
Orthodox Church in America

ORPHANAGE AND HELP CENTER IN GUINEA

While in Conakry, Guinea (West Africa), I had the privilege of visiting *Centre d'Appui aux Sans - Abris des Orphelins de Guinee* (CASOG/ Help Center for Homeless Orphans in Guinea). This is a project of Christian mercy, supported, in part, by work and donations of several American military and diplomatic expat spouses. With the helpful donation of medical supplies from Marilyn Johnson and her family, and the financial support from the cathedral's St. Nicholas fund (shipping cost), four large boxes of mostly wound care products have been received in Conakry. Thank God for this opportunity to augment the supplies needed to care for the vulnerable children at CASOG. To learn more about CASOG, go to:

<https://medium.com/@qbarrientos714/aba-in-west-africa-we-are-just-getting-started-101276bca5db>

~Alexandra Morbey



Alexandra with a little one at the orphanage.

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

JUNE 11-25, 2017

Families moving forward is a beautiful opportunity to show love and hospitality to three homeless families in need. We provide a place to sleep, an evening meal, activities for the children, a bag lunch and breakfast on the run. This is a Pan-Orthodox ministry with St. Mary's GOC being the primary host. Three spacious Sunday school rooms overlooking the Lake Calhoun are converted into a comfortable efficiency for each family. The bus drops them off at our church at 6:00 pm each evening and picks them up again in the morning at 7:00 am.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

- ◆ **DINNER- 6:15-7:00 PM** (approximately 25 guests): Food can be prepared at church or brought in.
- ◆ **DINNER HOSTS (2) 6-7:00 PM:** Provide hospitality to our guests at the dinner table, get the lunch cart out so our guests can prepare their lunches for the following day.
- ◆ **CHILDCARE- 6:45-8:00 PM:** Activities provided. Play with the kids in the gym, read stories, do crafts, play board games. Bring your family and have fun with our guests.
- ◆ **OVERNIGHT HOSTS (2 ADULTS) 8:15 PM - 7:00 AM** Quiet time with families in the lounge area - no later than 9:00 PM. Wake up call for guests. Set out the morning breakfast- juice, coffee, cereal.
- ◆ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FROM SAINT MARY'S OCA** for Wednesday nights June 14 and 21, 2017.

Please contact Barb Dupay at 612-237-1293 (cell) or barb_dupay@hotmail.com if you can help or have any questions.

MEOCCA Sunday Vespers are not just for Lent

VESPERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

with Bp. PAUL of Chicago
June 4th at 4:00 PM
at St. Mary's Greek
(3450 Irving Ave S., Minneapolis)

*Dinner to follow, compliments of
MEOCCA, from "Its Greek to Me"*

A LITTLE HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

In the Parish Center there are two containers, one in the foyer, the other at back door (bottom of steps). In these containers are socks filled with water, a granola bar and information about FOCUS.

Please put a few in your car. When you see someone on the street, asking for help, please hand them one. This not only gives them a pair of clean socks, a drink and a snack, but it gives them information on where to get extra help: a free meal, clothes and groceries.

St. Mary's Endowment Fund Grows. . .

St. Mary's Endowment Fund recently received a gift of \$114,000. This gift is the 2nd contribution from the John Petrosewich Estate, bringing the total gift from his estate to \$214,000 – a very generous gift! John's gift will generate an additional \$7,000 per year to the Endowment Fund, in perpetuity.

Although John's gift was unusually large, **any gift is meaningful – no gift is too small.** Estate gifts of \$5,000 - \$15,000, or more will help keep St. Mary's Cathedral a healthy financial community. Financial security assures that St. Mary's spiritual life will continue – for your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

This gift is the only estate gift to the Endowment Fund in the last two years. The consistent contribution from the Endowment Fund aids the Cathedral in budget planning. As the Cathedral's annual budget grows, the growth in the contribution from the Endowment Fund helps keep the Cathedral thriving.

St. Mary's is blessed to have an Endowment Fund and a committed group of professionals to steward this Fund. Many Orthodox Churches around the country would love to have the security of an Endowment Fund, especially since many churches struggle to meet their financial needs.

Have you included St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral Endowment Fund in your estate plans? Have you discussed this with your family? Have you shared

your reasons for including St. Mary's Endowment Fund in your plans – the discussion is an opportunity for you to share your values with your loved ones. If you have included the Endowment Fund in your plans, it is helpful to advise the Endowment Fund Committee for planning purposes. The Endowment Committee can be helpful in working with your family to honor your wishes, and show our gratitude in an appropriate manner.

If you have included St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral Endowment Fund in your estate plans, **thank you!** If not, please consider this opportunity for your legacy to St. Mary's Cathedral – remember that the Endowment Fund financially supports the Cathedral with an annual gift, in perpetuity. Many gifts combine to make an impact for future generations.

Would you like to join the Endowment Committee? Your talents in this ministry are encouraged and welcome. Do you enjoy writing, marketing, reaching out to the community? Your talents are needed. The committee includes people with a variety of skills and talents – check it out.

If you have any questions about the Endowment Fund, feel free to contact a member of the Endowment Committee: *Jack Novak, Michael Patiuk, Jeff Ewing, Bob Smith, Mary Ann Tich, George Zurbey, Warren Griggs, Daniel Tich and Lora Selinger.*

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Sanctity is the reality of communion with the Holy Spirit. For this reason, the whole question of the Church comes down to its sanctity, its being filled with the Holy Spirit, the individuals of whom the Church consists, being filled with the Holy Spirit.

◆ Sergei Fudel

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NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

In accordance with the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3: Notice of the new member application shall be published in the next monthly *Bulletin*. The following individual(s) have submitted an application for membership to St. Mary's: *Timothy Monko, Megan Warwick*. If you have any comment pertaining to any applicant, please submit it to any Board member during this 45-day period, which began with the publication of this *Bulletin*.

In Appreciation...

Cannot find the perfect words to thank all who sent me comfort, smiles, and beautiful cards during my illness.

Please know I miss you all and send my love,
Phyllis Pesek

From the Youth Office...

May Youth News

- ◆ **Pentecost** - Sunday, June 4
- ◆ **Teacher Appreciation Dinner** - Friday, June 9th at Silverwood Park
- ◆ **'O' Club Graduation Recognition Brunch** (high school, college, technical school, etc.) – Sunday, June 11 Please be sure to send your information to Fr. Benjamin via e-mail at frbenjamin@stmarysoca.org with your name, address, photo, phone information, school graduating with degree information by June 5. .
- ◆ **St. Mary's Summer Camp: July 1-7**, For 3rd through 12th graders in the fall.



Congratulations to the 2nd graders on their First Confession on Lazarus Saturday, April 8.

May God grant you many years!

MANY THANKS

A huge thank you to the volunteers who have committed to teaching our youth and leading them in their faith over the past year: Mary Ignatowicz, Susan Korba, Leeza Scheglowski, Sophia Shuran, Sarah Varian, Michael Kokosh, Karen Kokosh-Doten, Nina Krugchek-Juarez, Masha Taracido, Elias Hodge, Kathy Stenach, Kay Wakaruk, Judy Labine, Emily Miller, Dn Mark Griffin, Jennifer Lake, Dean Theophilos, Dustin Herzog, Anna Memorich, Brian Niskala, Kristof Chara, Greg Doten, David Nelson, JoAnn Lucs, David Pitchford, Karen Schwebach, Dn Jason Ketz, Alexandra Lucs, Daniel Manzuk, Nina Stenach, and Jim Varian. We couldn't do it without you!

Save the Week!
Vacation Bible School
7 Days of Creation

June 19-23rd
9:00 AM till Noon

For ages 3
 (by September 1, 2017)
 through Grade 5 (in the fall)
 \$35 per student

RSVP by June 10 to
Fr. Benjamin:
frbentucci@gmail.com

Many Years!

Congratulations to the 11th Grade Church School Class: Viktor B, Nikolas F, D'Artagnon M, Lara P, Michael P, Trophim S, Sergei T, Samantha V!

Saints Basketball Tournament Trip Highlights



The Boys Winning Team (49-48)



Origin and Character of Sunday of the Synaxis of All the Saints

Rdr. Daniel Manzuk



Among the feast days of the Church, the Sunday of All Saints has a unique origin story. The feast started as the 'Feast of All Martyrs' (the Troparion and Kontakion for the Feast are a remnant of this original commemoration). Having celebrated the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles as witnesses of Christ, the Church had established the Feast on the following Sunday to honor those who gave the ultimate witness to Him, the Martyrs ("witness" = "martyria") – "whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it" (Mk.8:35, Matt.16:25, Lk.9:24); "they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake" (Matt.24:9 | cf. Jn.15:12-13, 18-20, 16:1-2); as well as emulating Christ in His own martyrdom (Matt.20:28, Jn.10:11-18). 'Martyr' originally included both those who died for the Faith and those who suffered greatly for the Faith, but lived (Matt.5:10-12, Lk.21:12-13); this latter group was eventually separately classified as 'Confessor'.

Emperor Leo VI, called 'the Wise' (886-911), was so convinced of the sainthood of his wife empress Theophano – who lived a truly ascetic life of prayer and fasting; caring for the poor, widows, orphans and consoling the sorrowful – that he planned to build a church in her honor while she was still alive. She absolutely forbade him to do so, even after her death. Instead, he decreed that the Feast of All Martyrs, would henceforth be the Feast of All Saints, known and unknown; this way his wife – upon her death – would be venerated with the other Saints for all eternity. Theophano (+894) is commemorated on that Sunday with her fellow Saints, as well as her own feast day on December 16.

In getting the Church to expand the commemoration, the Feast now honors all those who have been filled with the Holy Spirit and through His grace – and our grace-enabled and guided efforts – achieved Sainthood (theosis), achieving Christ's purpose in coming to earth "God became Man, that Man might become like God" (St. Athanasios the Great, On the Incarnation | cf. Matt.5:48; Jn.17:20-23).

The hymnography covers the many "classes" of Saints: the Martyrs, Apostles (all of who but John the Theologian were martyred), Prophets (all but Elijah were martyred), Confessors, Evangelizers, Myrrhbearers, Clergy and Clergy-martyrs, Monastics and Monastic-martyrs, Fools-for-Christ's sake, Unmercenary Healers, Equals-of-the-Apostles and the Righteous (royalty and commoners).

It is not only the Feast of *known* Saints but those *unknown* as well; of whom there are undoubtedly thousands, if not millions. St. Herman didn't *become* a Saint at his Canonization on August 9, 1970; he was one long before (St. Innocent prayed to St. Herman and his prayer was granted, 20 yrs after Herman's death and a century before their respective canonizations). The Church does not "make" a person a Saint through canonization; what the Church says in that process is that It believes that person is already a Saint and therefore sanctions, directs and encourages their veneration and intercession in the communal and private worship of the Church.

What this Feast does, as intended by emperor Leo, is to allow all those whom we believe to be Saints, but aren't canonized, to be venerated; we also venerate those Saints we are not aware of – because they carried out their lives in humble anonymity and/or because no one was around to recognize and take note of their sanctity or the holy end of their life, and if someone did, the record did not survive. This is the day where we commemorate "every righteous spirit made perfect in faith" (Anaphora of St. John Chrysostom); allowing us to truly say: "Having remembered all the Saints" (Litany before the Lord's Prayer). And having remembered and venerated the "great cloud of witnesses" (Heb.12:1) we would hopefully be inspired to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and... run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb.12:1); that, like Theophano, we may join them.



THE BOOK NOOK

"I am a frayed and nibbled survivor in a fallen world...I am a sacrifice bound with cords to the horns of a fallen world."

"Abba Moses said to a disciple, "Go and sit in your cell, and your cell will teach you everything."

Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dillard

In the early seventies, I discovered a wondrous book, called, *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*. It is a book about nature, and the intricate world that surrounds us. It is also a wonderful book about quiet reflection. My mother, however, taught me about quiet reflection long before Ms. Dillard's book. Now, at the threshold of my sixty-first year, I find myself longing to return to that silence.

The place where I was taught silence was the family corner, underneath where the wall telephone was. And though the telephone was my mother's lifeline to an outside world where there were saner voices than the seven ragamuffin children, just below the shelf under the phone was where her two greatest teaching tools resided: the lickin' stick, and the corner. I received both, quite often, but the corner was preferred. And it wasn't so much as my time out, as it was her time out, but many a day it was there I found myself. I was born a child of retort. When my mother told me NO, I wanted to tell her, I KNOW, and that oddly conflicted with her ideas of child rearing. So, when I see, a child being wrenched out of a pew on a Sunday morning, and the child's face with painted on rebellion, I inwardly nod to both child and parent, for I have travelled that path. And it reminds me of the corner. Where, though sometimes I was forgotten, I learned the teachings of silence.

As I write this, I am thirty miles north where I was raised, in a town I have never been to for we never traveled much. By our room, in the parking lot a semi engine is revving, but my soul is quiet; undisturbed at least for now. The world has been kicking me a little hard lately, but that is for another time, perhaps. On this trip, I have brought with me Metropolitan Anthony's *God and Man*. Metropolitan Anthony in his lifetime was a voice of authority and reflection, and he wrote many books, that we have in our library. His writings on prayer are true treasures of reflection that deserve the widest readership possible.

Since Great Lent, I have found that by no longer listening to the radio, on my way to work, nor the news at night, I don't feel deprived. What I have also discovered that I have many souls to pray for, ones close to me, ones forgotten. I have also rediscovered that I need silence, and I need reflection, I need to curb my tongue and my opinions. I need to come

into a quieter and a deeper relationship to God. And to quote Annie Dillard again: "I go my way, and my left foot says "Glory," and my right foot says "Amen": in and out of the Shadow Creek upstream and down, exultant, in a daze, dancing to the twin silver trumpets of praise. A wind from no place rises. A sense of the real exults me: the cords loose; I walk on my way."

As always,
R James Sterzinger, Librarian

MANY YEARS!

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all who are celebrating their birthdays in June: especially to John Kalina, who celebrates his 94th birthday on June 21. May God grant you many years!

CATHEDRAL INFORMATION...

- ✚ **Fr. Andrew's Scheduled Office Hours** for pastoral appointments: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 7-9 PM; Tuesdays & Wednesdays: 11-3 PM; Fridays: 10-1:30 PM. Other times by appointment-please call the office at 612-781-7667.
- ✚ **Fr. Benjamin's Scheduled Office Hours** are: Tuesdays: 11-1 PM and 7-9 PM; Thursdays: 9:30-11:30 AM
- ✚ **Organizations looking for new members:** *the Choir, Men's Club, 'O' Club, Women's Club, The Perohi Group, The Veterans Association* - call the Church Office for meeting information (612-781-7667).
- ✚ **The Visitation Ministry** is continually updating its list of parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes and would like to be on our Visitation List. If you or a loved one is a member of St. Mary's and physically unable to attend church and church activities and would enjoy a visit or telephone call from a member of our Visitation Committee, please notify the Church Office (612-781-7667).
- ✚ **Moving?** Please contact the Church Office with your new address and phone number (office@stmarysoca.org or 612-781-7667).
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In honor of the 50th anniversary of Father Ted Wojcik's
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From Julia Benyo
In honor of Alice Woog & Jim Ebner's Wedding
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CANDLES

In memory of my mother, Anna Warhol, on Mother's Day
From Anna Warhol

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of Betty Homzik
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From Anne Miller, Martha Dzubak
In memory of Pauline Rusinyak
From Anne Miller, Martha Dzubak

ENDOWMENT FUND

Correction to April 2017 listing. From the Estate of
John Petrosewich, the amount was \$114,000 to
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In memory Pauline Rusinyak
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In loving memory...

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts we let our church family know Thomas (Tommy) Kostick, brother to Jeanne Slimak, Frank Kostick and Donald Kostick passed away in Denver, Colorado on Thursday, March 23rd, 2017. He was 87 years old. Memorials preferred to St. Mary's Cathedral. May his memory be eternal.

The family of Thomas Kostick



Article deadline for the
July/August 2017
Cathedral Monthly Bulletin
is **June 20**

TRANSITIONS:

Please give a warm welcome to our new members:

Baptisms & Chrismations

George Alto Valentin Gjerde, May 6, 2017

Weddings:

James Ebner & Alice Woog, May 7, 2017
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