

BULLETIN -- JUNE 25

Patronal festivities. We shall celebrate the Solemnity of our Apostolic Patrons, SS. Peter & Paul, this Thursday, June 29. The schedule for the day includes:

8 a.m. Mass for the parish.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from after Mass until 6 p.m.

6 p.m. Evening Prayer (Vespers) *coram Sanctissimo* (“in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament”), concluding with Benediction.

6:45 p.m. Cookout for all (hamburgs & hot dogs) with an Ice Cream Social featuring our customary Twelve Apostolic Flavors.

All parishioners, family members, and alumni are invited to make at least a 10-minute visit to church at some time during the day to pray for all of our living and deceased members, neighbors, friends, and all who work within our parish boundaries. This is our Holy Land, our corner of the Lord’s Vineyard. Let’s cultivate it with prayer!

Congratulations are in order to Jacob Robles (grade 11) for making the honor roll at Forest Hills Northern, with a gold award (above 3.8 GPA). The College Board, which is in charge of development and administration of the SAT, has invited Jacob to participate in the National Hispanic Recognition Program, based on his PSAT performance.

Congratulations likewise to our parishioners who made the 4th quarter honor roll at West Catholic. Their names and (grade levels) are: Nathan Augdahl (9), Wyatt Davis (10), Margaret Edozie (9), Michael Edozie (11), Holly Holtzclaw (11), Samantha Knight (12), Bridget Kohane (10), Joshua Kohane (11), Maria Marzolf (10), Olivia Marzolf (10), and Ciera Rodney (10).

Thank you to all who attended the **Let’s Go to Bat for Kids** softball game for Catholic Charities. Fifth Third Ball Park was nearly half filled with fans and well-wishers. Your prayers were deeply appreciated. Not one player had to be carried off the field or whisked away by Aeromed. AND the Priests (and Deacons and Seminarians) handily defeated the Media All-Star Giants, 10-4, without any sympathy assistance from the umpires, who were judicially ruthless toward both teams. The work of Father Ron Hutchinson and our Diocesan Vocations Office is bearing fruit on the diamond. What a relief it is, for those of us who have been playing for decades, to finally be doing so alongside some young and limber guys who clearly have not spent ALL their time poring over philosophy and theology texts!

You want coverup? HERE’S coverup! Lila Rose, president and founder of Live Action, reports: “Repeatedly, our investigators went to Planned Parenthood asking for pregnancy support, and repeatedly, they were told that they could only get abortions. Prenatal care and adoption referrals are virtually nonexistent while abortion numbers continue to rise, making it clear that Planned Parenthood’s focus--and its push--is abortion. You can’t get those kinds of numbers without constantly promoting abortion. It’s unconscionable that taxpayers are forced to fund an abortion business. But it’s also alarming that we’re giving over half a billion dollars a year to a business we’re told provides reproductive health care but that refuses to use that money to help women who choose to carry their babies to term. Planned Parenthood’s anti-woman, anti-child

agenda make it unworthy of a single dime of taxpayer funding. Congress shouldn't wait any longer to put legislation on the president's desk to redirect funding away from Planned Parenthood to local health centers that actually provide legitimate primary and prenatal care to women and their families."

"The numbers" she refers to are very public. In fact, they appeared in the recently released annual report of Planned Parenthood for 2015-16. In 2015, PP racked up 328,348 abortions, compared to 9,419 prenatal service appointments and 2,889 adoption referrals. This means that PP aborted nearly 114 children for every one baby it referred out for adoption in 2015. Their smug lies and deceit should no longer be rewarded by any government funding whatsoever.

Well, well, that didn't take long, did it? Euthanasia became legal in Canada last June; and by December, bioethicists in Québec had already published an article in the Journal of Medical Ethics calling for organ donation after euthanasia. Of all the bad ideas associated with euthanasia, this must be one of the worst. The potential for exploiting vulnerable people is immense.

Imagine that you have recently become a quadriplegic after a motorcycle accident. You are lonely, frustrated, discouraged; you think that life has no meaning, that you are a useless encumbrance on your family and society. You don't believe those doctors who insist that para- or quadri-plegics can and do live fulfilling and happy lives, and want to help you do so.

One day, from your hospital bed, you see a TV program in which a transplant surgeon praises the unforgettable generosity of someone "whose life was not worth living," but who found a way to give life to others, etc., etc. Might you not consider ringing up the doctor and asking him how to go about it?

It could get even worse. What if organ donation organizations promoted a standard advance directive which instructs your next-of-kin to arrange for organ-donation euthanasia if you become seriously demented? Don't think it couldn't happen. In Belgium, demented people can already be euthanized; and organs are being accepted, even from elderly people. That would clean out the nursing homes and shorten the kidney waiting list. How very beneficial for society!! Just like Nazi Germany, where only the "perfect" had a right to live.

How is Canada going to stop this from happening? How are we going to stop it from happening, when the satanic thirst for death as a solution grips our society as an expedient way out of inconvenience or expense? Baby boomers, don't think this is too far in the future! Minus the 56 million Americans we've eliminated through abortion, the number of baby boomers and their longevity is rapidly becoming a challenge for a society that is eliminating good pension plans for those still in the work force. Already in the Netherlands, we have this example: an elderly woman had dementia. She was incapable of asking for euthanasia. The declaration in her will was not clear. She stated several times that she did NOT want to die. She was not informed that a sedative was put in her coffee. **Her family was required to HOLD HER DOWN so the doctor could inject her with the lethal dose.** The Regional Review Committee found that it was done in "good faith"! So apparently, "good faith" has a different meaning in the Netherlands than elsewhere. For now.

Our extended family is ever in need of prayer, and this week we invite you to remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Carol Marie Mitzel, mother of our parishioner Anne Adamczyk, who died in the early morning of Thursday, June 15. May she rest in peace, and may her family find consolation in the joy of Christ's Resurrection! God bless you!

Fr. Den

Thought for the week: “Over the course of this century, our tax system has been modified dozens of times and in hundreds of ways, yet most of those changes didn't improve the system. They made it more like Washington itself--complicated, unfair, cluttered with gobbledy-gook and loopholes designed for those with the power and influence to hire high-priced legal and tax advisers” (President Ronald W. Reagan, Oval Office speech, May 28, 1985).