



St Patrick Parish The Trinity and The Shamrock

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FATHER VINCENT RETURNS TO ST. PATRICK A Weekend Reunion

Fr. Vincent Joseph blessed St. Patrick Parish with a weekend reunion while Fr. Arthur attended a *Cursillo* weekend in the eastern panhandle. In addition to offering Eucharistic Liturgy at Alderson, Hinton and Rainelle, Fr. Vincent was honored with a covered dish dinner at Mary Lou Haley's home on Saturday evening and a Sunday dinner at Sacred Heart Parish in Rainelle.

Ordained to priesthood on December 26, 1984, Fr. Vincent will celebrate his 25th Jubilee on June 21, 2009 in his current home parish, St. John the Evangelist in Wellsburg, West Virginia. Several members of

St. Patrick and Sacred Heart plan to attend the Jubilee Celebration and will be happy to carpool. Fr. Vincent stated that we will have the opportunity to meet his mother at the Jubilee. We were assured that the parishioners "up North" were treating him well and they've grown accustomed to the aromas of his native foods drifting from the rectory. "St. Patrick will always be my home."

Fr. Vincent was born in India and accomplished his childhood aspiration to become a priest. He served as pastor of St. Mary's Church Kattullamala for three years prior to studies at the Pontifical Urban Univer-



sity in Rome from 1990-1995. Fr. Vincent served as pastor of St. Patrick Parish from 2001 through 2005.

HUGS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITALIZED LADIES

- Faye Gwinn
- Virginia Gwinn
- Margaret O'Farrell
- Grace Repetti
- Sarah Smith
- Gemma Leftwich

Please keep these wonderful ladies in your daily thoughts and prayers. Though they are unable to be with us during our Eucharistic Celebrations, they are with us in thought. Call them or drop them a note

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KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

We periodically receive a request to bake cookies for Kairos, but do we really know what it's all about?

Kairos Prison Ministry addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women and children, their families and those who work in the prison environment. The ministry is an offshoot of the *Cursillo* movement. Kairos' mission is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen.

So when we bake our *many*

dozen cookies and offer our prayers for the *Kairos* retreat weekend, we'll have a better idea of how we're helping Christ's love reach those in the prison environment.

Here's a quick and easy recipe that yields 3 1/2 dozen soft & chewy chocolate-peanut butter cookies. They're a breeze to make and freeze very well.



CHOCOLATE-PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

Prep: 10 min. | Total: 18 min.

1 pkg. (2-layer size) devil's food cake mix (dry)- do not follow package directions

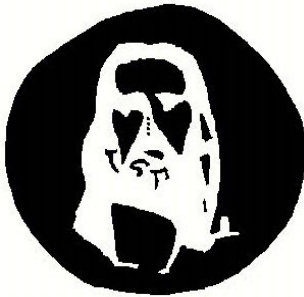
4 oz. Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened

1/2 cup peanut butter
1 egg

Preheat oven to 375. Place all ingredients in large bowl. Beat with electric mixer on low speed 2 min. Beat on medium speed an additional 2 min.

Shape into 1-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on baking
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Holy Face Illusion



Stare at the four black dots in the center of the image for 30 - 60 seconds. Then quickly close your eyes and look at something bright (like a lamp or a window with sunlight coming through it). You should see a white circle with an image inside it.

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St. Patrick Kudos Korner

Ku`dos n. Gr. credit for an achievement; glory.

We'd like to recognize several of our parish family members for their many achievements in our community.

EMILY BLEVINS - Valedictorian of the 2009 Summers County High School graduating class. Emily is the recipient of several scholarships and was the guest speaker at the Summers Middle School Award Banquet, where she emphasized that hard work and success go hand in

hand.

JULIA DURMAN - Graduated from West Virginia University, magna cum laude.

KIM EAGLE - Earned a degree in Biological Science and graduated with honors from Marshall University.

KYLE LIVELY - Valedictorian of the 2009 Ballard Christian School Senior graduating class.
NICK WALTERS - Graduated from Summers County High School.

ROBELLE DALIDA - Placed

7th in the West Virginia Spelling Bee State Finals. Robelle is a 7th grade "A" Honor Roll student at Summers Middle School.

PEARL KNOTT - 5th grade Honor Roll student at Talcott Elementary School was recently selected Writer of the Month.

KATIE PEPLOWSKI - Graduated from Jumping Branch Elementary School where she was recently selected as the Spring *cont`t on page 4*

FINANCE COUNCIL NEWS

The new Finance Council met with Fr. Arthur on May 27th. Several issues were discussed including, investments, church maintenance and repairs, Church Hall rentals and fund raisers.

Through the generosity of a former Parishioner, St. Patrick Church received a \$10,000 bequest. This money, together with invested funds and monies received through fund raising activities has created a substantial amount for investment. Council will research options

for the greatest yield and interest options for the investment and meet to arrive at a recommendation.

St. Patrick and St. Colman Church structures are in need of extensive repair. The Council hopes to meet with engineering/architectural Diocesan specialists for an evaluation of the extent of work to be done to the buildings. Funding for the restoration of the structures is under study.

The Council is in the process of reviewing past costs asso-

ciated with non-Parish activities involving the Church Hall. Upon review, the Council will recommend a fee schedule and guidelines for future rentals. Through the hard work and generosity of many Parishioners, both the Lenten Fish Fries and the Rummage Sale were impressive successes. Net income after all expenses amounted to \$2,900 and \$1,200 respectively. Council is considering fewer or more Lenten Fish Fries, Italian Night and other possible ethnic *con`t on page 4*

St. Patrick Christmas Bazaar

Crafters of all ages and experience are needed! We hope to meet in the Church Hall one evening in July to make plans for the event and work on existing projects. The children of St. Patrick are encouraged to join

us. Light refreshments will be served. Check the weekly bulletin for details.

PLEASE SAVE your clear plastic sleeves from soda bottles and cans. These are the plastic rings that hold the 6 or 8 pack cans

and bottles together. We need the rings to be connected, so please don't cut them. A small box is placed under the shelf in the Church entrance for collection. Thank you!

St. Colman Memorial Day Weekend Service

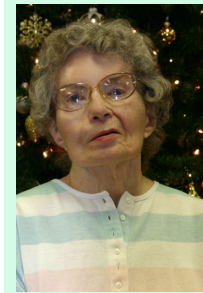


Several parishioners gathered at St. Colman church on Irish Mountain for the annual Memorial Day Service followed by a potluck dinner under the trees. Saturday evening Eucharistic Liturgy was held inside the church. The faithful then gathered in the cemetery for the annual blessing of the graves.

Cleanup and preparation for the event was accomplished by the St. Patrick "Fish Friars"



The Spotlight



Virginia Gwinn has been a member of St. Patrick Parish since 1953. Because of health reasons, Virginia is no longer able to attend weekly Liturgy, but she remains active in our parish through her prayerful dedication to The Ministry of Praise. Virginia served as The Ministry's coordinator and was very active in the St. Patrick community for many years. To know Virginia is to know a very faithful, independent, loving sister in Christ. Phone Virginia or drop her a note to let her know how very blessed we are to have her in our parish.

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I said to the Almond Tree.
Sister, Speak to me of God, and the Almond tree blossomed.

An Enigma Solved? By Loretta Sanda

Genesis Chapter VI: 1-4, an enigma solved with the help of last year's Bible study class; a wonderful experience I would like to share with you.

This past winter, my husband and I participated in Father Arthur's Bible study class: "Introduction to the Bible". Among the many things, we learned that there are different types of literature in the Bible. In fact, Pope Pius XI said, "God can inspire any type of literature".

Basic to any Biblical literature, we learned the difference between eisegesis and exegesis, the reading into a text something that is not there versus drawing out what is present in the text itself; the difference between conforming what the Bible says to what one wants it to mean and taking the meaning from what the Bible says.

For example, and with apologies to our teacher who had other points to make during the class,

there is a passage in the Bible that wouldn't leave me in peace, one found not only at the beginning of the Bible in Genesis: Chapter 6: 1-4, but toward the end in the Letter of St. Jude as well.

The passage was from Genesis reads: "When man began to multiply on earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of heaven (referring to the angels according to the references) saw how beautiful them daughters of man were and so they took for their wives as many of them as they chose."

Their children, the Bible says, were giants, called Nephilim. I couldn't believe this. While this was being pondered, surfing the television channels one day, a preacher of unknown denomination was talking about this very passage and what I understood him to say was that the devil had this done so that the children that were born of this union would be born without souls, and therefore there would be no one for the Savior to save.

I must admit, this passage really was getting to me. But beyond that, was the unknown preacher's version the perfect example of eisegesis? My own resolution to my enigma was found in Genesis notes of explanation in the New Catholic Edition of Holy Bible (Douay-Rheims translated from the Latin vulgate and approved by Pope Pius XI, 1948) where, instead of "sons of heaven" it says "sons of God" stating: "The sons of God": the descends of Seth and Enos are here called sons of God from their religion and piety, whereas the race of Cain, who by their carnal affections lay groveling upon the earth, are called the children of men. The unhappy consequence of the former marrying with the latter ought to be a warning to Christians to be very circumspect in their marriages; and to let themselves be determined in their choice by virtue and religion instead of carnal con't on page 4



**A Prayer of St. Gertrude
The Great**

Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that the following prayer would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it is said. The prayer was extended to include living sinners as well:

"Eternal Father, I offer thee the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

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Carnival Queen.
 AVERY PIVONT - Received the Summers Middle School 6th grade basketball team's MVP Award.
 EVAN PIVONT - Received recognition as the Summers Middle School Cheerleader Captain.
 Let's hear it for our kids!
 Our Parish Would Like To

Thank:
 Connie Newton for coordinating the rummage sale, and the Hanifins for their hours of help.
 Karen Eagle for her inspiration and help with Faye Gwinn's 95th birthday celebration, and the Men of St. Patrick for preparing the wonderful brunch.
 A special thank you to Thom Stacklin for transporting Faye

to church.
 Nancy Durnan and Marge Woodrum for coordinating and preparing the St. Patrick Graduation Breakfast.
 Mary Lou Haley for opening her home to our parish for Fr. Vincent's recent visit, and to everyone who helped with the potluck dinner.

Finance Council News con't

dinners or events, adding a CCD element to Railroad Days through which the youth of the Parish can raise money for an annual Religious field trip and supporting the organizing of a

Christmas Bazaar. Parishioners with thoughts on these and other possible fund raising activities are encouraged to contact any member of the Finance Council:
 Kit Durnan

Katherine Holt
 Lee Pivont
 Art Sanda, Chairman

An Enigma Solved? Con't

passion. " (Holy Bible, page 14; 1 Ver. 2 The sons of God).
 The point of this is that, before the Bible study class last year, I never would have arrived at that question, never mind searching for an answer, nor would I have the foggiest notion of what "eisegesis" was in the first place.

There are other examples, and I wanted to site several but I'm told I'm being "preachy".
 Perhaps I am. If so, the subject of this simple homily would be, not only what a wonderful personal experience was the Bible Class, but how much there is to be gained as we learn little by

little, more and more of our Faith, our Church, and the Holy Bible and how all are intertwined in our lives. Or should be.
 Bible Study, let there be more of them, and more of us taking advantage of them.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The St. Patrick Newsletter wants your input! Please forward bits of wisdom, humor, prayers, questions, news items, upcoming events and personal

stories to: ohn8ive@verizon.net. This is your newsletter, so please be a part of it.

BOOKS AND LIFE ARE MEANT TO BE SHARED

The school year has ended and some lucky people now have time to enjoy long afternoons in the shade, sipping tea and escaping everyday life within the pages of a good "read". Reading can lift our spirits, broaden our minds and feed us with ideas to ponder.

Walking Among the Unseen by Hannah Hannard. An invitation to open the door to spiritual joy! This is a book for people who are carrying heavy burdens ... sickness, fear, anxiety, weariness, mental strain, exhaustion, loneliness, pain, or whatever the burden may be. It brings Good News of a Helper and Healer who shows us how to remake our individual worlds of experience through faith and commitment to Jesus Christ.

Voices of the Faithful by Beth Moore. Devotions for every day of the year. Inspiring stories of courage from Christians serving around the world, who put their lives on the line for God. If you're bored with your comfort-fit Christianity, if you're ready for God to shake you awake, then take the challenge. Find out in *Voices of the Faithful* what on earth God is doing in your generation ... and discover your role in making a difference in the world.

The Prayer of Jabez by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson. A small book with a huge message. Read 1

Chronicles 4, which is a role call for the tribe of Judah. In the midst of list of names, appears a wonderful little prayer ... the prayer of Jabez. Dr. Wilkinson shares how this prayer affected his life in an extraordinary way and how we can break through to the blessed life.

The Holy Bible. Did you know that a partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who use Sacred Scripture for spiritual reading with the veneration due the word of God? A plenary indulgence* is granted if the reading continues for at least one half hour. [*Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, 1968 edition, no. 50] Some suggestions in finding help in special circumstances:

Celebrating a graduation
Psalm 119:105,106; Proverbs 9:10-12; Galatians 5:16-26; Philippians 4:4-9

Celebrating a wedding anniversary
Psalm 100; 1 Corinthians 13

Experiencing illness
Psalm 23; Mark 1:29-34; Mark 6:53-56; James 5:14-16

Sharing your gifts
Exodus 35:20-29; Malachi 3:6-12; Luke 21:1-4; Acts 2:43-47; Acts 4:32-37; Romans 12:9-13; 1 Corinthians 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Some members of St. Patrick have expressed the idea of form-

ing a book club. A book club usually meets once a month at a member's home where light refreshments are served during the discussion of the recently read title. Members collaboratively select a book to read. The clubs are very casual and normally produce wonderful friendships in addition to an opportunity to expand our minds. It's something to think about.

*PLENARY INDULGENCE

A plenary indulgence is full remission of temporal punishment due for sins which have already been forgiven.

Actions for which indulgences are granted:

1. Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist for at least ½ hour.
2. The Pious exercise of Stations of the Cross
3. Recitation of the Rosary
4. Piously reading or listening to Sacred Scripture for at least ½ hour.

Partial indulgences are granted:

1. Taking part devoutly in the celebration of a day devoted on a world level to a religious purpose World Day of Prayer, World Youth Day, Day of Prayer for Priestly & Religious Vocations.
2. Receiving even by radio or TV - the blessing by the Pope *Urbi et Orbi*
3. Attending a 3 full day spiritual retreat

A Prayer for Vacationers

I pray for Your protection on this vacation.

Keep our home safe while we're away.

Watch over our family and help us to grow from this experience.

There's so much about Your world

for us to learn and discover! - Amen



We send a big THANK YOU to all who were involved in helping our ladies attend Faye Gwinn's 95th birthday celebration.

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sheets. Flatten each ball, in criss-cross pattern, with tines of fork. **Bake** 7 to 8 min. or unt edges of cookies are set. Cool 2 min. on baking sheets. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.

Jazz It Up - add a cup of peanut butter baking chips and-or ½ cup of chopped peanuts before mixing. For non-Kairos cookies, dip the fork tines in sugar prior to criss-cross flatten-

ing of cookies.

Pray - offer a prayer for the inmate who will enjoy your homemade treats as you place the cookies in the *zip lock* freezer storage bags.

Fr Vincent's Visit to Hinton



SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER by Pat Dotson

I remember entering St. Patrick's doors for the first time one early Spring morning several years ago. Being an out-of-towner, I wasn't aware that Stations of the Cross were prior to Sunday Liturgy during Lent - so I entered and found a seat in the rear of the church without stopping to pick up The Way of the Cross. A very nice lady immediately brought a booklet to me so that I could participate in Stations. They say strangers may not remember our names, or perhaps our faces, but they will remember how we made them feel. Hers was the first of so many wonderful encounters with so many friendly, thoughtful people at St. Patrick. I now know the name and face of Connie Newton and still remember how that act of thoughtfulness

made me feel.

Much to my surprise, the lector that Sunday morning had a New York (Long Island?) accent and the priest had a distinct Indian dialect. Was I in West Virginia? My visits to the Hinton area became more frequent throughout the next few years and I became somewhat familiar with the people of St. Patrick. People transplanted here from Pennsylvania, New York, Boston, Boston via Florida and Virginia, so the spoken language at our parish is very unique. As I sat in the pew among all the unfamiliar parishioners, I often wondered how they came to be in this little town in Southern West Virginia.

I'm no longer a visitor or a tourist, but have firmly planted my roots right here along the beautiful New River. The ques-

tion of how the diverse people came to be in this little town of Hinton, nestled deep in the mountains along the banks of the New and Greenbrier Rivers has now been answered. In addition to those at St. Patrick, I recently met some wonderful transplants who have similar stories of how they ... saw this place ... they fell in love with the beauty ... and they moved here. It's a very common story. One lady shared that she and her husband were traveling from New Jersey to California in an RV and stopped here for the night. She now lives here. My husband was invited to Hinton on a fishing trip nearly 10 years ago and couldn't rest until he shared this piece of heaven with me. I saw ... fell in love with it ... and moved here.

As the hymn says, Yes, we'll

gather at the river - the beautiful, the beautiful river... Where bright angel feet have trod. During that first ride to Hinton from Pipestem so many Sunday mornings ago, I remember thinking how God has surely blessed this place. The Bluestone glistened in the morning sunshine as the dogwoods were just starting to splash their color on the mountainsides. I still often stop along the roadside to soak in the beauty of God's marvelous work, or gaze at the morning sun peeking through the mountaintops while drinking my morning cup o' Joe. And I thank Him for allowing me to be in this place. Perhaps the reason we've all settled along the banks of the beautiful river ... is so that we can bloom where He has planted us?