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ST. PATRICK'S NEWS & NOTES

AUGUST 24, 2017

Dear Friends of the Mailing List:

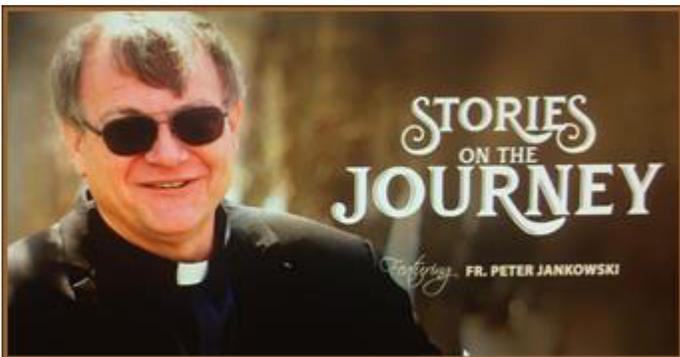
It takes a little knee work to get me to sit down and write "The Notes."

So yesterday, I went into the Salt Creek Surgery Center in Westmont to get a little work done on my left knee. As I have told my community on a few occasions, I have had a hard time kneeling for my twenty-two years as a priest. In my first year of the priesthood, a parishioner wrote to the bishop and told him that I showed disrespect to the Blessed Sacrament because I did not genuflect properly. The bishop called me in response, chuckling (I think he has better things to do than talk about my genuflecting, or lack thereof). I told the bishop that if I went "all the way down," the odds were that I wouldn't get all the way back up. I came to find out by my local sawbones that I had arthritis in both knees. When the situation got worse, I got my knees checked out, to find out that I had a torn meniscus in the left knee and "debris" in the knee that needed to be removed. I wanted to get the knees fixed before I headed off to the Holy Land in November, so surgery it was! Now I am forced to take it easy for a few days, so I figured I'd catch up on the **NOTES** while I was chair-bound (at least I now know how Fr. Jay Comerford feels when he has to sit in a chair to celebrate Mass like I just did this morning!).

We currently have thirty-five participants attending our **CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** in November. This is great news!!! In addition, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we were able to get *two* of our staff members to attend the trip as our way of thanking them for their years of dedicated service to the parish. I would also send Jim Smith (and I would find a way!) if it were not for the fact that a) me not being at the parish for ten days *is* his vacation (tee hee!) and b) I would have to drug Jim severely for the three days prior to leaving Chicago and Tel Aviv, since Jim is very afraid of flying. I will willing to get Jim a rowboat to sail across the pond, but for some reason he didn't think he'd reach us in time, even if he started rowing tomorrow!

This weekend, we start up our **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** here at St. Patrick's! We have two sessions on Sunday mornings (8:30 & 11:00 a.m.) and a session on Tuesday nights for our confirmation "overflow" classes (7:00 p.m.). We usually run about three hundred students in our program. Julie would like me to remind all of you (and she is correct about this!) that education is a life-long process, so we need to make sure the kids are taking RE classes *in between* those First Communion and Confirmation years (the same could apply for adults as well, hint hint...). Young ladies wishing to celebrate their quinceañeras need to be reminded that they must receive confirmation before they can celebrate a quinceañera at the parish.

Our **END OF THE SUMMER FIESTA** will take place on Saturday, September 30th from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. We will start the festivities with a **POLKA MASS** on Saturday, September 30th at 4:00 p.m. For the Fiesta, we are looking for food and drink donations (especially Corona Beer!), so if you can help out with donations, please contact our parish office. We are trying to upgrade our parish facilities with the proceeds from this event, so whatever you can do would be appreciate. Last month, I made a couple thousand dollars from the course I created below for the University of Dayton – I was able to donate that to the parish for the sake of stained-glass window caulk, upgrading our electrical system in the church (we were one spark away from losing the church – long story) and purchasing a floor-stripper (Jim's son got a "shock" out of the last one, so this was necessary). We all do our part so if you can help us out a little, that would be great!



To view the penultimate of **MY TWELVE-PART SERIES ON SHALOM WORLD TV** entitled, "Stories on the Journey," you can click below. This week's episode is based on my Youth Ministry experiences as a lay person, seminarian and Catholic priest.

<http://www.shalomworldtv.org/storiesonthejourney>

Here are the episodes of the series which you can watch:

Episode #01 – "Meatloaf"

<https://youtu.be/IVIT9P0R53o>

Episode #02 - "Three Stories of Families"

<https://youtu.be/A3Uillyz4ltc>

Episode #03 - "24 Hour Confessions"

[To Listen to My Radio Interview with Timothy Cardinal Dolan about my 24 Hour Confession Experience, you can CLICK HERE!](#)

<https://youtu.be/J-EXOTDKt74>

Episode #04 -

The Car (Which can be found in the Introduction to my book on Cycle A Homilies)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBiXv13lYgA>

Episode #05 - "The History of St. Patrick's Church, Joliet"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hc2RdUuhXzg>

Episode #06 - "It's in the Air" (my famous/*infamous* Joe's Hot Dog talk):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hnIVPtPN7OI>

Episode #07 - "The Praying Hands"

<https://youtu.be/ZyEDbmhil3k>

Episode #08 - "Service, Sacrifice & Suffering"

<https://youtu.be/mN7zuYwJo50>

Episode #09 - "The History of St. Patrick's Adoration Chapel"

<https://youtu.be/jSd8HhG6rXc>

Episode #10 - "The Life of a Country Pastor"

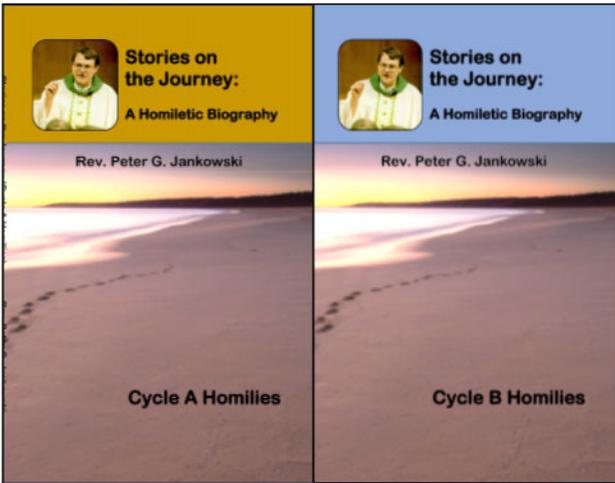
<https://youtu.be/LBl4x0q829c>

Episode #11 - "The Good Samaritan Plays T-Ball"

https://youtu.be/TEc-QXbRFSQ?list=PL7x3QuOdodpdX_Sc-UePhatZEphQl0gbc

Below are the advertisements for both the television series this summer and the books I have written...

Father Pete Jankowski, the pastor at St. Patrick's Parish in Joliet, will be appearing on **SHALOMWORLD TV** for 12 weeks as part of a series, starting on June 13, the Feast Day of St. Anthony of Padua, at 8 p.m. The talks were inspired by his books, "**STORIES ON THE JOURNEY - A HOMILETIC BIOGRAPHY**," and the show is titled the same. You can buy the books on **AMAZON.COM**. To watch it live, go to www.shalomworldtv.org/live. To hear current and past episodes, go to www.shalomworldtv.org/storiesonthejourney.



Accompanying my ShalomWorld TV series, feel free to buy a copy of **FR. PETE'S HOMILETIC BIOGRAPHIES** and help support the parish! To buy a Paperback Copy of the Cycle A Homilies, [CLICK HERE!](#) To buy as an EBook of the Cycle A Homilies on the Kindle, [CLICK HERE!](#) To buy a Paperback Copy of the Cycle B Homilies, [CLICK HERE!](#)

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!

The University of Dayton has asked me also to put together some classes on "The Foundations of Faith," dealing with the liturgy. Here are the first four episodes for your perusal:

- [001 Foundations #01 Signs, Symbols & Rituals](#)
- [002 Foundations #02 Liturgical vs Private Prayer](#)
- [003 Foundations #03 Basic Prayers of the Church](#)
- [004 Foundations #04 The Liturgical Year](#)
- [005 Foundations #05 A Tour of the Church, Part ONE](#)
- [006 Foundations #06 A Tour of the Church, Part TWO](#)
- [007 Foundations #07 Prayer Postures of the Church](#)
- [008 Foundations #08 The Real Presence](#)
- [009 Foundations #09 The Liturgy of the Word](#)
- [010 Foundations #10 The Liturgy of the Eucharist](#)

Here is the bulletin for August 19-20, 2017:

http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/_modules/document.php?action=downloaddocument&fid=696

Here is the bulletin for August 26-27, 2017:

http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/_modules/document.php?action=downloaddocument&fid=698

To access all the bulletins, you can go to:

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

Here is the homily for August 12-13, 2017:

http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/_modules/document.php?action=downloaddocument&fid=697

Here is the homily for August 19-20, 2017:

http://www.stpatsjoliet.com/_modules/document.php?action=downloaddocument&fid=699

You can access all the homilies by clicking on the following link:

<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 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.
2. Religious Education Program begins on August 27th. Please remember that students must attend two years of Religious Education to receive First Communion or Confirmation and that students wishing to celebrate a Quinceañera Mass must first be confirmed.
3. Ministry Schedules have already been sent to all of our volunteers who have email addresses. Those ministers without email can pick up their Ministry Schedules in Sacristy of church this weekend.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Fr. Tim Andrés, Fr. Vytas Memenas, Jeanine Acuff, Joan Bannon, Joe Barello, Alejandra Becerra, Virginia Borio, Anne Buldak, Frank Butera, Mae Delaney, Bernice Demmick, Richard Duke, Ray Fenili, Russ Gable, Dan Green, Don, Dolores & Rich Jankowski, Kathy Kelly, Andrea Magosky, Christine McKittrick, Deborah Nobles, Shannon Pash, Eleanor Orr, Brenda Perez, Jack & Mary Lou Querio, John & Jean Roach, Enedina Salazar, Leticia Salinas, Diane Schroeder, William Shega, Bernie Spieler, Scott Stackulak & Anna Supinski.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED:

Ricky Svec & Bernice Barnes



Joliet Official Bulletin

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Catholic Charities 
Golf Outing, presented by
BMO Harris Bank & Hollywood Casino

**This Friday,
August 25, 2017**

SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE

Single golfer: \$160
Foursome: \$640

Joliet Country Club
Registration: 11:30 a.m.
Shotgun Start: 1:00 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Register [HERE](#) or call
815-724-1140

Event questions? Contact Marianne at mmelcher@cc-doj.org

Pastoral Concerns

[Ecumenical Event marking the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.](#)

Monday, August 28,

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., all are invited to a "Civil Conversation on Our Christian Differences" at St. Walter's Catholic Church, 130 West Pine Street, Roselle, IL.

This **free event** will be co-facilitated by Fr. Thomas Baima and Dr. John Armstrong, and feature brief video clips from the documentary "This Changed Everything: 500 Years of Reformation."

Register [HERE](#)

Young Adult & Youth Ministry

**JOIN US IN
PANAMA,
2019**

**Join Us for our Diocesan
Assembly!**

St. Mary Immaculate Parish
15629 S. Route 59
Plainfield, Illinois 60544

Saturday, September 30
9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Register [HERE](#)

Quote of the Week

"Adversity is always unexpected and unwelcomed. It is an intruder and a thief, and yet in the hands of God, adversity becomes the means through which His supernatural power is demonstrated."

Charles Stanley

Calendar

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See the full list of events for the Diocese of Joliet.

Around the Diocese Blog

Blog

The Around the Diocese blog is produced by *Christ is our Hope* magazine as a way to supplement the news and events that are happening in the Diocese of Joliet.

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