“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”

Mt 10:29-31
Dear Friends:

Last weekend a parishioner from my former parish died. He was a former priest who was credibly accused of having committed sexual abuse against a vulnerable person, and he was removed from ministry about fifteen years ago. I’m not sure what the term “creibly accused” means, exactly, but it seems that he never denied whatever the accusation was. In any case he was a kind man who wanted to belong to a parish community. Under the terms of his removal from ministry he was not supposed to perform any kind of public service in church. I let him do it anyway, just because it gave him a way to feel of use in the parish, and because I thought that the danger to anybody was about zero. For years he served as both an usher and as a proclaimer of scripture, and he did it very well. Some folks in the parish knew about his past (it was written up in the papers on occasion) and others did not, and that was just fine. Not once did anybody ever question me about his service in our church. He had a home there. Even perpetrators of sin deserve a welcome home. Perhaps especially they.

Then he got too sick to live alone any more, and he needed to find a place to be cared for. He was turned away by multiple Catholic senior facilities, being told that he was too dangerous to have around. This although he could barely walk and had trouble breathing. This is not the first time I have seen this happen to former priests in his situation. The last one I remember was kicked out of the Catholic residence where he had been living for years, after the bishops’ rules changed, and was bounced from one Catholic home to another until he finally came to rest at the Ecumen (Protestant) residence at Beaver Lake in Maplewood, where he died a couple of years ago. By then his Parkinson’s Disease was so acute that he shook violently all the time. Where’s the compassion? Where’s the mercy? I get it that these are some of the hardest cases, but when The Rules are so rigidly cruel to the sick and dying we have lost our gospel way. My former parishioner will be buried in a couple of weeks. As per the instructions of the Archdiocese he is not to be referred to in public as ever having been in church ministry, even though he was for decades. He will not be memorialized for any of the work he did as a priest. I’m sure the obituary, when it appears, will be silent about the most significant work of his life. As if he never existed. None of this is to excuse his crimes, whatever they are alleged (never proven) to have been. It’s all very safe for the lawyers. Protecting youth and vulnerable adults is crucial, of course, but there’s something about forgiveness embedded in our gospel too. Beneath the label of even the most notorious of sinners beats the heart of a human being. May he rest in peace.

And speaking of priests, I am writing this as I am about to depart for a few days of gathering in Rochester with many of the priests of the archdiocese in our biannual assembly. I’m already a bit disappointed because several priest friends of mine have told me in the past week or so that they will not be going. I guess I understand why, although I think our fraternity is something important enough to work at maintaining. During a previous regime, the priests were threatened by authority if they did not appear in Rochester; thankfully those days are over. But it might be of benefit for the organizers to inquire why it is that priests would not want to go and spend some time learning and relaxing with their peers. One reason, which I feel myself, is that the slate of speakers this time is made up of four bishops and a seminary rector, all to tell us how to be good parish pastors. I get it why this is not a riveting docket, but I’m hoping for the best anyway.

Fr. Mike Byron

Seeking Part-time Outdoor Helper

Many of the garden areas and rock beds around our church property are in need of continual care. We need an adult or two that could provide part-time work in the upkeep of these areas. If you have a green thumb and like to dig in the dirt a little, please consider this seasonal, part-time position. Inquire with Mike in the parish office at 774.1585 or at mike.lentz@stpascals.org.

Bloodmobile

Monday, July 10, from 1:00 - 6:00 PM

The Bloodmobile soon will be at St. Pascal’s in Brioschi Hall.

Please call Margaret at 735.4701 for an appointment time.

Neighborhood Peace Celebration

Saturday, July 22 from 3:00-7:00 PM

Battle Creek Recreation Center and Park

Join Saint Paul City Council Ward 7 in another community event to bring neighbors together to foster friendship, safety and security. With leadership from the SPPD Community Engagement Unit and Saint Paul Parks, this multicultural event will include all manner of fun for families from bounce house to face-painting, climbing wall, Mounted Police, K9s, biking, tennis, soccer, food, and ethnic music and dance performances.

Local Retreat Opportunity

Immerse yourself in a Scriptural Text

Friday, July 14, through Sunday, July 16

The Benedictine Center in Maplewood is offering a Condensed School of Lectio Divina. This shorter, and more affordable opportunity still provides the core teachings of sustained lectio divina in the silence and peace of a monastic setting. Learn how praying the Scriptures can ease the internal noise we all experience during the day. The $200 cost includes lodging and meals. Email benedictinecenter@stpaulsmonastery.org, or call 777.7251 to register or for more information.

Saint Therese Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers play an essential role in enriching the lives of our residents. Saint Therese offers a wide variety of meaningful volunteer opportunities, flexible scheduling, family volunteering opportunities, and all training is provided. Please visit our website at https://www.sttheresemn.org/volunteer/ for more information or call 952.283.2210. Volunteering is good for the soul!
**Parish Summerfest—Sunday, August 13 from noon-5:00 PM**

The weekend fun continues on this new date for our fantastic Parish Festival featuring great food, live music, children’s games, sweepstakes and more. Don’t miss the craft sale and diversity showcase—new this year. To volunteer or for more information, email Festival Chair, Mike Kelleher, at mike.kelleher@stopascals.org.

**It’s time to start creating theme baskets for SummerFest!**

Individuals, families, and groups are invited to contribute to this festival favorite.

**Feeling Creative?** Here are some ideas to get you started: games, movies, sports, crafts, wine, chocolate, spa, cat/dog lover, cooking/baking, Legos, books, and more!

**Creatively Challenged but Want to Help?** Consider contributing to a “big ticket” item such as a Fit Bit or iPad by making a donation via cash, check, or gift cards to Best Buy or Target. We’ll do the shopping for you!

Theme baskets can be dropped off at the parish office during regular office hours after June 25. Tickets for a chance at winning a basket will be available for purchase following Masses beginning the weekend of July 29/30.

HELP NEEDED! Can you help sell tickets before or after Mass the weekends leading up to SummerFest? Or help set out baskets on a Saturday before the 4:30 Mass and/or take them down after the 10:30 am Mass the weekends of July 29/30 and August 5/6? Contact Kim Roering at 774.1585, ext. 128 or kim.roering@stopascals.org.

**New This Year! Craft Table**

This year’s festival will feature a craft table with new, homemade products for people to buy. These might include crocheted and cross-stitched items, silk flower arrangements, greeting cards, quilted blankets, reversible totes, and more...anything you might find at a craft sale or boutique. **Proceeds from any goods donated and sold at the craft sale go to St. Pascal’s/SummerFest income.** Interested in donating items for the craft table? Contact Sue Kubiak at 771.9085 or suekubiak@gmail.com
**Mass Times & Intentions**

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**Readings for the Week June 25, 2017**

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**Heart Questions**

**Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.**
Matthew 10:28a

**Adult:** When has your faith in Jesus been most seriously tested?

**Child:** What could you do to encourage someone who is feeling hurt?

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Financial Gifts – Week of June 18, 2017

For fiscal year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

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Thank you for your generous support!

**Meeting Location Key:**

BH: Brioschi Hall, CF: Cafeteria, CH: Church, FR: Founders Room

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- A business to promote what they do
- An opportunity to connect our Parish families with trustworthy businesses that support the parish while benefitting the parish at the same time

Please give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help! If you are interested or just curious to check it out, please call John Kirchner at the parish office that week or feel free to email him anytime at jkirchner@4LPi.com.

**The Week Ahead**

Visit us at www.stpascals.org for more information on upcoming events.

- **Sunday, June 25**
  - After Masses New Member Registration: BH
- **Monday, June 26**
  - No scheduled events
- **Tuesday, June 27**
  - No scheduled events
- **Wednesday, June 28**
  - 7:30am Wednesday Mass during summer
  - 7:30pm MC Softball: Cafeteria
- **Thursday, June 29**
  - 11:00am Young at Heart Mass & Luncheon: BH, CH
  - 6:30pm Finance Council: FR
- **Friday, June 30**
  - No scheduled events
- **Saturday July 1—Peter’s Pence**
  - No scheduled events
- **Sunday, July 2—Peter’s Pence**
  - No scheduled events
- **Monday, July 3**
  - Parish office closed
- **Tuesday, July 4—Independence Day**
  - Parish office closed
  - Have a safe and happy 4th of July!
  - 7:30am Mass
- **Wednesday, July 5**
  - 1:00pm Marian Center Mass & Dessert: Marian Ctr St. Paul
  - 7:30pm MC Softball: CF
- **Thursday, July 6**
  - 7:00pm SJCC Meeting: FR
- **Friday, July 7**
  - No scheduled events
- **Saturday July 8**
  - No scheduled events
- **Sunday, July 9**
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