

WORD FOR SUNDAY



Fr. Albert Shamon

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mt. 16:13-19. (R1) Acts 12:1-11. (R2) 2 Tm. 4:6-8, 17-18.

Sunday we celebrate the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

When I was in Rome, one of the places I visited was the Quo Vadis chapel. It was built to monumentalize a charming legend. In 1895 Henry Seinkiewicz wrote a novel, Quo Vadis, based on the legend. It was published in thirty languages and won the Nobel Prize for literature.

During the persecution of Christians by Nero, Peter was persuaded by friends to flee from Rome. On the road out of the City, he encountered Christ headed toward Rome. Astounded, Peter asked the famous question, "Quo vadis, Domine" (Where are you going, Lord?). Our Lord replied that he was going to Rome to suffer and die again because Peter was unwilling to do so. Aware now where his duty lay, Peter turned around and went back to Rome to die with his flock.

The question Peter asked Christ, we might ask. **Where are we going — as individuals and as Church?** And how are we going to get there?

In the first place, we are meant to be a people of **hope**. Yet the modern Church seems to be characterized by a certain cynicism and despair unworthy of a Christian. Liberals are distressed at the slow pace of renewal. Conservatives fear that the Church has lost her identity. Both are wrong. This feast bids us rejoice — **for God cares for His Church**. Peter. He delivered from the hands of Herod; Paul, He rescued from the lion's jaws. Hell's gates shall not prevail against His Church. Peter trusted God; so did Paul — both were delivered! So we must radiate the optimism of Christian hope.

Secondly, we are called to be men and women of **joy**. Yet we see little joy among Christians today. C.S. Lewis in his delightful allegories, The Chronicles of Narnia (seven books) draws a picture of a most hilarious character in volume 4, The Silver Chair. The character is named Puddleglum. Puddleglum is a Marsh-wiggle, a froglike dandy long-legs-kind of a human being with weblike hands and feet. Puddleglum is the personification of gloom. If everything had two sides, Puddleglum could always be counted on to see the dark side. He is so funny because things just can't be that bad.

So today the long-faced prophets of gloom and doom are

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Yaeckel of Lodge Drive celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 21 at a Mass in St. Salome's Church and a dinner party at the Colonial Hotel given by the four children and their spouses — Mr. and Mrs. William G. Yaeckel, Mr. and Mrs. John Mintz, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schnorr, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Johnson. There are 12 grandchildren.

Mr. Yaeckel retired from Stromberg Carlson in 1959 and has been active with the Quarter Century Club. He is also a member of the American Legion Post 134.

really comic. Christians have a faith in a God who has conquered death and hell, and yet they are worried about what an articulate few can do to the Church. A bunch of glum dumps, out-Niobing Niobe, go about the business of being Christian in such a glum manner that people would never suspect we have good news to proclaim. Joy is a power. And we should have it, for after fighting a goof fight, what remains? A merited crown of glory!

Thirdly, we are called to be a people giving **witness** to the truth that Jesus is Lord. We proclaim this, because no mere man has revealed this to us but our heavenly Father. Modern man needs to know this truth. For it is the truth that will set man free in the deepest possible way. This feast bids us boldly confess faith in Jesus as Peter and Paul did, even to the giving of our lives if need be. It was such a faith, and only such a faith, that planted the cross of Christ in the pagan world, bringing forth the Agneses, Cecilians, Sebastians.

Lastly, Christians need to be a people of **prayer**. When Peter was in trouble, what did Christians do? They prayed — the Church prayed! And what happened? Miracles!

For what ought we to pray today? For the Church — especially for her Peters, the hierarchy; and then for her Pauls, her missionaries. If only all the criticisms leveled against the Church and the hierarchy were turned into prayers for the hierarchy and the missions, the Church would change the face of the earth.



Photo courtesy of The Hornell Evening Tribune

Receiving award pins from Father William Spilly are three eighth grade students who are members of the St. Ann's School Band, Anthony Madau, Tina Perkins and Stacy Middleton.

Students Earn Recognition Pins

Hornell — Several eighth grade students at St. Ann's School recently received special recognition pins during a banquet hosted by the St. Ann's School Band-Parent Organization at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Father William Spilly presented the pins to Peggy Dunning, Mary K. Gallese, Anthony Madau, Molly Mahoney, Stacy Middleton, Pam Moore, Kathy Nasca, Carol Noonan, Tina Perkins, Sandy Stewart and Gus Wall.

Mrs. Ellen Hardy, band director, presented pins to band members who auditioned for the All-County Band during tryouts in March. Special recognition was given to Peggy Dunning and Sherrill Zelfiff who were selected to participate in the All-County Band Concert.

The band recently took second place in parade competition during Campbell Old Home Days.

BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Conesus — The people of St. William Church, offer Sunday breakfast July 6, from 8 until 11:30 a.m., in the Conesus Legion Hall.

Citation.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD FREE AND INDEPENDENT:

JAMES GARY D'ANGELO, address unknown, natural father of KRISTIN MARIE D'ANGELO, child of MARGARET NEWTOWN, SARAH ZACKER, 107 Long Meadow Drive, Rochester, New York 14621, Grandmother of KRISTIN MARIE D'ANGELO, child of MARGARET NEWTOWN, SUSAN THOMAS, 532 Mt. Read Blvd., Rochester, New York 14606, Grandmother of KRISTIN MARIE NEWTON, of the City of Rochester in the County of Monroe, deceased, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Surrogate's Court of the County of Monroe, at the Hall of Justice in the City of Rochester, New York, on the

23RD DAY OF JULY 1975 at 9:30 O'CLOCK

in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show why the Court should not grant the prayer of the petitioner, GILBERT J. NEWTOWN residing at 9 Glasser St., Rochester, N.Y., that he be granted Letters of Guardianship over the person of KRISTIN MARIE D'ANGELO.

If any of the aforesaid persons is under the age of twenty-one years, or insane or otherwise incompetent, he will please take notice that he is required to appear by his general guardian or committee if he has one, and if he has none, that he appear and apply for the appointment of a guardian Ad Litem or in the event of his neglect or failure to do so a guardian Ad Litem will be appointed by the Surrogate to represent and act for him in these proceedings.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused the seal of the Surrogate's Court of the County of Monroe to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, Hon. MICHAEL A. TELESKA, Surrogate of the said County at the City of Rochester, N.Y., this 19 day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five.

(L.S.) August D. Vicaretti Chief Clerk Surrogate's Court.

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