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BULLETIN REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Please call the office if you have any questions.

This Weekend:

- Join us for Coffee & Donuts after the 7:45 am and 9:45 am Masses on Sunday.
- We will have Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:45 am Mass on Sunday.
- We will have a speaker and a collection for the Mission Cooperative plan for the Catholic Diocese of Kernool, India.
- We need volunteers to help with Coffee & Donuts this summer. If you can help, please click the following link to check out the summer dates. [COFFEE&DONUTS](#)
- There is still time for students to sign up for Totus Tuus, a summer camp from July 27 to August 1 at St. Thomas More. We still need student or adult volunteers. See the website for more information, to register, or to volunteer. Go to Children & Youth → [TOTUS-TUUS](#)
- Join us for our 4th of July Mass at 8 am in the church.
- July 6 Enjoy Catholic Day at the Ballpark! The game will feature 10 cent hot dogs and pre-game wiener dog races on the field! Your game ticket also includes a complimentary popcorn and soda! For more information go to gofevo.com/event/stgabes2
- Young families: You are invited to join us for a fun, summer day of grilling out, refreshments, and watching the kids make memories with an epic balloon fight on Sunday, July 20th from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM! We will have other fun games for the kids and activities for the adults as well! For more details and to register for the event, go to: <https://bit.ly/2025familyhappyhour>
- On August 2 & 3, the Diocese of Green Bay will kick off the Raising Vocations Collection. This collection will support ministries that journey with young people to help them discover Christ and say "yes" to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. This will help us reach our diocesan goal of 30 men in seminary formation by 2025

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Every now and then, I am stumped by a word which I have never seen and have no idea what it means. So it was with this word: *repristinate*. Maybe you are scratching your head as well.

Repristinate means to return or to restore something to its original state or condition. Using this word in a sentence, Wikipedia suggests *The environmental committee decided to repristinate the forest by removing the man made bridges and replanting the native trees*. I am betting that the word *pristine* is related to *repristinate*.

May I suggest a statement looking to the Church? *Pope Leo has decided to repristinate the tradition of imposing the pallium upon the new archbishops throughout the world on the Solemn Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles.*

For about the last ten years or so, Pope Francis' practice was to bless the new palliums (more on that word in a bit!) at the Mass for the Apostles Peter and Paul. Then the palliums were distributed to the respective countries of the new archbishops, who would receive them at a Mass in their local archdioceses.

Truth be told, when Francis was the Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, he dreaded making the trip to Rome for Church business. I believe he wanted to spare the new Archbishops yet another trip to Rome and all of the expenses connected with that trip.

To emphasize the Archbishops' close connection to the Pope, the Bishop of Rome, Pope Leo wants to place the pallium on each of the new Archbishops in person. Thus the change back to the tradition - a *repristination*, if you will.

The pallium is a kind-of-stole. Typically the stole hangs in front and is placed over the alb, the white garment that is always underneath the priest's or bishop's chasuble, which is the tent-like outer vestment that is always in the color of the liturgical season.

For the Archbishop, the pallium, which is white wool, is placed over the chasuble with the two parts hanging in the back. From the front, you can see the band which is usually highlighted by a cross pin, I want to say, and six black crosses, which represent the wounds of Christ. (Extra credit: What are the six wounds of the Crucified Christ?)

The white wool for the pallium is obtained from lambs. The lambs are blessed by the Holy Father on the Memorial of Saint Agnes, January 21. Of course, *agnus* is Latin for *lamb*.

This Sunday, Pope Leo will place the pallium upon the newest Archbishops of the US at Mass on the Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul in St Peter's Basilica. They are Archbishop Richard Henning of Boston, Cardinal Robert McElroy,

Archbishop of Washington, DC, Archbishop Edward Weisenburger of Detroit, and Archbishop Joe W Vasquez of Galveston/Houston. May these new Archbishops truly be gentle shepherds, with *the smell of the sheep upon them*, always on the lookout for the broken or lost or marginalized sheep, lifting them gently upon their shoulders and bringing them into the sheepfold, in the humble example of Jesus, our Good Shepherd!

Fourteen years have passed since the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul last fell on a Sunday. What follows are some highlights of Pope Francis' homily for Sunday, June 29, 2011.

“Peter realized that the Lord had ‘rescued him from the hand of Herod’; he realized that the Lord had freed him from fear and from chains. Yes, the Lord *liberates us from every fear and from all that enslaves us*, so that we can be truly free. Today’s liturgical celebration expresses this truth well in the refrain of the Responsorial Psalm: ‘The Lord has freed me from all my fears...’ ”

“The witness of the Apostle Peter reminds us that *our true refuge is trust in God*. Trust in God banishes all fear and sets us free from every form of slavery and all worldly temptation...”

“Peter recovered this trust when Jesus said to him three times: “Feed my sheep” (*Jn 21: 15,16,17*). Peter thrice confessed his love for Jesus, thus making up for his threefold denial of Christ during the passion. Peter still regrets the disappointment which he caused the Lord on the night of his betrayal. Now that the Lord asks him: ‘Do you love me?’, Peter does not trust himself and his own strength, but instead entrusts himself to Jesus and his mercy: ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you’ (*John 21:17*). Precisely at this moment fear, insecurity and cowardice dissipate.”

“Peter experienced how God’s fidelity is always greater than our acts of infidelity, stronger than our denials. He realizes that God's fidelity dispels our fears and exceeds every human reckoning. Today Jesus also asks us: ‘Do you love me?’ He does so because he knows our fears and our struggles. Peter shows us the way: we need to trust in the Lord, who ‘knows everything’ that is in us, not counting on our capacity to be faithful, but on his unshakable fidelity. Jesus never abandons us, for he cannot deny himself (*cf. 2 Timothy 2:13*). He is faithful. The fidelity which God constantly shows to us pastors [and people], far in excess of our good deeds, is the source of our confidence and our peace...”

Oh, I almost forgot. The six wounds of the Crucified Jesus are the two on his hands and feet (=4), the wound in his side, caused by the soldier’s sword, and the wounds caused by the Jesus’s crown of thorns, which only counts as one wound, I suppose, which hardly seems right but it is!

Fr. Bill +