

## Peace in the Storm

By Deacon Wigton

The atmosphere of the Adoration Chapel can seem to be perplexing. Out in the city, on the streets, in the news, the air is filled with tension from the tribulations that envelop us. The turmoil constantly pursues us, demanding our attention to the activities, the struggles, of our own existence but also of the battles taking place all around us and even extending to the woes of those who are worlds away. The Chapel is quiet. Jesus is there. His arms are opened wide to receive us. As the door latches behind us, there is a serenity that seems, in a fashion, out of place. Why such peace when planes are dropping bombs, babies are being killed, and the liberal voices are demanding that everyone accept their values that conflict with everything that Jesus has taught us. How can there be such peace? Doesn't heaven know how desperately we need to have immediate action? Where is Saint Michael the Archangel? Shouldn't he be slaying the dragons that are producing such an uproar? Shouldn't there be holy fire coming down from the heavenlies to consume those who in their pride and greed cause the Godly to suffer? Our own cares and trials seem to be quite enough. How can we endure more? Yet the Adoration Chapel is silent!

Out of respect for the Eucharist, (Jesus ever present, body, blood, soul, and divinity) we kneel before Him begging for answers. We mix our begging with adoration and thanksgiving, recognizing His omnipotence and His infinite love for all of mankind. Time goes on in the quiet. There is no evidence that the earth is going to open up and swallow the profane who ridicule the Lord of Glory, smear His Holy Face, and blaspheme His Holy Name. Instead, all of Heaven seems to be quite on a different plateau where there seems to be a trust that all is well. Saints have told us "Hang in. Just wait and you will see! All is in control". We have heard Pope St John Paul II in person say, "Be not afraid". This was repeated by St Mother Teresa of Calcutta while here on earth. Both saints were echoing God's Word to us in scripture where interestingly there are 365 verses telling us to 'Fear not'!

That serenity, that complete lack of anxiety, is pervasive! Many times, it takes more than a few moments to settle in and become one with it. We carry so much with us, it is hard to



unload it all, but bit by bit the trials, struggles, and hardships slip away and are tucked safely under the altar and behind the cross. Finally, we are there with Jesus, accepting His love and beginning to believe that 'all is well', knowing that He has power over the storms!

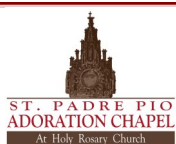
How can this troubled world ever be well? How can the Church, God's Kingdom on earth, ever be 'without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless' as prophesized

in Ephesians 5:27? Ultimately, God will need to intervene, and He promises to do so. Speaking of the 'Great Tribulation' Jesus told us that these days would be shortened for the sake of the elect. (Matthew 24:22)

Our Blessed Mother has visited God's people on numerous occasions to warn and prepare us during this prelude to her Son's return. As prophecies increase, it is apparent that there is a plan and knowing that God will be with us until the end of time gives us courage.

As I contemplate the length of time that it is taking for Jesus' return, I am reminded of Jonah who after spending three days going through Nineveh announcing their impending destruction, was angry that God allowed them to repent and did not destroy them. God has infinite mercy and love. Could it be that His plan may include further warnings that cannot be discounted to assure that even the greatest of sinners may repent and be saved?

The quiet and serenity of the Chapel gives us a moment to pause. We are in His Divine plan. He has not abandoned us. The plan of salvation includes our wayward relatives as well as those who have remained steadfast in their faith. On the Feast of Christ the King, we dedicated the whole human race to His Most Sacred Heart. We prayed: "Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart. Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful children, who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children, who have abandoned Thee". As we remain sober and watchful during this time, we can leave the Chapel, carrying its serenity into the world where all men will be drawn to the peace that only Jesus can give! "In the world there will be tribulation, but be of cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)



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## Pray for those that are not able to attend Mass with us



Jill Anderson - Home  
 Ted Bodus - Woodside Assisted Living  
 Betty Flaska - Maple Valley \* Georgetta Galla - Joy Givers  
 Gerri Galla - Local Nursing Home  
 Marga Galla - Culver Meadows \* John King - Home  
 Loraine Kulanda - Home \* Ann Mazurek - Home  
 John Peplinski - Medilodge \* Joanne Popa - Home  
 Kelly Priest - Woodside Asst Living \* Elizabeth Randall - Home  
 Mike Shorter - The Villa at Traverse Point  
 Thelma Weber - Woodside Assisted Living

*Please call the office to correct & update this list.*



## Recent Prayer Intentions

Theresa Schichtel - Lost husband \* Karen Ockert Seitz - MS  
 Ray Pleva \* Vicki Weber - SCS back pain implant \* Haley  
 Chris Weaner - Knee surgery recovery \* Barb Flores \* Lori  
 Larry Pedersen - Double knee surgery \* Joe Flaska \* Noreen  
 Kayla \* Chris Napolillo- Bone Marrow Transplant \* Joe Kastl  
 Christi - young mom - cancer \* Katie Richter - Back surgery recovery

## For the recently deceased & their families

Betty (Garvin) Newell \* John Peplinski \* Lori Commins  
 Don Schmidt \* Lori Commins \* Bob Schichtel \* Gayla Eisner  
 † Frank Majszak (Amy Thoreson's father) \* James Carroll †  
 John Peplinski \* Debra Gauthier Eikey \* Bob Drow

## Cancer Patients:

Peter Freundl \* Martin Gallagher \* Joe Kastl \* Cynthia Lieby  
 Jan Novak - severe cancer \* Don Pahl \* Therese Rosinski  
 Erin Richards Rashy \* Craig Stallman \* John Trotsky  
 Ruth Trotsky (Cancer & Parkinsons) \* Leanne Bauer Weber  
 Kelly Winowiecki Florip \* Danielle - breast cancer  
 Christi \* Gabby - melanoma \* Jack \* Kathleen  
 Lori \* Marissa \* Randy \* Steve \*

## \* Ongoing Prayer Intentions \*

\* Chris Berkey - Neurological issues \*  
 \* Delores (Ditto) Couturier - stroke recovery \*  
 \* Baby Henry Gauthier - 15 mos - cervical neck healing \*  
 \* Lucas P. - teen - serious food allergies and EOE \*  
 \* Jim Plamondon - long-term rehab \*  
 \* Conor Rigan - age 4 - Cont. recovery (brain tumor removal) \*  
 \* Ron Rushton - stroke recovery \*  
 \* Kayla Tondreau - SJIA & many health struggles \*  
 \* Randy W. (Buckley) - Parkinsons \*

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### OCIA

Victoria Roman  
 Michael Lemcool  
 Logan McKillip  
 Nancy Priest

### Sacraments

Confirmation  
 Marie Swager  
 Emma Harris

### 1st Holy Communion/ Confirmation

Sophia & Estelle Scott  
 Roan Joubran  
 Adelia Thorne  
 Leah Talbott  
 Anselm Kranz  
 Madison Rethoret  
 Maria Trudeau  
 Jonah Robinson

*May the Holy Spirit guide them on their journey into the Catholic Faith*



## FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES

- Ken Artz —US Air Force
- Isaiah Belanger —US Navy
- Charles Berninger —US Coast Guard
- Nicholas Bryan —US Army
- John Bunek —US Navy
- Curtis Bunek —US Navy
- Keith Castle —US Marines
- Matthew Culver —US Navy
- Timothy Fisher —US Army
- Peter Freundl —US Coast Guard
- Joshua Harris —US Coast Guard
- Avery Kohler —MI National Guard
- Christopher Kohler —MI National Guard
- Jacob Kunde —US Air Force
- Austin McQueer —US Marines
- Andrew Tondreau —MI National Guard
- Ryan Tondreau —US Army
- Leif Vanderwerf —US Marines
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- Anya Woods —MI National Guard
- Tim Wigton —MI National Guard
- Andrew Zeits —US Army

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