

## Outreach Corner

I was asked by a new Parishioner: "What is the basket at the top of the stairs in the Narthex for?" I replied, "It is for food that goes to Youth Without Shelter." The next question – "What is that?"

Here is what they say about themselves:  
*Youth without shelter (..) is committed to providing services that can empower youth to break the cycle of homelessness.*

And a little history:

The Residential Programme - *a 22 bed emergency shelter (1986)*

Steps to Success Programme – *a day programme that offers workshops on life skills and pre-employment training. (1996)*

The Housing Programme – *assessments with young residents to assist them in making their move to independent living. (2000)*

The Stay in School Programme – *provides specific supports such as school supplies and transit passes for homeless youth focused on completing their education. (2007)*

St Matthias has supported them for many years with food and financial donations. On September 18 we will have a speaker from Youth Without Shelter during the homily time at the 10am service. I hope you will attend and ask questions of our guest during Coffee Hour.

**Wish I'd Said That!** – It's ironic that people pray for the poor and the sick, and then complain when the government does anything to help them.

William Sloane Coffin

That's the problem with eternity, there's no telling where it will end.

Source unknown

Imagination is more important than knowledge.  
attributed to Albert Einstein



## Oh! Oh!

I was shocked, confused, bewildered  
as I entered Heaven's door,  
Not by the beauty of it all,  
nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven  
who made me sputter and gasp--  
the thieves, the liars, the sinners,  
the alcoholics, the trash

There stood the kid from seventh grade  
who swiped my lunch money twice.  
Next to him was my old neighbor  
who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought  
was rotting away in hell,  
was sitting pretty on cloud nine,  
looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal?  
I would love to hear Your take.  
How'd all these sinners get up here?  
God must've made a mistake.

"And why's everyone so quiet,  
so somber? Give me a clue."  
"Hush, child," said He, "they're all in shock.  
No one thought they'd be seeing you."

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Would you enjoy talking with others who have  
read the same book?

Are you interested in exploring what the author  
says about values, spirituality, and faith?

If the answer to the above questions is "yes",  
consider this your invitation to join the book  
discussion group. 10am - noon

September 23 "A Complicated Kindness"  
October 28 "Prisoner of Tehran"  
November 25 "Water for Elephants"