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Chapel of Mercy



"At Bethany there is no Past, only the Present and Future Hope !"

It was, according to some, the long-awaited Frankenstein moment. Biologists and futurologists have for decades anticipated the creating of life-forms that, unlike all other life-forms since the Big Bang, have no parents.

A team of geneticists has now crossed that threshold and produced the "first-ever man-made microorganism," with DNA designed on a computer. They call her "Synthia" The commentary she triggered runs the gamut from the trumpeting of unprecedented hope, to the sounding of alarms announcing apocalyptic horror. Why? Consider the possibilities.

On the upside, scientists may, in the not-too-distant future, design organisms to feed the world, to fuel its transportation systems, to purify drinking water, maybe even to gobble up toxic waste left from an oil spill. On the downside, a terrorist, armed with nothing more than a laptop and a few easily accessible chemicals, might produce a virus far more lethal and far more unstoppable than any weapon of mass destruction we now struggle to contain.

Yes, experts really do see the promise and the peril as that extreme, that hopeful, that horrific. What to do? To chart a safe and sane course to the future may involve first turning to the past. The Bible teaches, "Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us?" (Mal. 2:10).

View this as the poetic musing of a long-ago religionist, and you have little that is useful. See it as the "Word" of God, alive with divine power, and you tap into the spiritual reality that there is only one Creator and only one creation -- only one. That creation is entirely spiritual, entirely Godlike and capable solely of good.

That's not to suggest that the kind of research and development that led to Synthia should be banned. (As a practical matter, it obviously couldn't be -- the genie is out of the bottle and not going back in.) But the one God, properly understood, anchors creation, including us, in the spiritual reality of who or what is the ultimate determiner -- and who or what is not. Spirit is the determiner; matter is not.

This is plain to the consciousness that is Christ. This is the "Word" that shattered the limits of matter, feeding a hungry multitude with only minimal resources, causing a perfectly fleshed-out hand to appear where moments before there had been only a withered one, and walking on water as if it were solid as earth. These proofs, all from the ministry of Christ Jesus, utterly defied the so-called laws of matter. The Lord Jesus demonstrated the spiritual nature of creation, the spiritual nature of true life, and the spiritual laws to which it is subject. He underscored the irresistible power of divine good.

The "laws" of material life simply withered in the presence of the Master. They wither today in the presence of Christly consciousness. Every day, people see practical evidence, healing proofs of Spirit's goodness, in the world around them. The consciousness that, in Bible times, realized those proofs of God's power is the consciousness that can realize them today. It's the consciousness that can chart that safe course to a sane future.

We will have whatever help we need to succeed at this. Christ maps out the course for us. The Lord discloses the spiritual reality of Life, and explains why the future can be one of healing, not of horror. The spiritual reality of God's designing has no downside. It has an upside of measureless promise.

Consider the possibilities. Every glimpse of the nonmaterial nature of life, of true spiritual life, nudges human thought in a problem-solving direction. As spiritual searchers today open themselves to this promise, the needed solutions for today's concerns begin to appear. The real question is not, "What can a microorganism be manipulated to do?" It is, "How can we realize Life born of God more fully? How can we emulate Christ Jesus' example more faithfully?"

The more leavened perception of life, of the Life born of the Divine, lifts the collective consciousness -- the thought of those who pray as well as the thought of those who don't. As this continues, threats become more manageable, less formidable. Good answers come into view. Personal peace and a safer world follows.

In His Light,

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WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday - - Cancelled

Sunday - 9:00 AM *

Wednesday- - Cancelled

RECONCILIATION & PASTORAL MEETINGS

By Appointment (413) 324-1164



October Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers Ministers of the Word

4th Ron, Paula Ann
11th Ron, Paula Ann
18th Ron, Paula Ann
25th Ron, Paula Ann



Beth, Ron
Catherine, Jayne
Ron, Paula Ann
Beth, Dan



Bethany Food Drive

We will continue collecting non-perishable food items for area food pantries. Please drop off your donations of canned goods and dry goods, and leave them in the foyer.

Thank You for your constant generosity.



"Hunger never takes a vacation."



APOSTLE OF MERCY / PRISONS
Founder of Bethany



JEAN JOSEPH LATASTE, O.P.
1832 - 1869

Prayer of Father Lataste

Oh my Jesus, I want to love you. Give yourself to me and grant that I may give myself to you. Make me one with you. May my will be yours. Unite me to you so that I live only in and for you.

Grant that I may spend for you all I have received from you, keeping nothing for myself. May I die to all for you, and, bring others to you. Oh my Jesus, many others.



Annual Memorial Mass

A memorial to your loved ones.

Have a loved one who has gone home to our Lord celebrated at

Bethany's "Memorial Mass", being held on
Sunday, November 1st, 2026.

(This mass is to remember any loved one who has passed, whether it was in the last year, or the last 100 years)

Please bring or send a picture, the person's name and date of death, to Fr. Jude, **no later than October 11th, 2026.**

(Picture, name and date of death will be put on a memorial candle)
Please call the church for more information.



Dates to Remember October 2026

4th: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass

11th: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass

18th: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass

25th: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass

Nov. 1: SUN. 9:00 AM Annual Memorial Mass



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Bethany's Tree of Life

A memorial to your loved ones.

Have the name of a loved one who has gone home to our Lord added to Bethany's "Tree of Life" which is located in The Chapel of Mercy. For information on the "Tree of Life" call for details.



Be sure to Check out our
Web Site at

www.bethanyccc.org

for more information about
Bethany Charismatic Church.



"Peace is not made at the council table or by treaties,
but in the prayerful hearts of men."

Herbert Hoover

