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St John the Evangelist Parish / St. Mary Parish

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Mission Statement : Inspired by the Holy Spirit and our Lord Jesus Christ,
we strive to grow in faith, love and service to God and our neighbors.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3RD, 2024

St John Church (SJ) - 415 37th St, Bellaire, OH 43906

St. Mary Church (SM) - 240 E 40th St, Shadyside, OH 43947

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM - SM Saturday 5:30 PM - SJ

Sunday 11:00 AM - SM Sunday 9:30 AM - SJ

WEEKDAY MASS

6:00 p.m. (Mon.) SJ 8:00 a.m. (Wed. & Fri.) – SJ 8:00 a.m. (Tues. & Thurs.) - SM 8:00 a.m.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - SM

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - SJ

Monday: 5:00p.m. - 5:45p.m. - SJ

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 -7:45a.m. - SM

Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45a.m. - SJ

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Collect of 3rd Sunday of Lent



MT CALVARY CEMETERY CLEANUP

Anyone that wants to keep their Christmas decorations that were placed on their loved ones graves, please have them removed by March 7th. After that date the decorations that are left will be discarded. Thank You!



CONFIRMATION 2024

We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Bradley on Monday, June 3rd at the 6:00pm Mass at St. John's. All Catholics, Grade 5 and up, are invited to sing-up for preparation. There will be five sessions that will begin on Sunday, April 7 at 6:00pm in the St. Mary's Church Sartori Hall. There will be an information session for candidates and parents on Sunday, March 17 at 6:00pm in St. Mary's Sartori Hall. Please complete a registration form available at the church entrances.



Our **Lenten Penance Service** will be next Sunday, March 10 at 3:00pm at St. Mary's Church. See the March calendar for dates and times of other penance services in our area!

Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 2nd, 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:00p.m. (SM) + For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's
5:30p.m. (SJ) + Dec. Members of the Bernard J. Gerdau Family (Gerald Gerdau & Cindy (Gerdau) Edwards)

Sunday, March 3rd, 3rd Sunday of Lent

9:30a.m. (SJ) + John Kolenich III Birthday deceased (Vince & Sons)

11:00a.m. (SM) + Emily Richmond (Dad)

Monday, March 4th, St. Casimir

6:00p.m. (SJ) + Ed Pytlak (Scott, Linda & Family)

Tuesday, March 5th

8:00a.m. (SM) + Fr. Ralph & Fr. Yontz (Shawn Farrier)

Wednesday, March 6th

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Dean, John & Michael Benedetta (Lindy & Jack)

Thursday, March 7th, Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

8:00a.m. (SM) + Richard Okulanis (Paula Phillips & Grandsons)

Friday, March 8th, St. John of God

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Rhea Rose (Tom Weyrick)

Saturday, March 9th, 4th Sunday of Lent

4:00p.m. (SM) + Larry Phillips (Paula & Sons)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Richie Klemps (Mike, Tom Gorshe & Families)

Sunday, March 10th, 4th Sunday of Lent

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Mary M. Hodorowski (Husband ~ Joe)

11:00a.m. (SM) + For the People of St. John's & St. Mary's

Offertory Collection

For the Weekend of February 24/25

St. Mary's: Adult (49env) \$1,311, Loose \$194, Ash Wednesday (1env) \$5, Rice Bowl (3env) \$21, Steubenville Register (2env) \$20, Building Fund (6env) \$110, Food Pantry (1env) \$20, Steubenville Priest Retirement (4env) \$245, Candles \$75

St. John's: Adult(110env) \$ 3,754, Loose \$288, Easter Flowers (1env) \$20, Ash Wednesday (1env) \$10, Steubenville Register (4env) \$35, St. Vincent de Paul (6env) \$119, Grade School (1env) \$10, Building Fund (12env) \$385, Steubenville Priest Retirement (5env) \$575, Candles \$53



PRAYER LIST

Please Note: *This prayer list is an important part of our love for our brothers and sisters in need. Names will be included on this list for four weeks at a time. After four weeks a person's name will be removed but can be added again the next week simply by calling the office. Please pray for the following:* Vicky Oboy, Lindy & Don Freed, Jax McCort, , Dominic Alexander, Lou Ann Kinder, Fr. Sam Saprano, Dorothy Kresak, Jeff & Mandy Fahey, Quentin Scott Coyne, Magan Nichole Sechrest, Jeremy Chirpas, Tyce Hughes, Isaac Salva, Lawrence Lotz, Baby Everett Sommers, Steve Kiss Jr., Lucy Kowalski, John Bires Jr., Shannon Koher, Paul Heagy, Courtney Kosky Johns, Pat Tedeschi, Natalie Zimmerman, Ed and Rose Grammar, Irene Lloyd, Susan Gray, Matthew McMahon, Jackie (Donahue) Woods, Bryan Grimm, Sydney Battistelli, Dr. Matt Sokus, Christian White, Joe Boston Jr., Camden Brown, Peggy Kotson, Sandy Fijalkowski, Ted Corder, Tom Galinski, Barney Wiley, Susan Vasey, Gilbert Patt, Bob, Bill & Tom, Julie Sharpe, Brie Griffen, Chris Adams, Ferdinand Creutz, Adolph Knackstedt, Hart Brader, Rev. Sergey Loktionov OFM, Rev. Dave Burrell CSC, Rev. Temesgen Petros SDB, Rev. Aziz Halaweh, Sally Shopper, Judith Weckbacher, Debbie Respole, "Chic" & Debbie Henderson, Kay Bambeck, Sally Traversa, Mary Kay Hanasky, Ann Hodges, Eric Allen, Herk Sparachane, Zachary Oboy, Tom & Margie Merryman, Margaret Biernot, Craig Blacker, Patrick Strain and granddaughter, Halen, James Jeter, Jim Garczyk, Natalie McFeley, Dan Busack, John Hanasky, Anna Johnson, Beverly, Beau Boston, Mary De Genova , Sharon Leonard, Rosalind Fitch, Susy Sands, Laine Castello



Lord, bless and protect those serving our

country, especially: Lt. Col. Brian Zeno, Airmen 1st Class Curtis McElfresh, Sgt. Christopher Wetzal, Lance Corporal Zachary Knowlton, Staff Sgt. Wm. Kayne Melko,

HTF Kory Melko, Sgt. Joshua Hall, Staff Sgt. Aaron Loeffler, Tech Sgt. Craig DeBeni, Major Trey Vasey, Capt. Tom Dyer, Staff Sgt. Josh Pempek, Mitchell Rataiczak, Master Sgt. Chris Dipold, Sgt. Ryan James, Sgt. Dylan Frizzi, Sgt. Jake Foster and Pvt. Zachary Popovich, Lance Cpl. John Morgan, Jr., Pvt William Clegg , Petty Officer Alex Rader, Pvt. Colton T. Selmon, 1st Lt. DJ Olexa, Staff Sgt. Kelsey (Ryncarz) Turner, Corporal Vincent J. Kolenich II, Senior Airman Cameron Opic, PFC D'condre Burney, Petty Officer Jared Keiser, Petty Officer Brody P. Halenar, Major Alex Beverdidge, Lance Cpl. Keenan Cook



CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED!

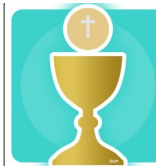
We are in dire need of new choir members for our combined choir of St. John's and St. Mary's parishes. All are welcome to join! Please contact Joe De Genova at (740) 579-6154 if you would like to join! " *God takes*

joy in hearing His people sing!"



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations are this Friday at 6:30pm at St. Mary's! *SJC Academy has Stations of the Cross every Friday at 1:40p.m. at St. John's Church. All are welcome!*



JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST STUDY

This Lent we would like to invite you to grow closer to Jesus alongside fellow parishioners through the Jesus and the Eucharist study. . This study will be a special time to grow in community within our parish as we walk this sacred year of Eucharistic Revival together, and we really desire you to join us. Please join us on Sunday, 4-6pm in St. Mary Sartori Hall Monday, 1-3pm in St. John's Church Hall during Lent.

Readings for the week of March 3, 2024

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

CARING CRAFTERS 50/50 and BAKE SALE

The caring crafters will be having our annual bake sale and 50/50 raffle on Palm Sunday. Tickets for the 50/50 raffle in pews. You can place them in the collection. We are still taking orders for Easter Wreaths. Order forms are at the main entrance of the church.

**A LENTEN DAY OF SPIRITUALITY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN**

Saturday, **March 16th, 2024** at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Marietta. The theme will be Eucharistic Revival. The fee of \$25 is payable in advance, which covers lunch and refreshments. Make reservations through the parish office. See the brochure at the church entrances.

St. Mary's Grade School News

St. Mary Central School is selling **Easter candy from Sarris Candy**. Online ordering and free shipping on all orders, no minimum purchase needed, \$5.00 handling fee. Go to www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com, click on Online Ordering, go to Products then Master Sheet Easter 2024. From there you can put in our Group ID# 10-0304 and place your order. It will be delivered directly to you and our school receives a 25% profit..

ST MARY'S FISH FRY

Every Friday until March 22nd, 11:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. Accepting donations of soft drinks in cans, bottled water, paper towels, napkins and zip type sandwich bags. To order call 740-340-5061. Thank You!

This Week

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent - DPSC Pledge Sunday
9:30-10:45a.m. PSR (SM)

4-6pm Jesus and the Eucharist Study (SM Sartori Hall)

Monday: 1-3pm Jesus and the Eucharist Study (SJH)
7:00pm K of C

Tuesday: 9:00a.m.-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (SM)
10:00am Shadyside Fellowship of Churches
7:00pm CommUNITY Prayer Service (Faith Fellowship Church, Bellaire)

Thursday: 5:30pm Holy Hour of Reparation (SJ)
7:00p.m. OCIA (SJH)

Friday: 11:00am-6:00pm Fish Fry (SM)
6:30p.m. Stations of the Cross (SM)

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. —Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to “**have no other gods besides me.**” This is our “grip.” Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say “yes” to this fundamental question of our spiritual “grip,” then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this “idol” to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

— Father John Muir

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**40 HOURS DEVOTION - ADORERS NEEDED!**

The 40 Hours devotion is a special period of continuous prayer during which the Eucharist is exposed in a monstrance for adoration. Our 40 hours devotion will take place at St. Mary's, beginning on Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. with Mass, and concluding on Saturday, March 23 with the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's. We actually have 45 hours of Eucharistic adoration in St. Mary's Church, from 7:00pm on Thursday, March 21 to Saturday afternoon at 4:00pm - and so we need 90 adorers, 2 for each hour! Please sign the signup on the sheets in back of church.

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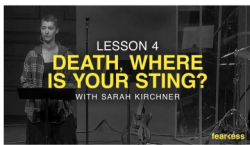
Liturgical Living | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.



The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.



Death, Where is Your Sting? w/ Sarah Kirchner | Fearless | Episode 4

Despite our attempts to cheat it, we all must face death eventually. Listen as Chris shares the powerful story of Sarah Kirchner and her courageous battle against pediatric bone cancer. Who can bring us victory in the face of such significant trials? Find out in this lesson.

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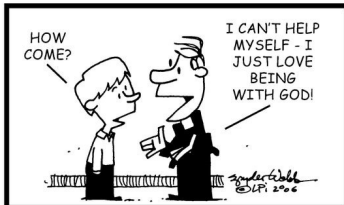
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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS AND THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4th Sunday of Lent / March 10, 2024

First Reading:

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place.

But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed

that there was no remedy. (2 Chr 36:15-16)

Psalm:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

Second Reading:

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ. (Eph 2:4-5)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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CCC 389, 457-458, 846, 1019, 1507: Christ as Savior

CCC 679: Christ the Lord of eternal life

CCC 55: God wants to give man eternal life

CCC 710: Israel's exile foreshadowed the Passion

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

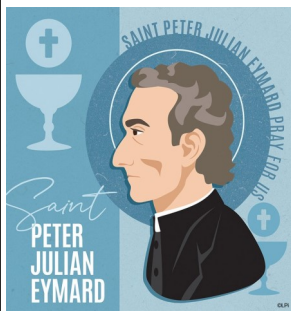
Prayer of Surrender

Dear Lord,
Help me to place You in the center of my plans for the future, my dreams for my life, my goals for the time ahead.
Be my God and my guide. Amen. ©LPi



BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE A Woman's Decision?

We often hear that the government nor anyone else should tell a woman what to do with her body. However, our government routinely enacts laws which prevent people from doing certain actions both to their own bodies and other peoples' bodies. Abortion is not about a woman making a decision about her own body. The child in the mother's womb is a separate, human being with its own heartbeat, DNA, blood type and fingerprints. Sadly, the vast majority of abortions are done as a form of birth control because the precious tiny child is "inconvenient, too expensive or a burden" - Pastoral Statement of Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI, May 2021



SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Peter Julian Eymard

St. Peter Julian Eymard, (1811-1868) was born in La Mure d'Isère, France. When he was a child, he felt a strong calling to the priesthood and a devotion to Mary. He attempted to enter the Oblates

of Mary Immaculate at age 18 but had to leave due to health problems. Eymard frequently had lung issues and migraines that disrupted his life. He tried to enter the priesthood again through the Diocese of Grenoble and was ordained a diocesan priest at the age of 23. After a few assignments he chose to join the Marists and entered the Society of Mary seminary in Lyon, France. By 1844 he had risen to the position of Provincial of the congregation.

While visiting neighboring Marist communities, Eymard experienced the perpetual adoration of the Eucharist for the first time. His devotion to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament grew and he decided to start a Marist community specifically devoted to perpetual adoration. His vision wasn't supported by his Marist superiors, though, so he eventually chose to leave the Society of Mary in order to start his new religious congregation.

In the late 1850's he founded The Society of the Blessed Sacrament for men and, along with Marguerite Guillot, the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament for women. The congregation's ministries were different from other Eucharist-centered groups at the time because, beside perpetual public adoration of the Eucharist, their goal was to nurture and to inspire those estranged from the Church to return and to educate those outside of the Church about the love of Christ.

St. Peter Julian Eymard's contributions to Eucharistic spirituality earned him the title "Apostle of the Eucharist." His writings on the Eucharist, including the book "The Real Presence," continue to inspire and guide believers in their understanding of the Sacrament. St. Peter Julian Eymard, pray for us! ©LPi



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The "10 Commandments" given to Moses at Mount Sinai reveal God's moral and ethical expectations for Israel. *Which of these Commandments do you personally find most challenging to follow?*

Second Reading: Early in his letter to the Corinthians, Paul speaks of his firm conviction in the power and wisdom of his proclamation, "Christ crucified." *What are you confident about in your faith life?*

Gospel: Jesus' deep passion ("zeal") for the Jerusalem Temple led to his strong (and violent) reaction to what he witnessed in the Temple. *What is something you feel passionate about as it relates to your faith?* ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*
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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Merciful Anger of Jesus

Watch your fellow churchgoers today as the priest or deacon reads the story of Jesus raising hell (or perhaps he's raising heaven?) in the temple square. Dollars to donuts, they'll be squirming.

As Catholics, we have become very uncomfortable with Angry Jesus. He makes us cringe in the same way that the Old Testament God does when He calls Himself "jealous" and talks about punishment. That level of intensity makes us recoil. If it were present in a human relationship, it would be toxic and abusive, because in humanity, fierceness and love rarely coexist in a healthy way.

But what a tragedy it would be for us to mistake our relationship with God for our relationship with our spouse, our best friend, or even our human father. Because we cannot see clearly, we would mistake His zeal for anger and His law for diktat.

The strong and sure movement of a wave against a rocky cliff will, over time, erode its surface, just as an overabundance of raindrops will flood a city. We do not call the water callous and cruel. We still luxuriate in its coolness and refreshment. Its destructive powers don't negate the life-giving properties of water. We do not demand that water apologize to us for being strong.

Fierce, uncompromising — but also, soft and merciful. How can God — and God's law — be both, at the same time? How can Christ cast a whip at someone's foot, overturn a table and scatter coins? How can the law of God be perfect, as the Psalm says, and refresh the soul — while demanding so much of it?

All I can say is, thank God for Angry Jesus. We need his fierceness and thank God it does not wane because it confuses us. Thank God his mercy does not decrease because we doubt it.

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength."
— 1 Corinthians 1:25 ©LPi



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

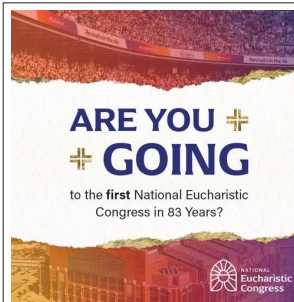
End of Mass

Question: Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer: This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass. ©LPi



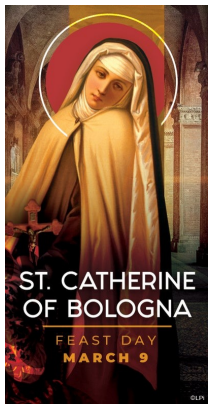
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Come make history with us in Indianapolis at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, where we will gather at the feet of Jesus for the first time in nearly a century, boldly anticipating a new Pentecost. Your life—and our Church—will never be the same. The trip includes bus transportation with Steubenville and Cambridge departure points, lodging, daily transfers between hotel and event locations, and breakfast daily. Price is \$799.00 per person double occupancy (triple, quad & single rates available). For more information and to register call Wendt Touring at 740-282-5790.

See brochure on church bulletin boards for more info!



SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Catherine of Bologna March 9

St. Catherine of Bologna (September 8, 1413 – March 9, 1463) came from an upper-class family in Ferrara, a city in Italy, and received an education at the court, where she learned reading, writing, singing and drawing. But despite her advantages, her heart yearned for God.

She joined a group of religious women in Ferrara at the age of 18. Four years later, that same group joined the Poor Clares, an order founded by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence.

As abbess, St. Catherine of Bologna worked to establish the new community and maintain a semblance of peace throughout. She was a model of piety and reported experiencing miracles and several visions of Christ, and the Virgin Mary.

In 1463, St. Catherine of Bologna became seriously ill, and she passed away. She was buried without a coffin and her body was exhumed 18 days later because of many cures attributed to her at her graveside and the sweet scent coming from her grave. Her body was discovered incorrupt (meaning it was not decaying) and remains so today. ©LPi

3D SUNDAY OF LENT



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Would your family like to attend this momentous event in the life of our Church here in the United States? The parishes may be able to pay for your registration so that you can attend - make it a family vacation! Please contact Fr. Dan if interested ASAP.



Third Sunday of Lent

Paul reminded the Corinthians, "We proclaim Christ crucified." Christ's weakness is stronger than any human strength. The power of the cross is greater than anything the world or evil has to combat it.

The Lenten season is one of repentance, self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer. Many in our modern world do not see any wisdom in denying themselves anything. Those swept away in a consumer culture want more and they want it faster, bigger, and better. They also are looking for easy and quick satisfaction, unwilling to wait long.

Paul speaks of the "foolishness of God" and how it is wiser than any human wisdom. Lent is a time to put aside that which we feel and think as humans and put on the attitude of Christ. The cross of Christ is neither easy nor fleeting, and it will ask us to deny our very selves for him. To the human mind it makes no sense. However, by putting on Christ and seeing with his eyes, we see reality with clarity. Our sacrifice can lead to riches that only a "foolish" man would covet. But it is exactly there that we are satisfied and fulfilled. ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Go Beyond Recitation

Can you recite the Ten Commandments by heart? Several years ago a national US survey found more people could identify the ingredients in a Big Mac and name the children in the Brady Bunch television show than recite the Ten Commandments. Of course, being able to recite them is not nearly as important as living a life in harmony with them. However, if we simply live to not break them then we are only living out half of our discipleship.

Every commandment calls us to action beyond the simplicity of its words. We are not to kill, but we are also called to support life. We are not to steal, but we are also to share what we have freely. We are to have no other Gods before our God, but we also need to actively praise and glorify Him.

To live a moral life is to do more than follow rules and laws. It is to actively live in a way that gives witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. This way of living is stewardship. As we focus more on the penitential message of Lent, we need to not just reflect on what we have done wrong, but equally what we have failed to do. To be given so much by a loving God and not share those things with God and His people is wrong as well. Perhaps as we reflect on these things we might find ourselves adding something to our lives that will last for many Lenten seasons to come.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

**LIVE THE LITURGY -
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus was not afraid to confront iniquity wherever he encountered it, and his zeal for righteousness was so strong it looked like anger as he drove the moneychangers from the temple. Pray that, with that same devotion and care, he will cleanse our hearts from sin. ©LPi

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

In the name of St. Patrick, the Glorious Apostle of Ireland, the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Div. 1, Wheeling, WV wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Irish-American Heritage Month! Men: celebrate and be proud of your Irish-Catholic heritage all year long by joining the AOH! Info at www.aoh.com, [facebook.com/roadbowling](https://www.facebook.com/roadbowling) or Tom Connelly: 304-280-4350.



HOUSE BLESSINGS

Fr. Dan is scheduling annual house blessings. If you would like to have your house blessed please sign up at the church entrances and Fr. Dan will schedule a time to come and bless your home and family.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

We have begun our Spiritual Adoption Program to pray every day over the next nine months for a baby that is in danger of abortion and his/her parents. Sign up with your name and your adopted baby's name on the sheets at the church entrances and take a copy of the daily prayer.



We have Adoration of the Blessed sacrament every Tuesday, 9:00am-5:00pm, St. Mary Church

Would you consider signing up for an hour or signing up to be a substitute, to fill in when regular adorers can't be there? Please call the parish office today!

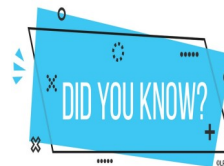


St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our parishes have a conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and our patron is St. Martin de Porres. We are called the "St. Martin de Porres Conference". A "conference" is the basic unit of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on the parish level and is made up of parishioners of St. John's and St. Mary's parishes. We meet twice a month, on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00pm in the St. John's Church basement. We respond to requests for assistance that come to the parish office.

Do you or someone you know need assistance? You can reach someone from the St. Vincent de Paul society by calling or texting 740-340-8540.

Would you like to learn more about our conference? Call the number for more information or come to one of our meetings. neighbors. Come check it out!



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is unique about the dimensions of the papal flag?

Answer: It is one of only two square country flags in the entire world. The other square flag is the flag of Switzerland. ©LPi

"What do John the Baptist and Rosie the Riveter have in common?"



"Their middle name."



St. John the Baptist was a few months older than Jesus, his cousin. St. John the Baptist proclaimed Jesus' arrival his whole life, even from the womb!

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