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St John the Evangelist Parish / St. Mary Parish

Bellaire - Neffs - Shadyside - Powhatan Point

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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.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 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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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."
- Mk 12:32, 34ab

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Collect of the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



MESSAGE SERIES

The Harvest Principle

It is said that "you reap what you sow." Our present circumstances are largely determined by our past choices and decisions. We reap the small choices and decisions in the present that we have made in the past. The series ends with Stewardship Sunday, where we will discuss how investing in God's Kingdom will reap the eternal rewards of His return.

Week One: Introduction - "You Reap What You Sow"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:2

In the reading from Deuteronomy, Moses is reminding the people of Israel, before they cross over into the Promised Land, that they have been promised a land "flowing with milk and honey" if they keep his commandments. It's all in front of them but they have to do their part—they have to choose to follow the way of love. In this week we will kick off of the series topic of "you reap what you sow." Our present circumstances are largely determined by our past choices and decisions. We reap the small choices and decisions in the present that we have made in the past. Our introduction to the series describes the principle and how we can get it working for us and how the principle interplays with grace.

Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 2nd, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. (SM) + For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's
5:30p.m. (SJ) + John Sharpe Jr. (Tome & Denise Myers)

Sunday, November 3rd, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Larry England (Family)

11:00a.m. (SM) + George Shultz (Wife ~ Babe Shultz)

Monday, November 4th, St. Charles Borromeo

6:00p.m. (SJ) + Ricky M. St. John (Mom & Sisters)

Tuesday, November 5th

8:00a.m. (SM) + David Vasey (John & Wanda)

Wednesday, November 6th

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Jill Busack birthday deceased
(Mom & Family)

Thursday, November 7th

8:00a.m. (SM) + All Souls Intentions

Friday, November 8th

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Don & Audrey Johnson deceased
anniversary (John & Wanda)

Saturday, November 9th, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. (SM) + Joe Boston Sr. Birthday & Wedding
Anniversary deceased (Wife, Children & Grandchildren)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Wayne (Mom & Lori)

Sunday, November 10th, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Vincent De Vendra anniversary deceased
(Sons & Families)

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



Offertory Collection

For the Weekend of October 26/27

St. John's Adult () \$2,346, Loose \$314, All Saints (5env) \$60, World Missions (2env) \$15, St. Vincent de Paul (4env) \$115, Building Fund (13env) \$195, All Souls (5env) \$95, Candles \$95

St. Mary's: Adult (49env) \$1,281, Loose \$150, All Saints (2env) \$25, World Missions (1env) \$10, St. Vincent de Paul (1env) \$25, Grade School (2env) \$40, Building Fund (3env) \$100, Priest Retirement (1env) \$25, All Souls (4env) \$150, Candles \$56

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, Mgr. Gene Mullett, Fr. Tom Petronek, Dorothy Kresak, Jeff & Mandy Fahey, Quentin Scott Coyne, Magan Nichole Sechrest, Jeremy Chirpas, Tyce Hughes, Isaac Salva, Baby Everett Sommers, Lucy Kowalski, John Bires Jr., Shannon Koher, Paul Heagy, Ed and Rose Grammar, Susan Gray, Jackie (Donahue) Woods, Sydney Battistelli, Dr. Matt Sokus, Joe Boston Jr., Camden Brown, Peggy Kotson, Tom Galinski, Susan Vasey, Bob, Bill & Tom, Julie Sharpe, Sally Shopper, Judith Weckbacher, "Chic" & Debbie Henderson, Kay Bambeck, Mary Kay Hanasky, Ann Hodges, Eric Allen, Zachary Oboy, Tom & Margie Merryman, Craig Blacker, Patrick Strain and granddaughter, Halen, Jim Garczyk, Natalie McFeley, John Hanasky, Beverly Kolenich Beau Boston, Sharon Leonard, Rosalind Fitch, Trey Nelms, Michelle (Tamborleio) Glover, Joey Sabinsky, Brian B., Jaime Ellis, Roger Peters, Mary Siglar, Anthony De Genova, Jerry & Phyllis, Adam Ruskowski, Jeff Doneson, Joe Budrevich, Rudy Bresiger, Cathy Ciulles, Warren Wright, Rich Price, Marlyn Marling, Jay Morgan, Kathy Kavmirski, Sherri Rader, Sandy (Donahue) Bass, Kyrie Vincent, Kevin Roseberry, Janice Arno, Andrew Zaborek, Kim Scott, Joyce Mellott, Sandy Fijalkowski, Cookie Busack

COMMUNITY PRAYER SERVICE



Please join us this Tuesday, Election Day, at 7:00pm at Rock Hill Presbyterian Church, 56224 High Ridge Rd, Bellaire for our bi-monthly prayer service sponsored by the Bellaire Fellowship of Churches. We will be praying for healing, for our nation, and for your prayer requests. Come out and express your faith by praying with our community for unity!



Congratulations to the newly Baptized!
Lucy Rose Pie

Baptized on October 27th at St. John Church



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Marlene Seita**, and **Helen Dudek**. We offer our prayers also for their loved ones. *If you have a family member that dies but was not buried from our parishes please call the parish office, we would like to include them here in this space.*

Liturgical Ministers: Weekend of November 9/10

St. John's :

Nov. 9th EM: L. Kiss **Lector :** A, Snedeker

Nov. 10th EM: M.A. Young **Lector :** LA. Bennett

St. Mary's :

Nov. 9th EM: L. Gates **Lector:** Volunteer

Nov. 10th EM: M. Kernik **Lector:** L. Kernik



Lord, bless and protect those serving our country, especially:

Lt. Col. Brian Zeno, Airmen 1st Class Curtis McElfresh, Sgt. Christopher Wetzel, 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 William Clegg, Petty Officer Alex Rader, Pvt. Colton T. Selmon, 1st Lt. DJ Olexa, Staff Sgt. Kelsey (Ryncarz) Turner, Senior Airman Cameron Opic, PFC D'eondre Burney, Petty Officer Jared Keiser, Petty Officer Brody P. Halenar, Major Alex Beveridge, Lance Cpl. Keenan Cook



Sign up for Flocknote

Many of you haven't signed up for Flocknote yet—it's free for you and you get more connection with your parish if you sign up by getting texts and emails sent directly to your phone or computer. This month all our Flocknote members will get a daily indulgence idea texted to them and also a daily devotional for this week based on our Harvest Principle message series sent to your email. Instructions on how to sign up are on the front page of our bulletin or ask Fr. Dan.

Election Day

We have the privilege of choosing our representatives in government and brave men and women died so that we could have that right! Please go and vote on Tuesday, if you haven't already, and remember our principles of Catholic Social Teaching as you make your choices.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

St. John's and St. Mary Parishes are looking to increase our Eucharistic Minister Teams. We want to be able to increase the number of available Ministers for our masses and *especially* to increase our ministry and connection with our brothers and sisters who are homebound, in the hospital or in a nursing home. Please consider what a privilege it is to be able to take the Body of Christ to those who seek Him. If interested please call or text Joe De Genova at 740-579-6154.

This Week

- Sunday:** Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30am Family Faith Formation (SM)
- Monday:** 7:00p.m. K of C Meeting
- Tuesday:** 9:00a.m. –5:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (SM)
11:15am BFC (CC&T)
7:00pm CommUNITY Prayer Service (Rock Hill Presbyterian, Bellaire)
- Thursday:** 5:30-6:30pm Holy Hour of Reparation (SJ)
6:00pm St Vincent de Paul Society (SJH)
7:00p.m. OCIA (SJH)
- Next Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30am Family Faith Formation (SM)
6:30pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group
"Friendsgiving!" (SM)



Sign up for a small group for Advent!

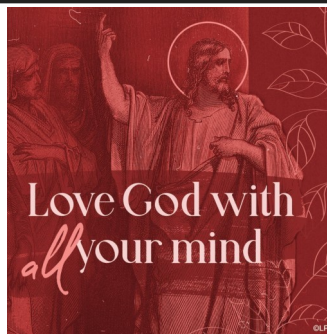
Don't forget to complete your group sign-up form from last week's bulletin so we can organize some small groups for the four weeks of Advent! There are sign-up forms at the church entrances too.

Commemoration of those who have died since last Nov 1
Sunday, November 17, 3:00pm St. Mary Church



Memorial Donations to St. John Church
In Memory of Ellen Oboy by Marlene Shook, Scott & Betty Richey & Lewis & Carol Terry.

Memorial Donations St. Mary's Church
In Memory of Norma Rataizak by John & Linda Kish.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and

social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, "And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?'" Jesus' brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with "all your mind." Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let's commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Readings for the week of November 3, 2024

- Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/
Mk 12:28b-34
- Monday:** Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32//
Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10
- Friday:** Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor
3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/
Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



CARING CRAFTERS: The Caring Crafters are sponsoring a paint workshop Thursday, November 14th at 6:00p.m. in St. John's Hall. The next meeting is November 13th.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

THIS WEEK ON
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Week of November 03, 2024



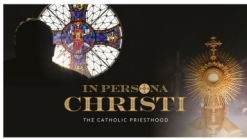
How to Win an Argument Without Losing a Soul by Matt Fradd

Whether you're arguing with family members or Facebook friends, skeptical co-workers in the office or pushy proselytizers at your front door, it helps to have not only the facts but the skills for presenting your points forcefully and well. In *How to Win an Argument Without Losing a Soul*, Matt Fradd equips you with the powers of argumentation you need to be an effective debater and the right attitude for doing it with charity, humility, and patience.



The Problem of Evil with Jimmy Akin

If God is all-good and all-powerful, then why is there evil? In *The Problem of Evil*, Jimmy Akin tackles this most difficult of apologetics questions. He builds a biblical and philosophical case for understanding how God's perfections are not disproved by the existence of evil, but in fact allow for a world in which pain and sin may be mysteriously ordered by Providence towards a greater good.



In Persona Christi: The Catholic Priesthood

The Catholic priesthood comes to us from Jesus Christ. Building on this pattern of priesthood from Old Testament times, Jesus chose twelve men to act in His place as priests of the new and everlasting covenant. This film explores the essential nature and theology of the sacred priesthood, the importance of a deep prayer life, the centrality of the Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, devotion to the Blessed Virgin, priestly fatherhood and celibacy, and the necessity of a missionary zeal.

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / November 10, 2024

First Reading: Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me." (1 Kgs 17:13)

Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)

Second Reading: But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. (Heb 9:26)

Gospel: "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." (Mk 12:43)

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CCC 519-521: Christ gave his life for us

CCC 2544-2547: poverty of heart

CCC 1434, 1438, 1753, 1969, 2447: almsgiving

CCC 2581-2584: Elijah and conversion of heart

CCC 1021-1022: the particular judgment

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Do you enjoy watching *The Chosen*?

St Joseph Church, Tiltonsville, (204 Mound St, Tiltonsville OH 43963) is watching Season 4 together on Thursday evenings, 6:30pm -8:30pm in the Church basement. The evening includes watching an episode, enjoying some refreshments together and having a discussion of the episode with Fr. Bill Cross, Pastor. All are welcome!



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ST. JOHN'S AND ST. MARY'S DISCOVERY TOOL

POWERED BY MINISTRY ARCHITECTS VOLUNTEER ACCELERATOR

We offer to all our parishioners a short but powerful survey— what are calling our Discovery Tool! In just a few minutes, you'll have your results and a better sense of how your interests and gifts align with the service opportunities and ministries of our church. When we understand more about our God-given talents and what brings us joy and a sense of purpose, we are better equipped to walk in love -- serving God, our parish, and our community as Jesus calls us to do. Scan the QR code to find the link to the survey, or on our website - bnspcatholic.org



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

All Our Strength

I didn't realize how much my arms would hurt when I became a mom.

It occurred to me first during Mass when my daughter was just a few weeks old. She was the kind of kid who could only sleep in someone's arms. I desperately wanted her to stay quiet during the service, so I held the swaddled bundle in front of me like it was a bomb, not daring to move. By the homily, my arms were on fire.

I quickly realized this was a common scenario of my new life as a parent. Holding, rocking, bouncing, restraining, dragging — honestly, my weak little chicken-arms had never been worked out like this before. It took all my strength.

But isn't that the way it is with everything that's worthwhile? It takes all your strength. Not some of it. Not most of it. All of it.

I am a fairly active Catholic. My faith impacts a lot of areas of my life. But there are still boundaries that I've drawn around God. There are places I haven't let Him in. Things I keep "for myself." Experiences that are just so full of *me*, so full of my own plans and my own desires.

But God desires everything. Not because He is selfish, but because He is good, and wise. Because He knows that the places we keep from Him will become filled with something else. He wants to get there first. He wants to lay His claim.

He wants all our strength. All our heart. All our soul. All our mind. Not most of it. All of it.

Can we give it to Him?

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Daily Examen of Stewardship

"Stewardship" can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term "stewardship" from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. "Here's Father asking for more money," they groan inwardly, "Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards."

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn't say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the "Daily Examen" — a pious devotion wherein, at day's end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God's will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

*How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him?
What did God give me today? With whom did I share it?
What did I give to Him?
To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me?
Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?*

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS


LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



Christ tells us that we must love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength. Live that love loudly. Hold nothing back. Give God all you have.

Please help us reach our 2024 D/PSC Campaign Goals
St. John Parish Goal: \$36,097 Total Received to Date : **\$29,670** . **St. Mary Parish Goal: \$19,038** Total Received to Date: **\$19,235**. Pledge cards/envelopes are available at the entrances to the church and also in the parish office.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

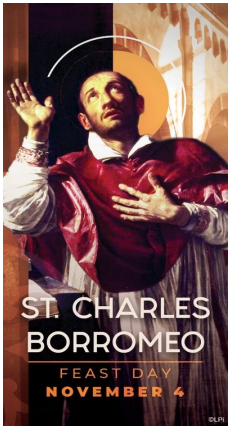


First Reading: Moses taught the Israelites the importance of passing on the faith and keeping the Jewish prayer, the great *Shema* ("Hear, O Israel..."). *What are some faith traditions your family practices?*

Second Reading: In Hebrews we hear that Jesus is the eternal and perfect high priest who intercedes for us before God. *Do you have a friend or co-worker who needs you to pray for them this week?*

Gospel: Jesus and the scribe find common ground on agreeing that the two greatest commandments are to love God and our neighbor. *Do you value making peace with people you disagree with?*

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**SAINT OF THE WEEK –
EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH**

**St. Charles Borromeo | Feast Day
November 4**

St. Charles Borromeo (1538 - 1584) is most known for living during the time of the Protestant Reformation and helped influence reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent.

Although St. Charles Borromeo belonged to nobility, he greatly desired to serve the Church. In 1559, his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV. He made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. At the time, Charles was a simple student, but because of his intellectual qualities, he was assigned several important offices connected with the Vatican. After the death of his brother, he decided to become a priest and was ordained at age 25. Soon after he became bishop of Milan.

Quietly working behind the scenes, St. Charles Borromeo is credited with keeping the Council of Trent in session and encouraging the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after its 10-year suspension. Afterwards, he devoted his time to serving in the Archdiocese of Milan.

Among his most important actions during his life, St. Charles Borromeo established seminaries, colleges, and communities for the education of candidates for holy orders. His emphasis on Catholic learning greatly increased the preparation of men for the priesthood and benefited their congregations. He died at the age of 46. ©LPi

Have a PUMPKIN kind of day!

- P**raise God
- U**plift others
- M**ediated on God’s word
- P**ray about everything
- K**now your limits
- I**nfluence others for good
- N**ever give up



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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Faithful Departed

Question: *How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?*

Answer: We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It’s the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we’re getting in the house, but we’re not quite ready to go all the way in. There’s rain to shake off our coats and dirt that’s clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It’s also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are! ©LPi

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN



Question: What does salt symbolize during a Baptism?

Answer: Wisdom



Prayer for Courage

Christ tells us that we must love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength. Live that love loudly. Hold nothing back. Give God all you have.



Prayer for Vocations

For our married couples, strengthen their covenant. For our religious sisters, surround them with Your love. For our priests, support them as they guide. For our parents, sustain them in Your grace.

For our religious brothers, draw them nearer to You. For our consecrated singles, be everything they need. For those discerning, be with them as they journey. Amen.

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**SAINT OF THE WEEK -
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FAITH**

Venerable Marthe Robin

Biography

Venerable Marthe Robin (1902-1981) was a French layperson and mystic whose story is truly wonderful. Born in Châteauneuf-de-Galaure (Drôme), in France to a farming family, she would spend her entire life in her family's farmhouse. Marthe met suffering early when at just 1 year old she lost her older sister to typhus and contracted the disease herself.

As an adolescent, Marthe was struck by encephalitis, a swelling of the brain. By the age of 17, the disease paralyzed her legs. She suffered from headaches, pain in the eyes, fainting, fever, vomiting, and periods of coma. In March 1925, her arms also paralyzed, she offered a solemn prayer consecrating her life and her sufferings to God to help spread love in the world.

Marthe entered the Franciscan Third Order in 1928. Two years later the disease would paralyze her digestive track making it almost impossible for her to swallow. From this time on, she would survive on the Eucharist alone, unable to take any other nourishment. Beginning in October of 1930 she suffered an intense reliving of the Passion of Christ each Friday, bearing the stigmata, the wounds of Christ.

In 1939 her illness attacked her ocular nerve, and she was forced to live in near darkness until her death. Despite her confinement and suffering, Marthe led an intense mystical life and performed the ministries of listening, counsel, and compassion for the more than 100,000 people who visited her bedside.

With the help of Fr. Georges Finet, she founded the "Foyers of Charity", homes of light and charity run by single people, couples, and priests living in community. Today there are 60 Foyers throughout the world. Marthe was declared Venerable on November 7, 2014, by Pope Francis. Venerable Marthe Robin, pray for us! ©LPi



BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

Vote!

This Tuesday is election day. It is an appropriate occasion for all of us as believers to reflect on what our Church teaches about the duty and privilege of voting. Our bishops have written,

"We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate in building the culture of life. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power. We must exercise that power in ways that defend human life, especially those of God's children who are unborn, disabled or otherwise vulnerable. We get the public officials we deserve. Their virtue -- or lack thereof -- is a judgment not only on them, but on us. Because of this, we urge our fellow citizens to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (US Bishops, Living the Gospel of Life, n. 34).

"Which sharks are found in heaven?"

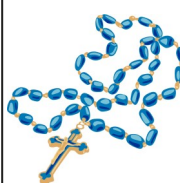


"Angel sharks!"



Angel sharks have fins that are shaped kind of like wings, which is how they received their name. We'll need to get to heaven to learn more about celestial marine life.

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MONTHLY OUTDOOR ROSARY

The Catholic Women's Club invites you to an outside rosary, weather permitting, after the 11:00a.m. masses, on the 3rd Sunday of the month: Sunday November 17th.



MONTHLY HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION

St. John’s hosts a monthly holy hour of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the first Thursday of each month. This holy hour of Eucharistic adoration will take place from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at St. John’s Church and will consist of exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers of reparation and conclude with benediction.

The first holy hour was spent by the Lord on Holy Thursday in the Garden of Gethsemane on Mount Olivet. Our Lord said to his disciples, “My soul is sorrowful even unto death. Stay here and watch with me.” Later he said to them: “Could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation” (Mt 26:38, 40 -41). The Sacred Heart of Jesus said to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, “Make reparation for the ingratitude of men. Spend an hour in prayer to appease Divine justice, to implore mercy for sinners, to honor Me, to console Me for My bitter suffering when abandoned by My Apostles, when they did not watch one hour with me.”



The Seven Essential Elements of Parish Life

Evangelization – The ways in which a parish continues to spread the Good News of Jesus, especially (though not exclusively)

through personal and communal sharing of faith. (66)

Worship – The communal witness to the sovereignty of God, the abiding presence of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church, particularly in the Sunday Eucharist and other sacramental and liturgical rites. (70)

Word – Those things that pertain to the ongoing process of spiritual maturation and growth of individuals and as a community of faith. “The deepening of faith results from echoing God’s word, which takes place in a variety of ways and in multiple contexts within the life of the Church.” The word “catechesis” denotes the process of handing on the faith. (73)

Community – The element of parish life which “draws parishioners together in mutual support, activity, celebration and growth. It is the unity that results when members become involved with one another in all aspects of the pastoral mission.” A parish is a place where everyone belongs. Inclusivity and mutuality are hallmarks of community. (76)

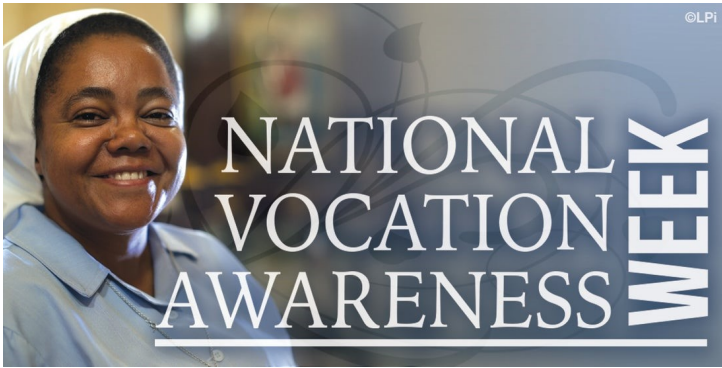
Service – The mission to which Christ calls the Church clearly includes works of charity and justice. “We cannot be truly ‘Catholic’ unless we hear and heed the Church’s call to serve those in need and work for justice and peace.” *Communities of Salt and Light: Reflections on the Social Ministry of the Parish*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1993. (79)

Stewardship – We are called to make the most responsible use of our gifts and resources. “Stewardship, for believers, involves the sharing of individual time, talents, and treasure, as well as the commitment of communal resources (temporal, financial, human, etc.) in service to the community of faith.” (83)

Leadership – “Effective parish pastoral councils require a shared leadership among clergy and laity which calls forth the gifts of visioning, planning, empowering, and evaluating. These gifts are placed at the service of the community for the fulfillment of the pastoral mission.” (87)

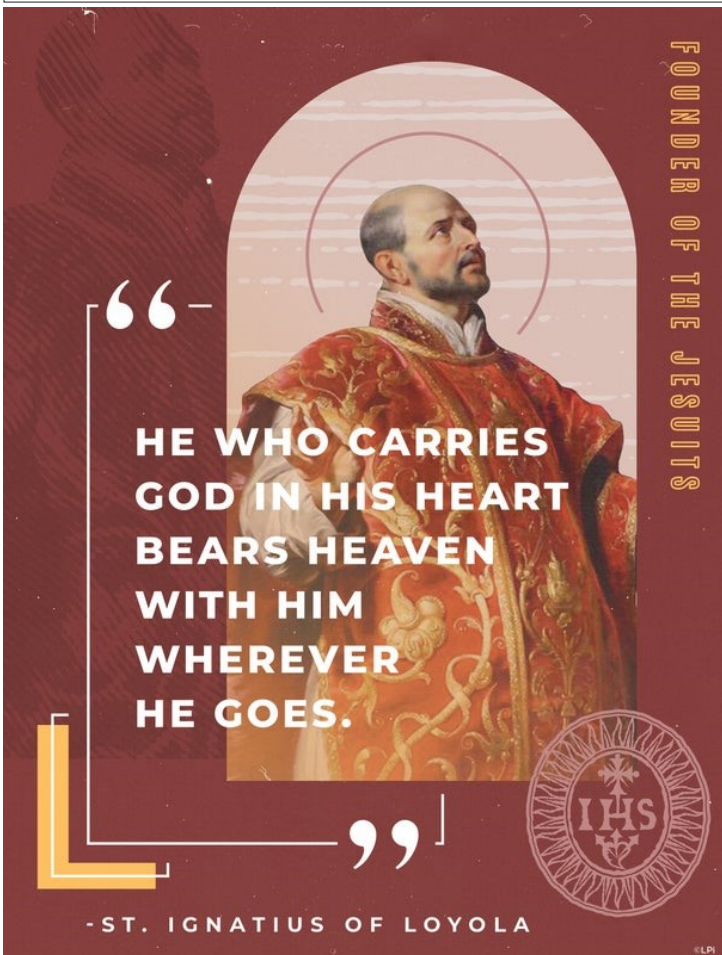
Eucharist at the Center – “The communal celebration of Sunday Eucharist (which includes the Saturday evening Vigil) is both the source and summit of the seven essential elements of parish life.” (90)

From *Revisioning the Parish Pastoral Council*, by Mary Ann Gubish and Susan Jenny, S.C. with Arlene McGannon, Paulist Press, 2001.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Good and gracious God,
You call each person by name
and invite them to follow you.
In this National Vocation Awareness Week,
may each person hear and respond
to the call they have received.
We pray for all discerning marriage,
the chaste single life, consecrated life,
or ordained ministries,
that your Holy Spirit would guide,
inspire, and strengthen them.
May your Church and the world
be enriched by the "yes" of your children.
Amen.



RELIGIOUS ORDERS

Question: *What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?*

Answer: The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as "religious orders") are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person's name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Other common examples include:

DC = Daughters of Charity

FSC = The Brothers of the Christian Schools/Christian Brothers

OCist = The Order of Cistercians

OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites

OFM = The Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans)

OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans

OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)

OSF=Franciscan Sisters

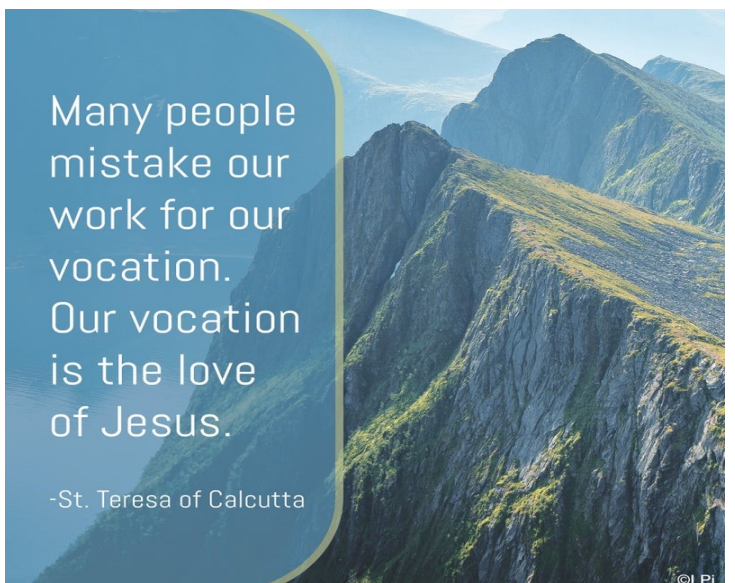
SC = Sisters of Charity

SDS = Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Priests and Brothers and Salvatorian Sisters)

SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame

SVD = Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries)

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