

# DISCIPLES CALLED TO WITNESS

**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.

**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 16TH, 2025**

**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

5:15 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: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00p.m. - SJ

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

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

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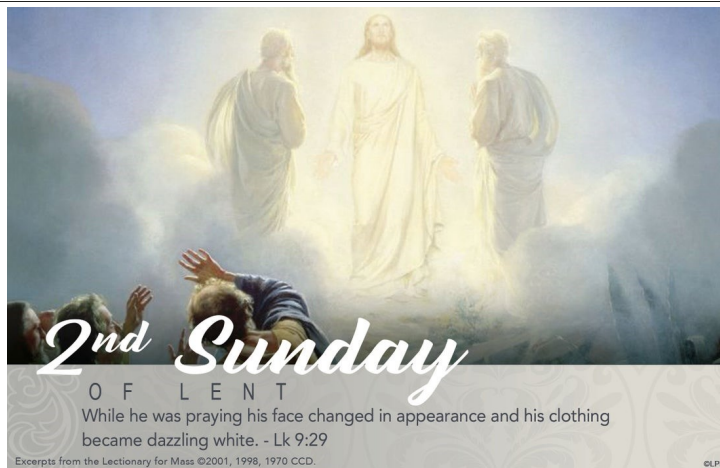
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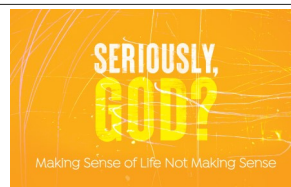
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## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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.

*The Collect of the 1st Sunday of Lent*



## MESSAGE SERIES

A friend's child dies; a parent gets a cancer diagnosis; your spouse loses their job. Sometimes life and God's plan don't make sense and we end up feeling hurt and

angry. In *Seriously, God?* we will explore the denial, doubt, and betrayal we experience when we face hardship and life not making sense. While those experiences can drive us further away from God, they can also be opportunities to lean in and learn more about him. The series is all about overcoming some of the typical objections to trust in God so we can deepen our relationship with him.

**WEEK THREE – SERIOUSLY, YOU LET ME DOWN**  
**Scripture: Genesis 15:1-12**

We have hopes and dreams for the future. We set our hearts on something good and God let's us down when those hopes and dreams seem to have no hope of coming to fruition. In this message we will look at the life of Abraham and his disappointment with God. We will look at the importance of trusting God even when it seems like he has let us down.

## ST. MARY FISH FRY

Friday, 11:00am—6:00pm. Dinners \$11 (Sandwich, Fries, Coleslaw), Sandwich \$9, Fries \$2, Coleslaw \$1, Dessert \$1, Drinks \$1. Canadian White fish. To Order: (740) 340-5061

**Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, March 15th, 2nd Sunday of Lent**

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

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Joyce Mellott (Ray Benedetta)

**Sunday, March 16th, 2nd Sunday of Lent**

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Mary Catherine Nixon (Jason & Maria Garczyk)

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

**Monday, March 17th, St. Patrick**

5:15p.m. (SJ) + Richard Cope (Wife ~ Betty & Family)

**Tuesday, March 18th, St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

8:00a.m.(SM) + Christopher Lyden (Family)

**Wednesday, March 19th, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Deceased members of the Class of 1953 (Shirley Buttita)

**Thursday, March 20th**

8:00a.m. (SM) + Gary Klika (John & Sheri Rowan)

**Friday, March 21st**

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Alex Kosky (Bronchik Family)

**Saturday, March 22nd, 3rd Sunday of Lent**

4:00p.m. (SM) + Cindy Haswell (Cindy Crall)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Casimer Bondarewicz (Richard & Joyce Pica)

**Sunday, March 23rd, 3rd Sunday of Lent**

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Jolene Hodorowski (Bob & Andrea Koteles)

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



**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



**MT. CALVARY CEMETERY NEWS**

**Christmas Flowers/Decorations will be discarded if they are not removed by**

**Tuesday, March 18th.**

**Thank You!**

**SMALL GROUPS**

Please join a small group or call/text Fr. Dan for help in starting your own with friends. Our goal this Lent is to get 50 more people into a small group!

**Offertory Collection**

**For the Weekend of March 8/9**

**St. John's:** Adults (107env) \$4,463, Loose \$419, Christmas (1env) \$20, Solemnity of Mary (1env) \$5, Ash Wednesday (3env) \$35, St. Vincent de Paul (9env) \$123, Grade School (2env) \$20, Building Fund (1env) \$20, Candles \$112.01

**St. Mary's:** Adults (50env) \$1,452, Loose \$361, Easter Flowers (2env) \$70, Ash Wednesday (26env) \$420, Rice Bowl (11env) \$571, St. Vincent de Paul (4env) \$85, Grade School (2env) \$35, Building Fund (1env) \$20, Candles \$182



*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, Jeremy Chirpas, Tyce Hughes, Jax McCort, Dominic Alexander, Lou Ann Kinder, Mgrs. Gene Mullett, Fr. Tom Petronek, Dorothy Kresak, Jeff & Mandy Fahey, Quentin Scott Coyne, Baby Everett Sommers, Ed and Rose Grammar, Jackie (Donahue) Woods, Joe Boston Jr., Peggy Kotson, Tom Galinski, Susan Vasey, Bob, Bill & Tom, Mary Kay Hanasky, Ann Hodges, Strain and granddaughter, Halen, Jim Garczyk, Natalie McFeley, John Hanasky, Beverly Kolenich Beau Boston, Sharon Leonard, Rosalind Fitch, Jerry & Phyllis, Adam Ruskowski, Jeff Doneson, Joe Budrevich, Rudy Bresiger, Cathy Ciulles, Warren Wright, Rich Price, Marlyn Marling, Jay Morgan, Kathy Kavmirski, Sandy (Donahue) Bass, Kyrie Vincent, Andrew Zaborek, Kim Scott, Gwen Brown, Bobby Roth, Peg Stipetich, Sarah Stipetich, Rhonda Tipton, Rebecca Brown, Mary DeGenova, Anthony De Genova Magan Nichole Sechrest, Megan Kristin Sechrest, Lori Runyan, Monroe DeLuca, Albert DeBlasis, Mary Jo Garner, Camden Thomas, Julie Sharpe, Jill Brinker, Baby Kennedy Rae, Shelli Macurak, Ainsley Oliniski, Mary Taris, Beth Baker Phillips, Linda Ullom, Shelly Garczyk, Tom Kucera, Brian B., Joanne Dantrassy, Rita Koval, Bruce Anastasia, Denise Myers, Todd Link, Charlotte Kovalyk, Susan Gray, Shelley Garczyk, Patti Olexa, Danielle Watt

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: MARCH 22/23**

**St. John's**

**March 22nd EM: C. Bladen Lector : T. Bonfini**

**March 23rd EM: M.A. Young Lector : A. Busic**

**St. Mary's**

**March 22nd EM: Volunteer Lector: J. Amato**

**March 23rd EM: L. Kernik Lector: M. Kernik**

**LENTEN SPIRITUAL RENEWAL DAYS**

Please sign up today for the Catholic Men's Day of Renewal on Saturday, March 22, Caldwell, or the Women's Lenten Day of Spirituality on March 22 at St. Mary's St. Clairsville. Deadline is **Monday**. Please text (740) 298-4158





## 2025 DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN

Our Pledge Sunday is this weekend. Pledge cards are in the pews. Please make a pledge today, if you haven't already. I cannot stress enough how important each of you are in helping us reach our goals this year. We need everyone to do their part so that our parishes can be counted on to do our part in the diocesan family.

### STATE OF THE DIOCESE

Our Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Lohse, released this week the self-study of the Diocese, both our strengths, our weaknesses, our opportunities and our threats, that he was tasked to put together in a report to send to the Vatican. No decision has been made on the future of our diocese but Bishop Lohse wanted all the faithful to see and read the report. The report can be read, and downloaded, from our diocesan website, [www.diosteub.org](http://www.diosteub.org), and we will post in on our website as well. There will be printed copies available in the churches. Please read and pray with this document. Pray especially for the guidance of the Holy Spirit!

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY REPORT

**Quarterly Report:** Since September 1, we paid conference taxes, maintained the conference phone, and provided the following help, for a total of \$3,554: rent and utility payments for 6 families medical assistance for 1 family, Thanksgiving meals for 6 families, Christmas gifts for tags remaining on our Giving Tree Your gifts and monetary donations provided Christmas gifts for 23 children from 9 families! Thank you for your ongoing support of our ministry! God bless you!

### PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE AND RAFFLE

Caring Crafters bake sale and 50/50 raffle on Palm Sunday. 50/50 tickets in church. Put in the collection, checks payable to The Caring Crafters. Thank you!



**Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:30-10:45a.m. Family Faith Formation (SMRE)

2:00p.m. K of C Exemplification (SJ)

6:30-8:00pm 7th-12th Youth Group (SMRE)

**Tuesday:** 9:00a.m.—5:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (SM)

1:00pm Mass (SCC)

6:00p.m. Pastoral Council (SJH)

**Thursday:** 7:00pm OCIA (SJH)

**Friday:** 11:00a.m. –6:00p.m. Fish Fry

1:00pm Stations of the Cross (SM)

5:15p.m. Stations of the Cross (SM)

**Saturday:** 9:00am Men's Day of Renewal (St. Stephen's, Caldwell)

9:00am Women's Day of Spirituality (St. Mary's, St. C)

**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent

9:30-10:45a.m. Family Faith Formation (SMRE)



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, **"This is my chosen Son, listen to him"** (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that **"they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone."** Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

**Lenten challenge:** This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.  
— Father John Muir ©LPi



### ST. MARY CENTRAL ANNUAL FLOWER SALE

St. Mary Central School is having its annual flower sale. Flowers are sold by flats, hanging baskets and ferns. These beautiful flowers are also the perfect Mother's Day gift. **Order forms are available in the back of the church.** To place an order, fill out the order form, include your payment, and drop in the collection basket. You may also place an order through any St. Mary's student. The last date to order is Friday, April 11, 2025. Flowers will be available for pick up on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, from the hours of 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's parking lot. If you have any questions, you may call the school office at (740) 633-5424. Thanks for your support of our fundraisers.



### REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **David Walters**. We offer our prayers also for his 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.*

# March Is National Nutrition Month



"Keys to a healthy you. Drink 48 or more ounces of water daily. Eat dark green vegetables, whole grains, beans and lentils, fish, winter squash, berries, and soy. Cut back on red meats, sweets, and salty snacks. For you and the ones you love." **Evelyn Krapa Parsons, RDN**

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**BINGO NIGHTS**  
**ST JOHN CENTRAL**  
**ACADEMY**

The 1st **Sunday & Thursday** of the month. On Sundays doors open at 1:00p.m. & Bingo starts at 2:00p.m. Thursday doors open at 4:00 & Bingo starts at 5:00.

Concessions / Raffles/Other Prizes/Pull Tabs  
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