

# DISCIPLES CALLED TO WITNESS

**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.

**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 9TH, 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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## **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

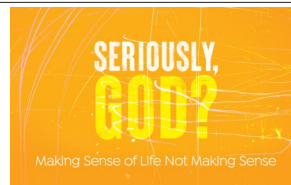
The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:  
You shall worship the Lord, your God,  
and him alone shall you serve."  
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you 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 TWO – SERIOUSLY, NO?**

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

For many people God is the God of no. If it is fun then it is off-limits. No one can deny there are no's in Scripture that seem laughable to people who are not Christians. In this message we will look at how God's no's are intended to keep us free from the slavery of sin. When we say no to certain things, we say yes to live in the freedom as God's sons and daughters.

## 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. Call (740) 340-5061

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

**Saturday, March 8th, 1st Sunday of Lent**

4:00p.m. (SM) + Richard Okulanis (Paula & Grandsons)  
5:30p.m. (SJ) Kevin & Keith Sechrest & John Kiss (God's healing Graces of Soul, Mind & Body) Mom/Sister

**Sunday, March 9th, 1st Sunday of Lent**

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Joyce Mellott (Baci Carpico)  
11:00a.m. (SM) For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's

**Monday, March 10th**

5:15p.m. (SJ) + Josephine Busack (Madelyn, Gary & Ida)

**Tuesday, March 11th**

8:00a.m. (SM) + Andy Klika (John & Shari Rowan)

**Wednesday, March 12th**

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Bob Fahey Birthday deceased (Family)

**Thursday, March 13th**

8:00a.m. (SM) + Jerry Amato (Mike & Sharon Remenor)

**Friday, March 14th**

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Mary Yurkovitch (Annie Antill)

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

4:00p.m. (SM) + Larry Phillips Birthday deceased (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

**Offertory Collection**

**For the Weekend of March 1/2**

**St. John's:** Adults (92env) \$5,417, Loose \$502, Easter Flowers (2env) \$35, St. Vincent de Paul (6env) \$111, Grade School (2env) \$70, Building Fund (3env) \$190, Candles \$130

**St. Mary's:** Adults (54env) \$2,130, Loose \$274.60, Easter Flowers (2env) \$30, Ash Wednesday (6env) \$70, Rice Bowl (1env) \$20, St. Vincent de Paul (3env) \$55, Grade School (3env) \$50, Building Fund (4env) \$120, Steubenville Priests Retirement (5env) \$590, Candles \$88



**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 HughesJax McCort, Dominic Alexander, Lou Ann Kinder, Fr. Sam Saprano, 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, Marilyn 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



**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



**Memorial Donation to St. John's Church**  
**In Memory of Mike Robinson** by Tom & Betty Ann Busack & Mary Vivod.



**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!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: MARCH 15/16**

**St. John's**

**March 15th EM: M.A. Kiss Lector: A. Snedeker**  
**March 16th EM: S. Gibson Lector: A. Busic**

**St. Mary's**

**March 15th EM: L. Gates Lector: L. Gates**  
**March 16th EM: J. Ferrelli Lector: M. Brown**

**LENTEN SPIRITUAL RENEWAL DAYS**

Please sign up today for the Catholic Men's Day of Renewal on Saturday, March 22 in Caldwell or the Women's Lenten Day of Spirituality on March 22 at St. Mary's in St. Clairsville. Brochures at entrances.





### 2025 DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN

Please see the bulletin insert that describes each parish's goal for this year's D/PSC Campaign. We were supposed to have our Pledge Sunday last Sunday but we will do it next

Sunday instead. 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.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life is a spiritual campaign by which we pray and fast during Lent for an end to abortion and actually pray in front of a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Pittsburgh. I invite you all to participate with me this Lent. There is a prayerful and peaceful prayer vigil that takes place throughout the week in Pittsburgh. If you can join me in going up for a couple of hours during the week please text me at (740) 298-4158. It's nothing to be anxious about, I've done it before and I will lead our group. It's completely peaceful, no shouting or yelling or confrontations.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

I decided to add a 1:00pm Time on Friday in addition to the 5:15pm evening time. This week the Stations will be at St. John's (we alternate each week).

### SERIOUSLY, GOD? BOOKS

We just received 75 more copies of our Lenten book in. Please take a copy if you don't have one.

### SUMMER FESTIVAL MEETING THIS WEEK

All those interested in helping plan our summer festival at St. Mary's and our new (hopefully!) festival at St. John's, we will have an initial planning meeting this week on Thursday, March 13 at 6:00pm in the Religious Education Building at St. Mary's.



**Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent *Daylight Savings Time / Spring Forward*

9:30-10:45a.m. Family Faith Formation  
2:00pm. Rite of Election (St. Agnes, Mingo Junction)  
6:30-8:00pm Youth Group Movie Night (SMRE)

**Monday:** 10:00a.m. SFC (Shadyside Nazarene Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesday:** 9:00a.m.—5:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (SM)  
1:00pm Mass (SCC)  
6:00p.m. Pastoral Council (SJH)

**Thursday:** 6:00p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society (SJ)  
6:00p.m. Summer Festival Meeting (SMRE)  
7:00pm OCIA (SJH)

**Friday:** 11:00a.m.—6:00p.m. Fish Fry  
1:00pm Stations of the Cross (SJ)  
5:15p.m. Stations of the Cross (SJ)

**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent  
9:30-10:45a.m. Family Faith Formation  
2:00p.m. K of C Degree Ceremony (SJ)



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

**Lenten challenge:** This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

— Father John Muir

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All parishioners are invited to our **Exemplification (Degree) Ceremony** next Sunday, March 16 at 2:00pm at St. John's Church. We have a class of nine men entering the Order. *The K of C is no longer a secret society—everyone is invited to come and see what the K of C is all about! Refreshments will be served afterwards. Attention brother Knights—you can receive your second and third degrees at this Exemplification. Please contact Andrew Kosky or Fr Dan if you will attend!*



### REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Roger Peters and Minnie Taffe**. 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.*

### 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 !

# 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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