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we strive to grow in faith, love and service to God and our neighbors.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HONORING OUR GRADUATES!

MAY 18TH, 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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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in holy baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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 the 5th Sunday of Easter



EASTER MESSAGE SERIES

We love the brand new – new clothes, new gear, the new car smell. Two-thousand years ago Jesus rose from the dead and that means there is the power for

each of us to be made brand new. To be made new we must believe in that power and open up ourselves to receive it. In this 5-week series we will look at how to tap into the power of the resurrection so that we can have a new life in Christ.

Week Five – Made New

Scripture: Revelation 21

Our ultimate hope rests in all things being made new in Jesus Christ. When Jesus rules over the world totally and completely he will make all things new. There are no failed efforts when done with love and a pure heart inspired by the Holy Spirit. All the work we have done on this earth and all the work we have yet to do, the successful and the frustrating, the highly praised and the largely ignored, will be redeemed by Christ. Because we have experienced ultimate hope (Jesus), we want others to live with this ultimate hope too, because it's a better way to live. And we hold every other hope, however lovingly we hold them, in the heart of this hope: all will be made new in Jesus. And Jesus doesn't want us to not wait until we die, or until he comes again, he wants to make us new even now!

Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 17th, 5th, Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. (SM) + Carol DeVendra (Jim & Lynne)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Louise Cicogna (Chick & Boys)

Sunday, May 18th, 5th Sunday of Easter

9:30a.m. (SJ) + John, Rose, & Cathy Magistro (Bruce & Mary Ann)

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

Monday, May 19th

5:15p.m. (SJ) + Alex Kish (Family)

Tuesday, May 20th, St. Bernadine of Sienna

8:00a.m.(SM) + Mother's Day Intentions

Wednesday, May 21st, St. Christopher Magallanes

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Larry England (Family)

Thursday, May 22nd, St. Rita of Cascia

8:00a.m. (SM) + Pat Van Beneden (Scott, Linda & Family)

Friday, May 23rd

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Mother's Day Intentions

Saturday, May 24th, 6th Sunday of Easter

4:00p.m. (SM) + Valent & Zuzanna Kural (Viola & Josephine)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Cindy Haswell (Joe & Mary De Genova)

Sunday, May 25th, 6th Sunday of Easter

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Dean Benedetta Birthday deceased (Lindy, Jack & Family)

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

LOOP FEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parishes will have a booth selling Lemon Shakes at the Loop Fest in Shadyside Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 15 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. We will have two time-slots for volunteers each night, 6:00pm-8:00pm and 8:00pm-10:00pm. Please sign up at the Church entrances.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: MAY 24/25

St. John's

May 17th EM:M. A. Kiss

Lector: C. Flowers

May 18th EM: T. Young

Lector: K. Kelly

St. Mary's

May 17th EM:T. Mowery

Lector: P. Beveridge

May 18th EM: J. Ferrell

Lector: A. Schamp

Lectors Please recite the rosary before mass

Offertory Collection

For the Weekend of May 10/11

St. John's: Adult (83env) \$3982, Loose \$415, Ascension (1env) \$20, St. Vincent de Paul (8env) \$105, Grade School (2env) \$25, Cemetery (1env) \$20, CWC (1env) \$500, Priest Retirement (1env) \$50, Candles \$94

St. Mary's: Adult () \$1,440, Loose \$161, Ascension (1env) \$25, Rice Bowl (1env) \$25, Catholic Home Missions (1env) \$5, St. Vincent de Paul (2env) \$30, Grade School (3env) \$40, Building Fund (2env) \$10, Food Pantry (1env) \$25, Candles \$97



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 Fahey, Quentin Scott Coyne, Baby Everett Sommers, Ed and Rose Grammar, Jackie (Donahue) Woods, Joe Boston Jr., Peggy Kotson, Tom Galinski, Susan Vasey, Bob, & Tom, Mary Kay Hanasky, Halen, Jim Garczyk, John Hanasky, Beverly Kolenich, Sharon Leonard, Rosalind Fitch, Jerry & Phyllis, Adam Ruskowski, Jeff Doneson, Joe Budrevich, Cathy Ciulles, Jay Morgan, Kathy Kavmirski, Sandy (Donahue) Bass, Kyrie Vincent, 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, Tom Kucera, Brian B., Joanne Dantrassy, Rita Koval, Denise Myers, Todd Link, Charlotte Kovalyk, Susan Gray, Shelley Garczyk, Danielle Watt, Tom Galinski, Sylvia Breedlove, Bonnie Bustamante, Cheryl Boston, Paula St. John, Bubba Peters, Tiffany O' Donnell, Mary Stegman, John, Mary & Heidi Patt



Father's Day Novena of Masses

Every year we will be offering a novena of masses during the month of June for our fathers, living and deceased. Cards are available in church this weekend. There are two different offering envelopes - one for those who take a card, and a small one for

those who don't need a card. Take a card if you can send the card to your father, grandfather, godfather, Otherwise , if you won't be sending a card, just use the small envelope to list the names of those you would like us to remember in the novena of masses!



"As I Have Loved You" John 13:34



Celebrating our Graduates

We are really excited to celebrate with our graduating high school seniors this weekend, and in the weeks to come as they celebrate their graduations. We've got our first batch of "Senior Bios" in the

bulletin this weekend, and will have more in the weeks to come! Graduates, the Lord has so much for you in the years to come. As this stage in your life comes to an end a new beginning opens up! Entrust your future to the Lord, he will guide you into good things you can't even imagine now.

St. John's Church Festival

Well, we were planning to have our festival this year on the weekend of June 21-22, but there is already a great festival happening in Bellaire that weekend (the 2nd annual Ohio Valley Farmers Market "Art in the Park" in Union Park, Saturday June 21, 4-8pm—see flyers at church entrances)! So we will go back to the drawing board and find another weekend this summer where we won't be competing with other events. We want to provide another fun thing to do in Bellaire during the summer—and since this is our first year (in a long time!) it might take us awhile to find the right date. It will all come together, as God desires, if we pray.



Shadyside Community Vacation Bible School

All kids from St. John's and St. Mary's parishes entering K-6th grade next school year are invited to the Shadyside Community Vacation Bible School. It will run June 3—6, from 9-11:00 a.m. at the Leona Middle School in Shadyside. If you have any questions, please call Jeri Andes, a St. Mary's parishioner, at (740) 676-7908. **We are gathering donations of cookies and juice boxes for the VBS—please bring to church and drop off near the entrances—thank you!**

SOCK IT TO OUR VETERANS



The **Caring Crafters** will be collecting cotton crew socks for our veterans. Donations can be placed in the bins at the church entrances. Monetary donations can be placed in the collection. Thank you!



Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

Honoring Our Graduating Seniors

Monday: 7:00pm BHS Baccalaureate (1st Methodist Church, Bellaire)

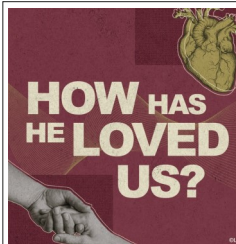
Tuesday: 9:00am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (SM)
6:00pm Pastoral Council (SJH)

Wednesday: 7:00pm BHS Graduation (Nelson Field)

Thursday: 6:00pm Festival Mtg (SM)
6:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Society (SJH)
7:00pm OCIA (SJH)

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

1:30pm SHS Graduation (Fleming Field)



GOSPEL MEDITATION

I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper-stickery words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (a la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, **"As the Father loves me, so I love you"** (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, **"Love another as I have loved you"** (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How *has* he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: **"Love one another."** So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you." — Father John Muir ©LPi



REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question: Despite facing many hardships, Paul and Barnabas succeeded in preaching the good news of Jesus crucified

and risen from the dead. *How do you work through personal setbacks?*

2nd Reading Question: At the start of his final vision, John sees the age to come in which God comes to dwell with his people on earth and all tears, pain and even death itself is gone. *Who in your life needs to hear this incredible message of hope?*

Gospel: Jesus modeled for his disciples how to love one another. *Do you have friends or co-workers who show you how to love others?* ©LPi

Readings for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

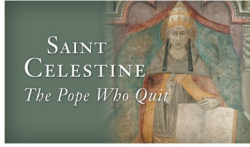
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



This Week on Formed

Week of May 18, 2025



Saint Celestine: The Pope Who Quit

This docu-drama investigates the secrecy of this dramatic time in history and reveals a story that involves deadly dealings, apocalyptic maneuverings, and papal intrigue. It uncovers the riveting and mysterious story of Pope St. Celestine V, the pope who retired from the papacy after a very short reign. At the close of the tumultuous Middle Ages, this future monk and pope seemed destined from birth to save the world.



Saint Rita

St. Rita of Cascia is immortalized in this wonderful, deeply moving film. This story is about the brave woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past and convert to faith, happily bore him two children, and later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life. Her story and love for Christ will inspire you to great holiness!



The Pope | What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Christopher Mooney, assistant professor of theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as he answers some of the internet's most popular questions about the pope and the papacy.

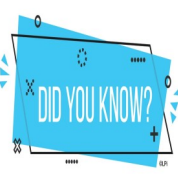
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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is another name for a priest's sermon?

Answer: Homily ©LPi

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

6th Sunday of Easter / May 25, 2025

First Reading: If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. (Acts 15:29)

Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

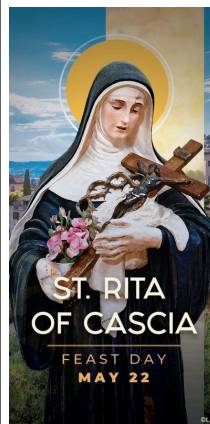
Second Reading: The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb. (Rv 12:23)

Gospel: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." (Jn 14:27)

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CCC 2746-2751: Christ's prayer at the Last Supper
CCC 243, 388, 692, 729, 1433, 1848: the Holy Spirit as Advocate/Consoler

CCC 1965-1974: the New Law fulfills the Old
CCC 865, 869, 1045, 1090, 1198, 2016: the heavenly Jerusalem



St. Rita of Cascia | May 22

St. Rita of Cascia (1381 – 1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy, St. Rita felt the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia.

Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows.

Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ's passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel.

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Resembling Jesus

I once wrote an article about several women residents of a local nursing home. In researching the piece, I discovered that they had grown up in the same neighborhood as my grandmother, and that one of the women was, in fact, my grandmother's dearest childhood friend.

When I visited this woman to take her photograph, she took a long look at my face, and I could see in her eyes that she was reaching back in her memory across the years.

She said: "You resemble her."

I wept on the way home.

My grandmother died when I was nine, and for the last several years of her life she suffered from Alzheimer's disease. I have always deeply grieved the time we lost, the relationship we could have had. I have hazy fragments of memory from before her illness that lead me to believe we loved each other very much.

Being told I look like my grandmother by someone who knew her well — being identified as belonging to her in some way — was one of the more beautiful things to happen to me.

When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as theirs somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

The only way we can resemble Jesus is through love. It is his most recognizable quality, his most famous trait. This is how all will know that you are my disciples.

As Catholics, we are always talking about finding ways to live our faith boldly, unapologetically, publicly. Good — we should! But if we want people to know we are Catholic, we should love them. Bravely. Recklessly. Sacrificially.

As he loves us. ©LPi



Born in the Tuscany region of Italy in 1380, St. Bernardine of Siena was left an orphan at six to be raised by aunts. In 1404 he was ordained at 22. A traveling preacher, he became known for miracles associated with devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. He kept a board with the letters "IHS" (the first

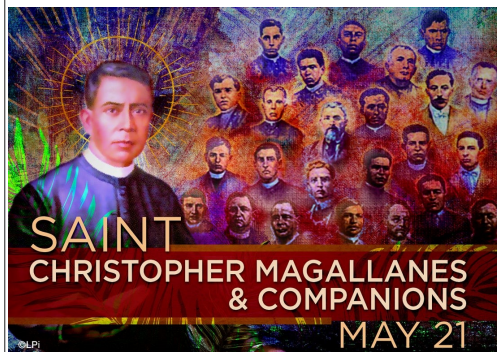
three Greek letters of the Savior's name) surrounded by rays. Many cures were reported by people who encountered Bernardine or looked upon the "Name". This holy man died in 1444. His feast day is May 20.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Good and Evil

Question: *If God is good, why is there evil in the world?*

Answer: The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us! ©LPi



"Long live Christ the King and the Virgin of Guadalupe!"

This was the slogan of the "Cristero" uprising in the 1920's against the anti-Catholic government of

Mexico which had instituted and enforced laws against the Church in an absurd attempt to eradicate the Catholic faith in Mexico, even going so far as to ban all foreign clergy and the celebration of Mass in some regions.

St. Christopher Magallanes, along with 21 other priests and three lay companions, were martyred between 1915 and 1937, by shooting or hanging, throughout eight Mexican states, for their membership in the Cristero movement. Magallanes erected a seminary in Totatiche and he and his companions secretly preached and ministered to the faithful.

The last words heard spoken by Magallanes were from his cell, when he shouted, "I am innocent and I die innocent. I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serve the peace of our divided Mexico".

Pope John Paul II beatified the Cristero martyrs in 1992 and canonized them in 2000.



Devotions, *Explained!*

Hail Mary, *Explained*

The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer — are deeply rooted in scripture. The opening lines of the prayer are taken from the words of the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation — “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.” This line is known as the Angelic Salutation. The following words — “Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus” — echo the sentiments expressed by Elizabeth at the Visitation.

The Angelic Salutation is regarded as the earliest devotional prayer to Mary, since it forms the very first words spoken to her as the Mother of God, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11th century.

An in-depth explanation of each line of this prayer is provided in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2676-2677. ©LPi

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY



Prayer of Christian Love

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known. May Your love be our standard for love.

May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world.

May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness. Amen. ©LPi



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

If you love like me, Jesus tells his disciples, they will know you are mine. We shouldn't leave any room for doubt in the minds of each and every person we encounter. Let the whole world know: we love like Christ, and we belong to Christ. ©LPi

SUMMER FESTIVALS!

June 13-14 Loop Fest, Shadyside

Date to be determined—St. John Church Festival (New this year!!)

August 15-17 St. Mary Church Festival

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Loving as New Creations

“There’s something different about you.”

Think about the times in your life when this has been said to you. Maybe it was after someone complimented you on a job well done, and you realized that you were walking through life with a little more confidence. Maybe it was after meeting someone special, as you carried the glow of that relationship wherever you went. Chances are, if someone has noticed something different about you, it's because, inwardly, you've been changed by the loving or respectful actions of another person.

Love, you see, can make us into new creations. From the love of God flows the grace to tackle any challenge, including the biggest challenge of all: loving each other well. Christ knows what a big request this is. He was human, too. He came and lived among us. He knew intimately what it was to love people in the chaos of their own flaws. He knew what he was asking of us when he said, “As I have loved you, so you should also love one another.”

In essence, this is the call to stewardship: loving as Christ loves, amidst the messiness of everyday reality. Loving with accountability, challenging ourselves and our brothers and sisters to be faithful even when it is hard. Loving with an unflinching sense of hospitality that welcomes even those we do not agree with or understand. Loving with gratitude, giving thanks for the great variety of ways that Christ can make himself known to us through others.

It isn't easy — we all know that. But if we ask God for the grace to remain steadfast in this greatest commandment, we will be given what we need to live as new creations.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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

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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

Jubilee

YEAR OF HOPE



Characteristics of the Jubilee Year

Liturgy

The liturgy is the public prayer of the Church: in the words of the Second Vatican Council, it is the “summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; [and,] at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows.” (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 10). At the center is the Christian liturgy is the Mass - the Eucharistic celebration, where the Body and Blood of Christ are truly received. As a pilgrim, Christ himself walks alongside the disciples and reveals to them the mysteries of the Father, so that they too can say, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” (Luke 24:29).

One liturgical rite that is specific to the Jubilee year is the opening of the Holy Door. Until the last century, the Pope would symbolically initiate the demolition of the wall that kept the Holy Door bricked up on non-Jubilee years. Masons would then fully remove the brick wall to be able to open the Holy Door. Since 1950, the ceremony has changed and now the wall is dismantled beforehand and, within a solemn choral liturgy, the Pope pushes open the door from the outside, passing through it as the first pilgrim. This and the other liturgical expressions that accompany the Holy Year emphasize that the Jubilee pilgrimage is not merely an intimate, personal gesture, but is a sign of the journey of the whole people of God toward the Kingdom.

Next Week: “Profession of Faith”



When: May 27th / June 10th & 24th / July 8th & 22nd / August 5th, 19th, & 26th

Time: 11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

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The Dynamic Catholic Prayer

Loving Father,
I invite you into my life today
and make myself available to you.
Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself
by seeking your will
and becoming a living example of your love in the world.
Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change
in order for me to carry out the mission
and experience the joy you have imagined for my life.
Inspire me to live the Catholic faith
in ways that are dynamic and engaging.
Show me how to best get involved in the life of my parish.
Make our community hungry
for best practices and continuous learning.
Give me courage when I am afraid,
hope when I am discouraged,
and clarity in times of decision.
Teach me to enjoy uncertainty
and lead your Church
to become all you imagined it would be
for the people of our times.
Amen.

(Please pray this prayer every day for our parishes)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

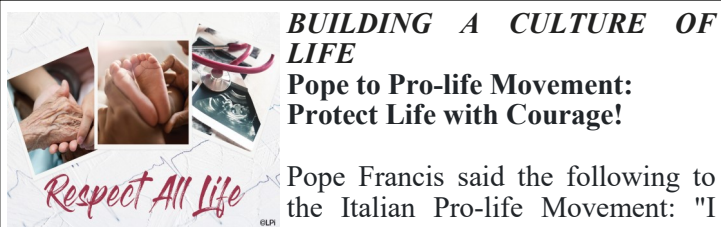
Act Out of Love

I was recently reading an article about the real aspects of true love. The psychologist writing the piece said that many people hide behind the words "I love you." They can start believing that if they say it enough times, it simply becomes true.

Jesus claimed that the world would know his disciples by the fact that they loved one another. In the Church, we speak of loving one another quite frequently. I hope that someone can tell that I am a disciple of Jesus by the way I love others. However, that hope is something I have to keep in the center of my mind because I fear too often that I speak more of love than act out of love.

As Christians, we can find ourselves hiding behind our words. History, unfortunately, has shown us that our witness of action has not always been profound enough. The world will surely know whom it is we serve if we love like Jesus, we act like Jesus, and we serve others like Jesus. Our stewardship will bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ, and we will bring others to him. Our love will be an instrument of our evangelization. Our words will become true, not because we said them enough, but because they are true.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPi

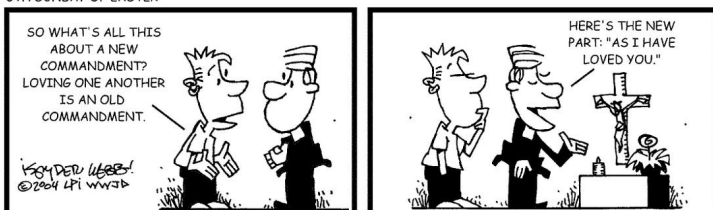


BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

Pope to Pro-life Movement: Protect Life with Courage!

Pope Francis said the following to the Italian Pro-life Movement: "I remember once, a long time ago, I participated in a conference with doctors. After the conference I greeted them and while I spoke to them, one of them called me to one side. He had a package and he said to me, 'Father, I want to leave this with you. These are the instruments I have used to carry out abortions. I have encountered the Lord and repented, and now I fight for life'. He gave me all those instruments. Let us pray for this good man... Every Christian has the responsibility of this witness to the Gospel: to protect life with courage and love in all its phases. I encourage you to do this, always with an attitude of closeness and proximity, so that every woman feels considered as a person, listened to, welcomed and accompanied". (April 11, 2014)

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.

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