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St John the Evangelist Parish / St. Mary Parish

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

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25TH, 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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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said to his disciples:]
"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."
- Jn 14:26-27a

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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 6th Sunday of Easter



MESSAGE SERIES

The job of St. John's and St. Mary's is to be local outposts of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church, and we cannot neglect the needs of others. Our primary

WORSHIP focus is the weekend experience, and at the same time we are called to go outside of our church walls to serve those in need. Our Missions strategy (how we fulfill the essential element of SERVICE) is to serve through partnerships—locally, nationally and even internationally! Serving our partners is the work of restoration and we all have a role to play.

Week One: Strategic Partnerships

Scripture: Revelation 21:14

The Church as always been on a mission to "go out" to all nations and to bring the peace of Jesus to others. Even when false teachers disturb the peace of those in the Church, the Apostles are there to correct and preserve the true faith with the authority of Jesus (First Reading). The Church in her fullness is the Church Triumphant (CCC 954, 1419) the "holy city Jerusalem" built on the foundation of the Apostles (Second Reading). Under the successors of the Apostles (Pope Leo and Bishop Edward) we got out too, in partnership with those already serving!

Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 24th, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. (SM) + Valent & Zuzanna Kura (Viola & Josephine)

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

Sunday, May 25th, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday, May 26th, St. Philip/Memorial Day ***

9:00am (SJ) + Roger Peters (K of C #1246)

Tuesday, May 27th, St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:00a.m.(SM) Tom & Kathy Galinski ~ God's Healing Graces (Mary Ann Kiss)

6:30pm (SJ) In Thanksgiving for the gift of Priesthood (Fr. Dan)**

Wednesday, May 28th

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Christine Cruciotti Hanneken (Daughter ~ Dina)

Thursday, May 29th, St. Paul VI

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

Friday, May 30th

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

Saturday, May 31st, The Ascension of the Lord

4:00p.m. (SM) + Michael "Bo" Olack (Cheryl Boston)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Nick Nicola (Joan L. Rose)

Sunday, June 1st, The Ascension of the Lord

9:30a.m. (SJ) + John Benedetta 6yr anniversary deceased (Linda, Jack & Family)

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

*****Please not our holiday mass schedule for Memorial Day**

****Fr Dan's anniversary**



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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: MAY 31/JUNE 1

St. John's

May 31st EM: J. Coup **Lector:** T. Bonfini

June 1st EM: C. Flowers **Lector:** A. Snedeker

St. Mary's

May 31st EM: L. Gates **Lector:** I. Louda

June 1st EM: M. Brown **Lector:** M. Brown

Lectors Please recite the rosary before mass

Offertory Collection

For the Weekend of May 17/18

St. John's: Adult (92env) \$3,219, Loose \$474, Ascension (3env) \$22, Communications (1env) \$5, St. Vincent de Paul (3env) \$75, Grade School (3env) \$45, Mt. Calvary (7env) \$200, Building Fund (3env) \$ 45, Candles \$70

St. Mary's: Adult (57env) \$2,250, Loose \$127, Easter (1env) \$25, Easter Flowers (1env) \$50, Holy Thursday (1env) \$25, Ash Wednesday (2env) \$30, Rice Bowl (1env) \$10, (1env) Good Friday (1env) \$25, Communications (1env) \$5, St. Vincent de Paul (1env) \$10, Grade School (2env) \$20, Building Fund (12env) \$295, Food Pantry (4env) \$55, Priest Retirement (2env) \$170, Palm Sunday (1env) 25, Candles \$127



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 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 Kovallo, Denise Myers, Todd Link, Charlotte Kovalyk, Susan Gray, Shelley Garczyk, Danielle Watt, Tom Galinski, Sylvia Breedlove, Bonnie Bustamante, Paula St. John, Bubba Peters, Tiffany O' Donnell, Mary Stegman, John, Mary & Heidi Patt, John Vasey, Raisa Rodsky, Jacquie Jochumsen



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!

**THANK YOU!!**

A special thank you to the parishioners who planned the party this weekend for my 25th anniversary. I would have preferred to keep it low key but who am I to pass up a party? It's a celebration of the priesthood of Jesus Christ, not mine, I only have been privileged to share in it. All the praise and glory go to God, all the fault and failures are mine alone. Thank you all for helping me to learn every day what a priest should be and for your patience with my faults.

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

It's such a special thing to honor our graduating seniors, not for their accomplishments but just for *who they are*—each a special and unrepeatable gift of God. Enjoy the Senior Bios in our insert this weekend (and we hope to have a few more to come!). And may God bless you parents!

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.

**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!**

The **Caring Crafters** are 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: 6th Sunday of Easter**

1:30pm SHS Graduation (Fleming Field)

2:00pm St John Central Academy Graduation

Monday: 11:00am Memorial Day Service (Bellaire Park)

Tuesday: 9:00am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (SM)
6:30pm Mass of Thanksgiving (SJ)

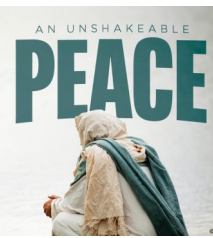
Wednesday: 7:30pm "Three Ordinary Voices of God"
Zoom Mtg

Thursday: 7:00pm OCIA (SJH)

Friday: Pentecost Novena Day 1

Saturday: Pentecost Novena Day 2/ Visitation of the BVM

Next Sunday: Pentecost Novena Day 3/The Ascension of the Lord

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled "The Anxious Generation" argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To his overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, **"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27)**. His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of his divinity, his bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But he does walk with us and offer us his peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like his because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with his peace. — *Father John Muir*
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**REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE**

1st Reading Question: We hear how the church in Jerusalem resolved their conflicts through dialogue and compromise. *When has your faith community had to resolve a conflict?*

2nd Reading Question: As John's final vision continues, he sees the splendor and glory of God lighting the city of Jerusalem. *Can you think of a time when you felt really close to God?*

Gospel: Jesus taught his disciples that the Holy Spirit will be sent to believers to teach them and remind them of his words. *Can you share a time when you have felt inspired by the Holy Spirit?* ©LPi

Catholic Women's Club NEWS!

Our next fellowship night will be held June 3rd at the Waterfront Hall in Wheeling at 6:00pm. Please RSVP or to car pool at 740-676-8922 or text (740) 298-4158

CWC Convention will be held on June 4th, at Holy Family Church in Steubenville. Please RSVP *ASAP!* to Carol at 740-676-8922 or text (740) 298-4158

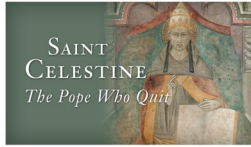
We will be holding our outdoor rosary the 2nd Sunday of the month. June 15th, July 13th, August 10th, & September 14th at 12:00pm outside St. Mary's Church.

Remember—all women are automatically members of the CWC—there are no membership dues or fees!



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.

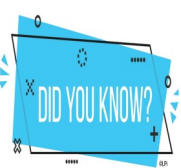
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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: How many scripture passages from the Bible are usually read during each Mass?

Answer: Three



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

The Ascension of the Lord / June 1, 2025

First Reading: They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Ps 47)

Second Reading: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. (Eph 1:17)

Gospel: As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. (Lk 24:51)

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CCC 659-672, 697, 792, 965, 2795: the Ascension

Readings for the week of May 25, 2025

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

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

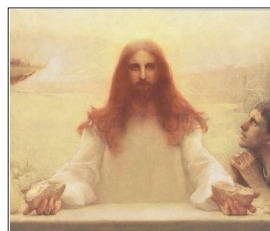
Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Prayer for Peace



Fill us with Your peace, Lord, as you promised in Your word. Peace in our comings and goings, Peace that You are working and moving, Peace for what has happened, the places we find ourselves today, and in the future to come. Amen
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I WILL
Come Back To You.
— John 14:28

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

My Peace I Give to You

When John has a vision of heavenly Jerusalem, he sees walls.

“A massive, high wall,” to be more precise. In the modern lexicon, walls have a negative connotation; we use them as metaphors for all that is exclusionary and rigid. But throughout much of history, walls have meant something very different. In the ancient world, walls meant safety.

Walls meant peace.

“My peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,” Jesus tells his disciples in today’s Gospel. “Not as the world gives do I give it to you.”

So what’s the difference between the peace we know in the world, and the peace we know in Christ?

Well, I would argue that the difference is that the peace we know in Christ exists. We know no real peace in this world. Sometimes, we witness a sort of mirage of peace — something like it, but just a little off, and always on the horizon, never within reach.

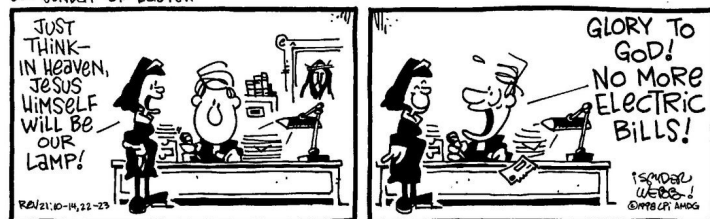
Peace, to me, means rest. It means quiet. It means the absence of confrontation, of conflict, of anxiety. But I can’t actually experience any of that in this life, not in a substantial way. I can rest — but I never really feel rested. I can retreat to a room by myself to have silence, but someone always knocks on the door, and even if they don’t, my thoughts get pretty loud.

And boy oh boy, are those thoughts full of confrontation. Full of anxiety, full of conflict. Wherever I go to find peace, the world finds me and banishes it.

I think of the walls of heavenly Jerusalem, so high and so sturdy, guarded so scrupulously by God’s strongest angels. These walls are not barriers. They are shields. They are arms, encircling us, gathering us in.

In Christ alone can we find peace in this world. ©LPi

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Sunday Mass

Question: *Why do Catholics need to go to Mass every Sunday?*

Answer: The heart of the Church’s instruction that we are to attend Mass on Sundays goes back to the Third Commandment: “Take care to keep holy the sabbath day as the LORD, your God, has commanded you” (Deuteronomy 5:12). Although the Jewish People celebrate the Sabbath on Saturday, the first generations of Christians began to observe the sabbath on Sunday, recognizing how important it is for Christians to celebrate the day that Jesus rose from the dead. As the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults observes, “Sunday extends the celebration of Easter throughout the year ... It makes present the new creation brought about by Christ” (364).

The focus of our Sunday should be the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass. This is our time to be formed by God’s Word and nourished at the table of the Lord, becoming prepared to live out and share our faith in the week that follows. In his encyclical, *Dies Domini*, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us that Christians “cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly” (no. 81). This is why the Church teaches us that Sunday Mass is a non-negotiable part of being a Christian (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2192).

Beyond being a time of worship, we should also remember that Sunday is intended to be a day of rest, when we make time for recreation, for sharing meals, and enjoying the company of friends and family. Sunday is given to us as a day to take stock of and enjoy the blessings that God has given us (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2187). Pope Francis reminds us, “The day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor” (*Laudato Si’*, no. 237). ©LPi

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

The Creator's Eternal Dream



Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Exhortation “The Joy of Love,” writes, “The Psalmist says: “You knit me together in my mother’s womb” (Ps 139:13). Every child growing within the mother’s womb is part of the eternal loving plan of God the Father: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you” (Jer 1:5). Each child has a place in God’s heart from all eternity; once he or she is conceived, the Creator’s eternal dream comes true. Let us pause to think of the great value of that embryo from the moment of conception. We need to see it with the eyes of God, who always looks beyond mere appearances.” (AL, 168)





Devotions, *Explained!*

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, *Explained*

Our Lady of Perpetual Help refers both to a title conferred upon the Blessed Mother as well as to a corresponding icon that dates to the late Middle Ages.

Painted on wood, the original icon has a Byzantine style and depicts the Blessed Mother holding the Christ Child. She is flanked by St. Michael and St. Gabriel, who hold the instruments of Christ's passion, including a spear, nails and the Crown of Thorns. In the image, Christ seemingly leans into his mother's embrace for comfort and strength as he contemplates these objects.

The icon is thought to have originated in Crete, but for 300 years was venerated in the Church of San Matteo in Merulana in Rome. Blessed Pope Pius IX entrusted the image to the Order of Redemptorists. ©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



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God makes His dwelling with those who love Him and keep His word. We must all make our lives places where God feels welcome to dwell. Our actions, our words, our decisions must all say in one voice:

“Come, Holy Spirit!” ©LPi



ST. PAUL VI POPE

Giovanni Battista Montini was born on September 26, 1897 in the town of Concesio, near Brescia in Italy. Ordained a Priest on May 29, 1920, he exercised his priestly ministry in the service of the Holy See until he was named Archbishop of Milan. Elected to the Chair of Peter on June 21, 1963, he successfully brought the Second Vatican Council to its conclusion, promoting the restoration of ecclesial life, particularly the Liturgy, ecumenical dialogue, and the proclamation of the Gospel to the modern world. On August 6, 1978, he yielded his spirit to God. His Feast Day is May 29.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It's All About the Kingdom

I often lead group prayer with similar words: "Give us the wisdom to know Your will for our lives and the courage to follow it as we seek to make our community a clearer reflection of the Kingdom of God." The words acknowledge that we need to be about God's will, not our own, and in that journey, we will bear greater witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

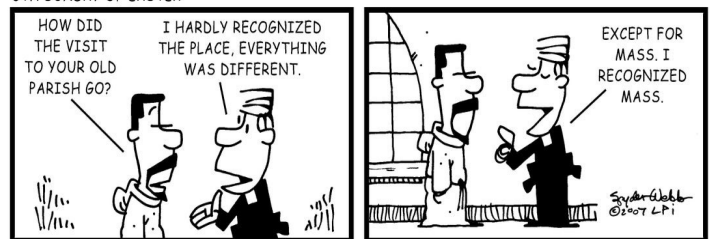
We talk about how we are called to live a stewardship way of life and that we have been given many good gifts, but it is never truly about us. We are never the main thing. In the same manner, it is never really about our parish. Our combined stewardship may lead to many fruits, like an increased offertory or more vibrancy in parish life. However, it is always about the Kingdom of God and the King, Jesus Christ.

Through our stewardship, we allow our parish community to shine like a city on a hill for others to see and then be drawn toward Jesus Christ. It is about leading people to heaven. Our actions of stewardship do not point toward us but instead to the one who calls us to this life. Our constant prayer needs to be that we always seek to discern God's will and follow it instead of our own. By doing that, we can transform our own lives, our parish communities, and then the world around us.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

POWERED BY MINISTRY ARCHITECTS
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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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Management According to the Apostles

If you've ever worked in any kind of organization, for-profit or not-for-profit, I'm sure you have attended a conference or two. Whatever our expectations going in, I usually find these conferences expose me to communication and problem-solving styles that are different from my own, nudging me into a little unexpected self-discovery. And it's a great opportunity to meet new people and do something different.

Here's my idea for a leadership conference: The Management Style of the Apostles. Think about it, the only thing the Apostles had more abundantly than holiness was problems. Lots and lots of problems ... most of them of the human resources variety. It's no small feat, starting Christ's Church on earth. I wouldn't want to be project manager of that endeavor.

The Acts of the Apostles is, in some ways, a big book full of problems and ways to solve them. It's a blueprint for tackling interpersonal issues in the manner of a true steward, who encounters every problem starting from the same place: What would my Master want?

It's a question we should be asking ourselves every time we, too, encounter a problem — especially problems relating to other people. What is the truth in this situation, and how would God have me communicate it? How could I handle this in a way that is worthy of the name of my Master?

In Acts, we see a lot of characteristics of everyday stewardship. We see the Apostles mindfully acknowledge the lack of peace that is posed by problems like false teachings, this Gospel's problem du jour. They prayerfully confront the obstacles to salvation posed by these issues. Always, always, always, their main objective is to reveal the will of God, remaining committed to the truth while helping newcomers find avenues to salvation.

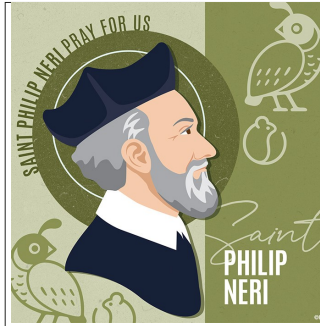
Maybe I'm just saying it because it's my idea — but it sounds like a conference we could all use.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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How can Jesus' gift of peace change your life? "My peace is my gift to you". Jesus is the gift. When you welcome Him, he brings peace!



St. Philip Neri

St. Philip Neri (1515 – 1595) was born in Italy and went to school as a child at the Dominican monastery in Florence. His family had hopes that he would work with his uncle, a wealthy merchant, and ultimately inherit his business and fortune but, shortly after

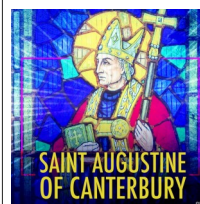
beginning his work with him, Neri had a personal conversion. He decided to move to Rome to live a life of service.

For 13 years in Rome, Neri lived as a layperson, daily engaged in prayer and the apostolate. Even as a layperson he brought the Gospel of Jesus to everyone he met. He was eventually ordained to the priesthood and became known as a compassionate confessor, quick to disarm those around him with a joke or a kind word.

He is remembered as extremely approachable and jovial. He was kind, entertaining, and spontaneous in his approach which inspired many. He led prayer groups and excursions to visit other churches which often included music and picnics, and his council was sought by rich and poor alike. He was a strict vegetarian and was known to relocate animals and birds found inside the church back into the wild.

St. Philip Neri founded The Congregation of the Oratory. This secular order included priests and brothers and did not bind them under religious vows, but instead by a *bond of charity*. These men lived together in community and served those in need with happy hearts.

St. Philip Neri's ability to increase his fellow religious leader's faith coupled with his closeness with the common people in Rome cemented his reputation as the Apostle of Rome, called by God to evangelize the Holy City. His Congregation of the Oratory is still active today accomplishing the same mission. St. Philip Neri, pray for us! ©LPi



An Italian Benedictine monk who became the "Apostle of the English," Saint Augustine of Canterbury is honored by the Catholic Church on May 27. Under the direction of Pope Saint Gregory the Great, Augustine founded the famous See of Canterbury and preached the Catholic faith to the country's Anglo-Saxon pagans during the late sixth and early seventh centuries. He is not to be confused with the earlier St. Augustine of Hippo, the famous author of the "Confessions" and "City of God." Most likely born in Rome to a noble family, he entered monastic life as a young man. The community was founded by a Benedictine monk named Gregory, who would become Pope and eventually be known as St. Gregory the Great. It was the Pope who would eventually send his fellow monk to evangelize England. His feast day is May 27.

Jubilee

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Characteristics of the Jubilee Year

Profession of Faith

The profession of faith – also known as the ‘Symbol’ - is a sign of the identity of the baptized person. The profession of faith expresses the central content of the faith: it succinctly captures the main truths that a 4 believer accepts and witnesses to on the day of his or her baptism and shares with the entire Christian community for the rest of his or her life. There are various professions of faith which show the richness of the experience of encountering Jesus Christ. Traditionally, however, there are two that have gained special recognition in the Church: the baptismal creed of the church of Rome and the Nicene-Constantinopolitan creed, originally formulated in 325 at the Council of Nicaea, in present-day Turkey, and then refined at the Council of Constantinople in 381. “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved,” (Romans 10:9-10). This passage from St. Paul emphasizes how proclaiming the mystery of faith requires a deep conversion not only in one’s words, but above all in one’s understanding of God, of oneself and of the world. “To say the Creed with faith is to enter into communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and also with the whole Church which transmits the faith to us and in whose midst, we believe” (CCC 197).

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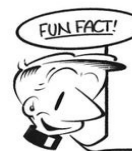
“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I will come back to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I.” — Jn 14:27-28

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