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St John the Evangelist Parish / St. Mary Parish

Bellaire - Neffs - Shadyside - Powhatan Point

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 17TH, 2026

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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"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
- Mt 28:18b-19

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before us in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. 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 Ascension of the Lord



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading: Just before his ascension, Jesus teaches his disciples that they will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to assist them in giving

witness of Jesus throughout the world. *Where do you sense the Holy Spirit active in your life?*

2nd Reading: Paul offers a prayer of petition for believers to receive a Spirit of wisdom, revelation, and enlightenment. *What might you petition from the Lord this week?*

Gospel Reading: One of the final messages the resurrected Jesus tells his disciples is that "all power in heaven and on earth has been given to me." *Where do you see Jesus' power at work on earth today?*

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Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 16th, The Ascension of the Lord
 4:00p.m. (SM) + For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's
 5:30p.m. (SJ) + Clara Presutti (Daughter ~ Terriann & Family)

Sunday, May 17th, The Ascension of the Lord
 9:30a.m. (SJ) + Richard Nowak Birthday deceased (Linda, Penny Lynn & Jo Lynn)
 11:00 a.m. (SM) +Baby Margaret Ruskowski (Scarnechia Family)

Monday, May 18th, St. John I
 5:15p.m (SJ) + Mother's Day Intentions

Tuesday, May 19th
 8:00a.m. (SM) + Alex Kish (Family)

Wednesday, May 20th, St. Bernardine of Siena
 8:00a.m. (SJ) + Justito Candari (Wife & Daughter)

Thursday, May 21st, St. Christopher Magallanes
 8:00a.m. (SM) + Mother's Day Intentions

Friday, May 22nd, St. Rita of Cascia
 8:00a.m. (SJ) + Lawrence England (Family)

Saturday, May 23rd, Pentecost Sunday
 4:00p.m. (SM) + Helen Okulanis (Daughter ~ Paula & Grandsons)
 5:30p.m. (SJ) + For the People of St. John's & St. Mary's

Sunday, May 24th, Pentecost Sunday
 9:30a.m. (SJ) + John, Rose & Cathy Magistro (Bruce & Mary Ann)
 11:00a.m.(SM) + Mother's Day Intentions



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, SSG Kayne Melko, HTF Kory Melko, Sgt. Joshua Hall, SSG Aaron Loeffler, Tech Sgt. Craig DeBeni, Lt. Col. Trey Vasey, Capt. Tom Dyer, SSG Josh Pempek, Mitchell Rataiczak, MSG Chris Dipold, Sgt. Ryan James, Sgt. Dylan Frizzi, Sgt. Jake Foster, Pvt William Clegg , Petty Officer Alex Rader, SFC Shawn Selmon, SSG Colton Selmon, Seaman Brooke Selmon, 1st Lt. DJ Olexa, SSG 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, Petty Officer 1st Class Meleah (Tiber) Hernik, Seaman Joshya D. Nelson, E -4 Specialist Luke G. Bell, SSG John Workman, Corporal Dane Miscovich

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR MAY 23/24

St. John's
May 23rd EM: B. Wallner **Lector:** D. Respole
May 24th EM: I. Louda **Lector:** A. Busic

St. Mary's
May 23rd EM:J. Ferrelli **Lector:** P. Beveridge
May 24th EM:T. Mowery **Lector:** A. Schamp

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call.
 (Eph 1:18)

Offertory Collection

For the Weekend of May 9/10

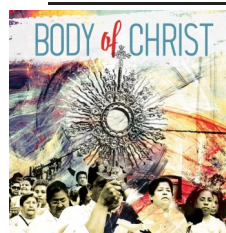
Offertory report for last weekend will be in next week's bulletin—secretary was on vacation this week!



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:* Lindy & Don Freed, Jax McCort, Dominic Alexander, Lou Ann Kinder, Mgrs. Gene Mullett, Fr. Tom Petronek, , Quentin Scott Coyne, Baby Everett Sommers, Joe Boston Jr., Bob, & Tom, Mary Kay Hanasky, John Hanasky, Beverly Kolenich , Sandy Bass , Anthony De Genova Magan Nichole Sechrest, Monroe DeLuca, Albert DeBlasis, Mary Jo Garner, Camden Thomas, Ainsley Oliniski, Beth Baker Phillips, Tom Kucera, Brian B., Joanne Dantrassy, Rita Kovalo, Susan Gray, Danielle Watt, Paula St. John, Mary Stegman, John, Mary & Heidi Patt, Raisa Rodsky, Jacquie Jochumsen, Mike Kavage, Tom Waligura, Shari Taylor, Fr. Mark Moore, Gerald Paolucci, Mark Barker, Ernest Kiss, Rose Reeher, Lou "Weegee" Bennington, Jean Morgan , Bill & Evelyn Shepherd, Peggy Byles, Adam Ruskowski, Janet (Rose) Green, Carol Zemba, Donna Richards, Jack Selmon, Jamie Ellis, Tom & Margie Merryman, Beau Boston, Emily LeMasters, Toni Sivert, Dalisay Donato, Adrienne Forbes, Stacey Gilli, Maria Biers, Max Townsend, Jim Garczyk, Debbie Respole, Julie, Brian, Patricia, Marie, Josie P. Warren Wright, Vince Lewis, Danny Nardo, Steve Loveless, Betsy Ashcraft, Bob Wallace, Verna Martin, Aleyna Zwack & Atlas Zwack-Howes, Fran Sobray, Pam (Schau) Mitchell, Taylor Foster , Diana Mc Culley, Janet Green, Darla Schau, Ella Karst, Richard Gates, Liz Gates, Peggy Gress, John Sidon, Kyle Beaver, Eileen Penyak, JoAnn Rankin , Sandina Leonard, Dick Johnson , Connor Hanasky, Brode Brown, Xander Wilson, James (Cracker) Graham, Gary DeVendra, Liz M., David Arnold , Nick Oshie

CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION



On Sunday, June 7 we will have Eucharistic procession in Bellaire in honor of the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ! The procession will begin at St. John's Church at 3:00pm and will proceed to Union Park in Bellaire. At the Park we will pause for prayer before returning to St. John's by way of Belmont St. There will be a special place in the procession for our First Communicants. Parish Groups, like the Catholic's Women's Club and the Knights of Columbus, are invited to bring a banner and march together. Other parishes throughout Belmont County will be invited to attend as well. This is a wonderful opportunity to give a public witness to our faith in Jesus present in the Eucharist. Please make plans to attend and invite your family and friends as well! There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9:30am Mass until the Procession begins at 3:00pm. Please sign up in Church to fill those hours!

SACRED HEART FAMILY ENTHRONEMENT



The Knights of Columbus are inviting all Catholics to enthrone the image of the Sacred Heart in their homes. This weekend you will be able to sign up to purchase a framed image of the Sacred Heart, a home enthronement booklet and a certificate for \$20. On June 11 the US Bishops will be consecrating our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and this is a wonderful time to consecrate your family to the Sacred Heart as well!

YOU ARE INVITED!



With great joy and gratitude to God, the Diocese of Steubenville invites you to the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacons Ryan Budd and Peter Stetson. The Ordination Mass will take place on **Saturday, May 30th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Basilica in Marietta.** This is a profound and grace-filled moment in the life of our diocese, as these two men offer their lives in service to Christ and His Church. All are warmly encouraged to attend and witness this beautiful celebration of faith and vocation. We can carpool down together. If you would like to please text (740) 298-4158

ST JOHN CHURCH FESTIVAL



We are bringing back the St. John Church Festival this year on **Saturday, June 6th, from 5pm-10:00pm** on Tallman Ave! We want to bring the same community atmosphere that we have developed at St. Mary's over the last couple of years.



ST JOHN CHURCH FESTIVAL

We are collecting items for the Chinese Auction for the St. John Parish Festival being held on Saturday, June 6th. Besides standard gift items, you can also donate gift cards, lottery tickets, and cash. You may drop your items off at the parish rectory office on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 8:00am until 4:00pm. Thank You!



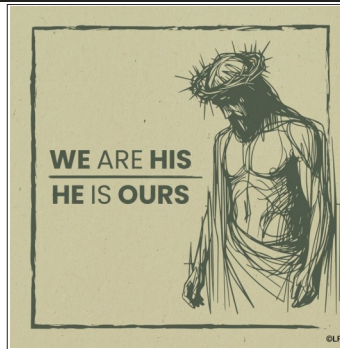
CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

We are honoring our High School Graduates this weekend! Enjoy the bios in our bulletin this weekend and pray for our graduates! If we missed anyone let us know—we can include any seniors we missed in upcoming bulletins. We are proud of you Grads!



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Eternal life, Jesus tells us, is about knowing God. It's not about power or accomplishment. It's not earned or won. It's not a prize, and it's certainly not a finish line. It's a relationship — one that is ours to begin. How will we know God this week? ©LPi



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth.

This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, "**Consecrate them in the truth.**" (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews.

Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms.

And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours.

Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

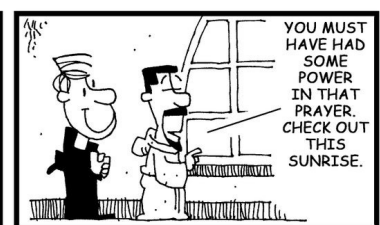
ST MARY CHURCH FESTIVAL MTG



This Thursday, May 21st we will have our first planning meeting for the 2026 St. Mary's Festival, August 14-16.

Our meeting will be at 6:00pm in the St. Mary's Religious Education building. Come join us!

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Readings for the week of May 17, 2026

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 23

THIS WEEK

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord
Honoring our Graduating Seniors
 6:00pm Shadyside High School Baccalaureate (SM)
Monday: 6:00pm COR Men's Group (SJH)
Tuesday: 9:00am -5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (SM)
 6:00pm SJ Festival Mtg (SJH)
Wednesday: 5:30pm Caring Crafters (SJH)
Thursday: 6:00pm St Mary Festival Mtg (SMRE)
 7:00pm OCIA (SJH)
Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday



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In Loving Memory Of
 The Sharpe & Cerasoli Families
By Anita & Jeannine


In Loving Memory of The
 Westlake, Gress & Novy Families
By Terry & Linda

In Loving Memory Of
 John, Rose & Cathy Magistro
By Bruce & Mary Ann

In Loving Memory of
 The Masciarelli & Smigill Families
By Sunny & Anita Smigill

In Loving Memory of the
 Kuchinka, Teasdale & Stolz Families
by Marion & Jeff

In Loving Memory Of
 The Boston & Donahue Families
By Cheryl Boston

In Loving Memory of
 Joseph, Patricia & Erin Padyjasek ~ Peter & Frances (Pronishun) 
 Stemkowski ~ Andrew & Helen (Ashmanas) Padyjasek.
Love Son~Brother~Grandson
~Peter

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 Bill Kahl *by Wife Karen*
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