

DISCIPLES CALLED TO WITNESS

St John the Evangelist Parish / St. Mary Parish

Bellaire - Neffs - Shadyside - Powhatan Point

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

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 12TH, 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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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."
- Mt 13:23

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Oh God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. 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 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question Isaiah encourages us to trust in the reliability of God's word and purposes. *When do you find yourself trusting in the Lord?*

2nd Reading Question Paul places his hope in God's promised future, when both people and creation itself will be freed from corruption and decay. *Is there something you or your family have been hoping for lately?*

Gospel Question Jesus teaches his disciples to be open (be "rich soil") to the often mysterious meaning of the parables about the kingdom of Heaven. *Are you someone who is open to new or different ideas?* ©LPi

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR JULY 18/19

St. John's

July 18th EM:B. Wallner **Lector:** S. Homer

July 19th EM: T. Young **Lector:** K. Kelly

St. Mary's

July 18th EM: I. Louda **Lector:** I. Louda

July 19th EM: J. Ferrelli **Lector:** S. Ferrelli

Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 11th, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. (SM) + Dale (deceased) & Irene Louda 62nd Wedding Anniversary (Irene)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + For the People of St. John's & St. Mary's

Sunday, July 12th, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Dom & Clara Presutti (Children)

11:00 a.m. (SM) + Cicogna & Frizzi Families (Children)

Monday, July 13th, St. Henry

5:15p.m. (SJ) + Elsie Klinec 41 year deceased (Mike & Janie Klinec)

Tuesday, July 14th, St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8:00a.m. (SM) + Jack Klug (Mary Ann Henderson)

Wednesday, July 15th, St. Bonaventure

8:00a.m. (SJ) + David Cervelli (Mariann Merryman)

Thursday, July 16th, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:00a.m. (SM) + Dolores Matuska (Chris & Diane Bailey)

Friday, July 17th

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Alfred Battistelli (Viola Franchi)

Saturday, July 18th, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. (SM) + Larry Phillips (Scarnechia Family)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Rose Busack (Family)

Sunday, July 19th, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Mary M. Hodorowski & Jolene A.

Hodorowski (Husband ~ Joe & Family)

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



Lord, bless and protect those serving our country, especially: Lt. Col. Brian Zeno,

Airmen 1st Class Curtis McElfresh, Sgt.

Christopher Wetzell, 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. 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, E-4 Specialist Wyatt L.

Robertson



HELP THOSE IS NEED

St. Mary's Parish is collecting deodorant and hand soap for the Shadyside Food Pantry. We will be taking donations in June & July. Please drop your donations off in the back of church. Thank You!



IT'S FESTIVAL TIME!

St. Mary's Festival will be held August 14-

16th. There will be live entertainment, Rotisserie

Chicken Dinners, Beer & Wine Garden, Chinese

Auction, 50/50 drawing, Texas Poker, Kids Zone

and much more! **We need donations of** pop, water, baked

goods, gift cards, Chinese Auction items, and, ... your Time!

Offertory Collection

For the Weekend of July 4/5

St. John's: Adult (72env) \$3,283, Loose \$372, Building Fund (1env) \$150, St. Vincent de Paul (1env) \$20, Grade School (1env) \$20, Father's Day (1env) \$10

St. Mary's: Adult (32env) \$1,550, Loose \$102, Peter's Pence (1env) \$10, St. Vincent de Paul (3env) \$130, Grade School (2env) \$30, Building Fund (1env) \$20, Food Pantry (2env) \$30, Father's Day (1env) \$20



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 Koval, Susan Gray, Danielle Watt, Paula St. John, Mary Stegman, John, Mary & Heidi Patt, Raisa Rodsky, Jacquie Jochumsen, Tom Waligura, Shari Taylor, Gerald Paolucci, Mark Barker, Ernest Kiss, Rose Reeher, Lou "Weegee" Bennington, Jean Morgan , Bill Shepherd, Peggy Byles, Adam Ruskowski, Janet (Rose) Green, Carol Zemba, Donna Richards, Jack Selmon, Jamie Ellis, Tom & Margie Merryman, Beau Boston, Emily LeMasters, Dalisay Donato, Adrienne Forbes, Stacey Gilli, Max Townsend, 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, Pam (Schau) Mitchell, Taylor Foster , Diana McCulley, Janet Green, Darla Schau, Ella Karst, Richard Gates, Liz Gates, Peggy Gress, 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 ,Tom Lengyel, Joe Munjas, Fr. Tim Shannon, Bill West, Johnny Rushman , Linda Tylka, Patty Smith, Martha Rollandini, Marty Strussion



Labor Day Car Show

This Labor Day, Monday September 7th, our church will be hosting our 2nd annual cruise-in-style car show. It will be from 10am-4pm and free to spectators. There is a \$10 entry

fee. Thanks to your generosity last year our profit was \$7,500 that we were able to donate to the Salvation Army Emergency Center, St. Vincent de Paul, Bellaire Local Schools Weekend Food Program, the Living Bread Pantry & the Coat Closet at the Bellaire Presbyterian Church!

We are in need of Gift Cards for the Car Show. Please drop them off at the parish office by Wednesday Aug. 30th. Thank You! Any questions please call Dom at 740-579-6867

Welcome.

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Most of the people you see every day feel like something is missing in their lives. **Welcome** is an incredible experience that helps them discover what that something is—and what to do about it. It's run by parishioners for parishioners, and it's re-energizing parishes across the country.

Welcome, a program by Dynamic Catholic, is an overnight weekend experience for our parishioners given by men or women of our parishes. Through fellowship, faith sharing, hospitality, music, individual and group activities, Mass, and more, participants have the opportunity to step back from the everyday to reflect on their lives and their spiritual journeys and build meaningful relationships with other men or women in the parish. (Men and women attend separate weekends.)

We are looking for 12 men and 12 women to be the first Giving Team for a Welcome weekend in our parishes. Over a period of about 6 months you will be trained to give the initial weekend. After that a new Giving Team will be formed from the men and women who attend our first Welcome retreat.

Everyone is invited to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, July 22 at 6:30pm in the St. John Church Hall.



WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Have you or someone you know been thinking about becoming Catholic, getting baptized or receiving the other sacraments of initiation, or simply learning about more about the Catholic faith? Join us for **Discover Catholicism & OCIA** (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) this **Thursday, July 16 at 7:00pm** in the St. John's Church Hall. Everyone is welcome - whether you're exploring the faith, a baptized Christian considering becoming Catholic, a baptized Catholic who still needs First Communion or Confirmation, or simply want to better understand Catholic teaching.

Your invitation matters! Invite a family member, friend, co-worker, neighbor, or someone who has been away from the Church. One simple invitation may be the beginning of a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ!

For more information please call or text (740) 298-4158.



School Supply Donations

St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting school supplies until July 27th. We will have a bin in the back of the churches. Thank You!

Items that are in need:

- *1 inch 3 ring binders / *2 inch 3 ring binders
- *Dividers - 6 count & 8 count / *Packages of loose leaf paper - wide & college / *1 subject notebooks — wide & college /
- *Scissors for grades 4-6 / *Glue Sticks / *Marker dry erase black (Black) / *Markers / *Colored Pencils / *Crayons /
- *Index Cards / *Ear Buds and Head Phones



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning?

I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an

uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. **"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."** By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed **"understand the Word."** Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO ST. JOHN CHURCH

In Memory of Doris Goff by Jim & Dewetta Miller

In Memory of Rose Busack-Leinweber by Frances Pucharich, Martie Dillon, Ken & Gladys Sluss & Peace Church Family.

In Memory of Bob Petho by Harrigan Family.



Eucharistic Adorers Needed

We are in need of Adorers for our Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 9:00a.m.—5:00p.m. at St. Mary's Church. We especially are in need for someone for the 3:00p.m.—4:00p.m. time slot. Please call or text (740) 298-4158 if you can help!



This Week on Formed

Week of July 12, 2026



St. Kateri Tekakwitha | God's Princesses

Follow along with Sister Imelda as she tells of the inspiring journey of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a young Mohawk girl who comes to know the Gospel with the help of pioneering priests. Choosing to follow Jesus, Kateri is faced with great challenges as she does her best to bring God's love to her own people! A fun and inspiring example of not giving up!



St. Bonaventure | Catholic Saints

A Franciscan cardinal-bishop and contemporary of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure is an excellent example of saintly humility. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor," St. Bonaventure loved God above all else. Join Dr. Chris Mooney and Mary McGeehan as they explore the life of this great saint.



What Catholics Believe About Mary: Immaculate Conception, Virginity

Join Dr. Edward Sri as he answers some of the internet's most asked questions about Mary. Who is Mary? Why do Catholics pray to Mary? How could she be a virgin if Jesus had brothers and sisters according to the Bible? Find out answers to these and more questions in this episode of What Catholics Believe.

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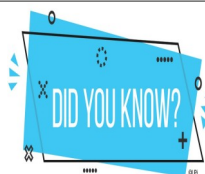
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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: In what country did both the Christmas tree and the Advent wreath originate?

Answer: In Germany ©LPi



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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time / July 19, 2026

First Reading: For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. (Wis 12:16)

Psalm: Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

Second Reading: And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will. (Rom 8:27)

Gospel: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants." (Mt 13:31-32)

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CCC 543-550: the Kingdom of God

CCC 309-314: God's goodness and the scandal of evil

CCC 825, 827: weeds and seed of Gospel in everyone and in the Church

CCC 1425-1429: need for ongoing conversion

CCC 2630: prayer of petition voiced profoundly by the Holy Spirit



Virtues, Explained!

Forgiveness, Explained!

The virtue of forgiveness is described to us in detail by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 18, when he tells Peter that he must forgive his brother "not seven times, but seventy-seven times" before relating the parable of the unforgiving servant. Here we see that exercising forgiveness is an absolute requirement of the Christian life. What we have received from God through no merit of our own, we must likewise extend to others.

Forgiveness is love in action — and as is the case with most virtues, if we find it hard to practice, that means we're doing it right. The Catechism says that forgiveness "bears witness that...love is stronger than sin" (CCC 2844) and points out that it "is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession." (CCC 2843) ©LPi

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Gardener and the Soil

I began writing this piece by googling “how do you make soil fertile?” which should tell you everything you need to know about my own abilities as a gardener.

I remember seeing a packet of seeds in the store one summer as a child and convincing my mother to buy them. They were delphiniums, which bloom into a beautiful cone shape if you know what you’re doing. Alas, I didn’t. I chose for my garden a particularly dry spot of earth right next to my backyard playset, scattered the seeds, congratulated myself, and went on my merry way. I returned occasionally to water the area, but only when I remembered to.

Nothing grew, not even a little sprout. I was more than heartbroken — my faith was shaken. I had planted these seeds! I had watered them! (A little.) There was sunlight! All my childhood books and rhymes said this was all you needed. Was it all a lie?

Of course it wasn’t a lie. Seeds need soil, sunlight, water, and oxygen — good soil, adequate sunlight for whatever the plant is, and consistent water.

So what seeds need more than anything is a gardener. (At least, delphiniums do.)

When I hear the parable of the rich soil and the rocky ground in the Gospel of Matthew, I often miss the point. I think Jesus is trying to give me a message about how I should be. “Be better.” That’s what I think he’s telling me.

I forget that I am only the soil. I cannot enrich myself; all my efforts to do so will come to nothing. What he is telling me is to ask the gardener: “Make me what I need to be.” ©LPi

**LIVE THE LITURGY—
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Our hearts are fertile ground for the Word of God, but we must be careful gardeners. Be conscious of what damages and depletes the soil of your heart. Pay attention to what nourishes it, so that the goodness of the Word can bloom forth into the world. ©LPi

**PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND
EVERYBODY****Blessing for Abundant Growth**

Dear God,
Bless our efforts in Your Name.

Help us to understand Your will.

Allow us to follow the invitation You have provided.

We want to be rich soil — help us respond deeply and abundantly to every place You call. Amen.

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**WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE
EXPLAINED** **Sharing Your Faith**

Question: *My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?*

Answer: There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you! ©LPi

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN
YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS****What is Planted in your Heart**

Over the years I have wasted a lot: a lot of money, a lot of time, and a lot of talent. Sometimes I didn't realize I was wasting these things but, after reflection, I realized I could have done more and accomplished much greater things. Of course, I think that is part of our imperfect humanity. It truly is easier for us to waste our gifts than grow them into something more.

The parable of the sower speaks about the word of God that gets planted in our hearts. If the soil of our heart is rich, than the word will grow and change us. If that soil is rocky or full of weeds, the word will lie there without any impact, bearing no fruit.

This parable can be applied to living a stewardship way of life as well. As sowers, we have been given the seeds of our time, talent, and treasure. We have a choice of where to plant these gifts. As good everyday stewards, we are called to plant them wisely and prudently. Oftentimes it is not enough to simply give away what we have. We need to discern the best places to sow these gifts so the maximum harvest can grow. This takes prayer, reflection, and study. Without a solid discernment process, we can find ourselves sowing seeds endlessly without much to show for it. But joyful is the person who has used one's gifts wisely, for the bounty of the harvest is great.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

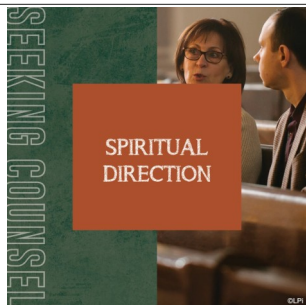
Focus on the Good

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who live their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Devotions, Explained !

Spiritual Direction, Explained!

Spiritual direction is the practice of seeking counsel from someone who is trustworthy and learned in the faith for the purpose of discerning the will of God in one's life and for more effectively living out one's

baptismal calling.

All Christians are commanded, in a way, to provide spiritual aid to one another ("Go, make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" — Matthew 28:19), but a spiritual director is usually an individual who has received some form of training or formation for this specific purpose. The Catholic Church, however, does not have explicit requirements, professional standards or a formal certification process for spiritual directors. Spiritual directors can be lay, religious or ordained persons.

Spiritual direction is not to be confused with the sacrament of Penance, though the latter does usually include some spiritual counsel. ©LPi



BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE An Abortion Testimony

The following words were written by one of the many women whose abortion testimonies can be found at www.AbortionTestimonies.com.

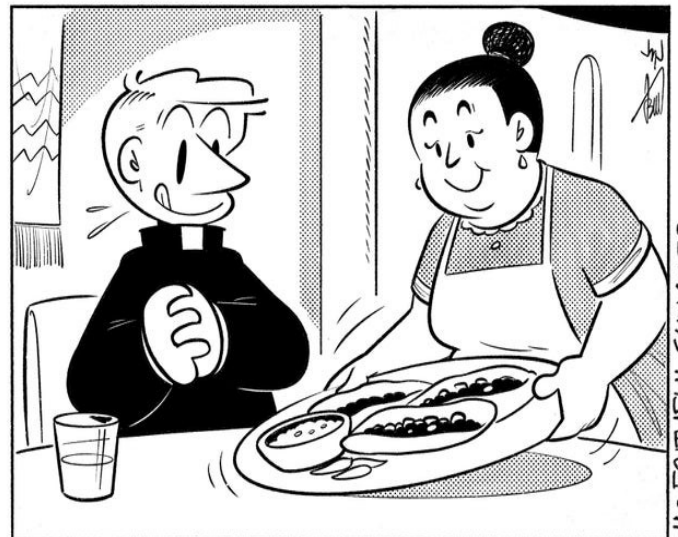
"I went to Planned Parenthood for a pregnancy test. They didn't do ANY counseling about fetal development or alternatives. An abortion was "the answer" just because I didn't want to be pregnant yet, even though I was happily married and had no financial problems, etc. etc.

"I was treated like a cow. There was no explanation AT ALL by the abortionist regarding ANYTHING that could have helped me think twice about "my" decision to have an abortion. Of course, it wasn't really "my" decision at all. Everybody else decided for me. My husband didn't want me to abort, but all the professionals "knew better what was best for me."

"I still cannot tell anyone else about it, even though it's been over 20 years now. It's made me very pro-life, because I KNOW the deceit that goes on in so-called "counseling." Not one day goes by that I don't think about it with regret and sorrow.

"I also have accepted the Lord as my Savior, and that has helped."

"What's a priest's favorite type of taco?"



"Tacos Al Pastor."



This taco term means "shepherd style" in Spanish and was inspired by Lebanese immigrants who made lamb in Mexico. Mexicans adopted the style and made their own (yummy) version. "Pastor" means "shepherd," something he does for his congregation.

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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH / ST MARY PARISH : BELLAIRE, NEFFS, SHADYSIDE, POWHATAN

Readings for the week of July 12, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34-
11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/
Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-
18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom
8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

THIS WEEK

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: 9: 00a.m.– 5:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
7:00p.m. St. Mary Festival Mtg. (SMRE)
Wednesday: 5:30p.m. Caring Crafters (SJH)
Thursday: 7:00p.m. Discover Catholicism and OCIA
(SJH)
Saturday: 8:15a.m.– 9:00a.m. Men's Book Study (SM)
Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CARING CRAFTERS NEWS



Christmas in July paint workshop on July
23. Watch for flyers at church entrances! We
will meet on the 15th & 29th of July! All are
welcome to attend!

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

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

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
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