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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 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 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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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."
- Mt 18:21-22

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIFE. LOVE. PURPOSE.

What Jesus has to say about the things that matter most.

MESSAGE SERIES

Welcome to our four-week message series, **Life.Love.Purpose**, where we will explore

what Jesus has to say about the things that matter most. Four weeks. Four questions. One invitation: Come and see what Jesus has to say about your life.

Week Two: When You Can't Let Go

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

The question: How do I forgive someone who has hurt me?

Peter thinks he's being generous when he asks Jesus if he should forgive seven times. Jesus essentially says: You haven't even begun to understand forgiveness yet. The parable of the unforgiving servant reveals the connection between the mercy we receive and the mercy we give. Basically, we become capable of forgiving others when we realize how deeply we ourselves have been forgiven. We all carry wounds. We all carry a debt before God. Mercy received becomes mercy given. Forgiveness doesn't mean pretending the hurt didn't happen. Forgiveness doesn't change the past. It changes who controls your future. Remember the mercy that God has shown you. How could we then withhold mercy?

This week's Invitation: Think of the person you most need to forgive.

Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 12th, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. (SM) + Judy Rulong (Paula Phillips)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Dom Presutti (Daughter ~ Terriann & Family)

Sunday, September 13th, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Rick Midei (John & Cathy Traylinek)

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

Monday, September 14th, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

*12:15p.m.(SJ) + Marcia Eggert (John & "Bubba" Kapral)

Tuesday, September 15th, Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00a.m. (SM) + Roger & "Bubba" Peters (Family)

Wednesday, September 16th, St. Cornelius/ St. Cyprian

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Eileen Bladen (Son Chris)

Thursday, September 17th, St. Robert Bellamine/St. Hildegard of Bingen

8:00a.m. (SM) + Jo Ellen Kolvek (Tom & Judy Long)

Friday, September 18th

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Mike Rose (Jerry & Carol Craig)

Saturday, September 19th, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. (SM) + Joseph Hores 3years deceased (Family)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Mary Catherine Nixon (Gary & Lisa Ponzani)

Sunday, September 20th,

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Russ Burkhart (Bob & Andrea Koteles)

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 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



The **Caring Crafters** are holding a **Fall Paint Workshop**. September 22nd 6pm-8pm. In St. John's Hall. Flyers are at the church entrances. Fun for all!

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH KIOSK

Live out the Church's vision for our families by checking out the **Building the Domestic Church** kiosk in the back of our churches. All Booklets are free of charge, thanks to our Knights of Columbus Council!

Offertory Collection

For the Weekend of September 6/7

St. John's: Adult (120env) \$7,100, Loose \$439, Assumption (1env) \$10, Immaculate Heart (1env) \$10, St. Vincent de Paul (4env)\$115, Grade School (4env) \$87, Cemetery (1env) \$20, Building Fund (4env)\$220

St. Mary's: Adult (57env) \$2,140, Loose \$241, Assumption (1env) \$10, Immaculate Heart Fund (1env) \$20, St. Vincent de Paul Society (5env) \$155, St. Mary's School (2env) \$30, Building Fund (6env) \$145



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, Jeremy Chirpas, Tyce Hughes, 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 Kovalov, Susan Gray, Danielle Watt, Mary Stegman, John, Mary & Heidi Patt, Raisa Rodsky, Tom Waligura, Shari Taylor, Gerald Paolucci, Mark Barker, Ernest Kiss, Rose Reeher, Lou "Weegee" Bennington, Jean Morgan, Bill Shepherd, Peggy Byles, 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, Julie, Brian, Patricia, Diana McCulley, Janet Green, Darla Schau, Ella Karst, 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, Bill West, Johnny Rushman, Patty Smith, Martha Rollandini, Marty Strussion, Waneta Janosik, Jarrett Burga, Joseph Weyrick, Cathy Cilles, Henry Boston, Bubba Kapral, Jan West, Marlene Workman, Cathy Wright, Brady Boyd



Recycle Your Religious Items!

A Religious Recycle Group will be stopping by to collect Religious items that need a new home. **Items they take are anything Catholic such as Statues, Rosaries (Broken rosaries OK), Crucifixes, Holy Medals, Holy Cards, Framed Pictures, Prayer Books and Bibles as well as used musical instruments.**

Items they do not take- Outdoor Concrete Statuary, Religious Reading Books that would qualify as a Catholic Library Book, Pamphlets, Greeting Cards, Wax Candles, Angel Figurines (Saint Angels are fine), Christmas decorations. Please bring your items into the parish office no later than **Sunday September 13th.**

**Financial Peace University**

This culture is designed to take you down. Credit cards, car loans, student loans . . . they'll keep you paying way too much money for way too long. But there's one way out of the mess of debt, and it starts right here with you. You can change your future today by taking a Financial Peace University class. You'll learn to pay off debt fast, save more money, and build lasting wealth. Class starts on Tuesday, September 29, at 6:00pm in the St. John's Church Hall. The cost of the class is \$79.90, with financial aid available if the cost is a problem. Sign up today on our website, www.bnspcatholic.org, or text (740) 298-4158 for more info. Get some financial peace in your life!

**St. John the Evangelist and St. Mary Parishes****Faith Formation Program 2026-2027**

Classes Pre-K through Adult begin Sunday, September 20, 9:30am-10:45am, St. Mary's Church Religious Education Building. There will be other times available for adults to attend class together during the week.

You can sign up by texting your name and phone number to (740) 298-4158, or online at our website www.bnspcatholic.org or by scanning the QR Code

**ST. MARY CENTRAL TIGER TROT FUNDRAISER**

St. Mary Central School, Martins Ferry, is having their 13th Annual Tiger Trot walk-a-thon on Friday, October 9, 2026 in the school parking lot/ playground. Sponsor sheets are with this bulletin. Please consider being a sponsor. Any size donation is greatly appreciated. Donations will be accepted even after the event. If you have a student or family that you would like to receive the credit for your donation, please include their name. They can be dropped in the collection basket at Mass or mailed to St. Mary Central School, 24 N 4th St., Martins Ferry, OH 43935. Thank you for supporting our Catholic School!

**PARISH PICNIC**

Our Parish Picnic is this Sunday, September 13, 2026, 12:45pm - 3:00pm at the Powhatan Pt., Park Shelter, 147 Allen Ave, Powhatan Pt, OH 43942. The parish will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks, and parishioners are asked to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR SEPTEMBER 19/20**St. John's**

September 19th EM: J. Orsini Lector: M. Kosky
September 20th EM: T. Young Lector: A. Busic

St. Mary's

September 19th EM: L.Gates Lector: J. Amato
September 20th EM: L. Kernik Lector: A. Schamp

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, "You know, you don't have to say 'sorry' so often." She looked me right in the eyes and said, "Father, you're right. I'm sorry." Her ear-to-ear grin

betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter's question, "**Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?**" Jesus responds, "**I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.**" In other words, Peter, stop counting.

Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

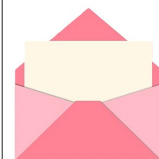
Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it.

— Father John Muir

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**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Janice (Gooch) Campbell**. We offer our prayers also for the comfort of her loved ones. *If you have a family member that dies but was not buried from our parishes please call the parish office, we would like to include them here in this space.*

**CARD SHOWER**

The Catholic Woman's Club from Central Florida are wanting to do a Card Shower for Fr. Richard Tuttle, a retired priest of the Diocese of Steubenville, in honor of his 50th Ordination Anniversary. (May 1st, 1976). Right now he is in the hospital and has been there since January of this year. They are hoping that when he gets released from the hospital that they will then present him with these cards of love and encouragement. Address the cards to **Fr. Richard Tuttle, C/O Fran Biggs 598 San Joaquin, Kissimmee, Florida 34759.**

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord.

—Romans 14:8



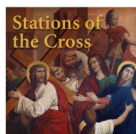
This Week on Formed

Week of September 13, 2026



The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.



Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer.



Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer

Discover the value of redemptive motherhood by tuning in to Anna Mitchell, co-host of EWTN's "The Son Rise Morning Show." Anna shares the story of her five-year-old's serious illness along with the miraculous intercession of a fourth-century martyr.

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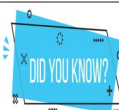
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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: True or false: A pope's pontificate begins at their coronation.

Answer: False. It begins when they accept the election results. ©LPi



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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time / September 20, 2026

First Reading: Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. (Is 55:6)

Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading: I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. (Phil 1:23)

Gospel: "What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?" (Mt 20:14-15)

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CCC 210-211: God of mercy and piety
CCC 588-589: Jesus identifies his compassion to sinners with God's



Virtues, Explained!

Friendliness, Explained!

The modern world we all must share seems, in some ways, to be shrinking.

For good or ill, thanks to the internet, the widespread use of social media, and the omnipresence of smartphones, we are finding ourselves interacting frequently with people who live, act, and think differently than we do.

It may well be that the virtue of friendliness, known officially as affability, is more important than ever.

In fact, being attached as it is to the virtue of justice, friendliness is a debt we owe our fellow human beings, writes St. Thomas Aquinas (*Sum.*, II:II, 114, Art. 2). The fact is, we cannot evangelize without kindness. We can see this in the instructions Christ gives his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew: "As you enter a house, wish it peace. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you." (Matthew 10:13) ©LPi

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mercy You Can Feel

"You qualify for forgiveness," I heard the woman on the other end of the phone tell me, and I surprised myself by starting to weep.

I had called the hospital system's financial services department to set up a payment plan on a balance I owed after having some unexpected scans and tests. I was hoping to minimize the dent our family's savings took — transform one devastating wallop into a series of more easily absorbed blows, so to speak.

Imagine my surprise when I realized the hospital was pulling its punch. If you have ever had a financial debt forgiven, you know the relief that came over me in that moment.

It wasn't until a little later that the guilt set in. I know so many people who have medical debt. Why was I able to get out of paying, and they were not?

But the cold, hard truth is that I didn't "get out" of anything. My insurance, for which I pay, had given the hospital enough money to cover the true cost of the procedures. That balance would merely have increased the hospital's profit.

Make no mistake: capitalism does not forgive.

If you describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation to someone unfamiliar with theology, chances are they'll think God is a chump. "You get to go in, say you're sorry, and leave — and everything's just fine?" someone once asked me in disbelief.

Well, yeah. That's forgiveness.

Real mercy cannot be budgeted. It must be given recklessly, extravagantly, against all reason. It must cost the giver. It must scandalize any accountant worth his salt. And no one "qualifies."

If I can't wrap my head around the idea, it might mean I'm stuck in a for-profit paradigm of justice. It might just mean that I need to engage more in real mercy. Mercy I can feel.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**Communion**

Question: *Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?*

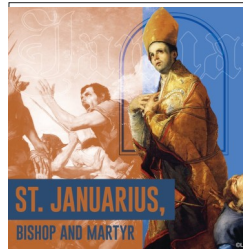
Answer: Outside of the Church, many organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic "requirements" for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true "Bread of Life." It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin.

While we share many articles of faith with our Protestant brothers and sisters, their understanding of this teaching is fundamentally different. For most non-Catholic churches, they do not believe that Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. As such, they should not receive communion in a Catholic Church. These differences are greater for people of non-Christian faiths, and even more apparent for those who do not believe in God. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith. ©LPi

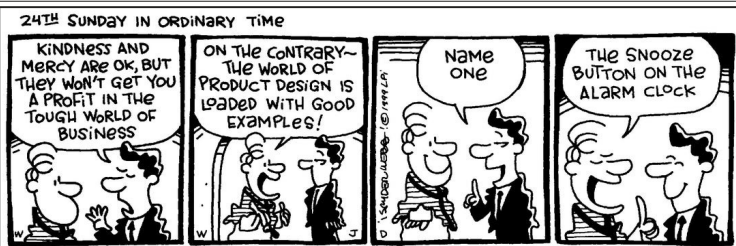
**PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY****A Blessing for Grandparents**

Dear God,

Bless the grandparents in our community. Stir in them a sense of caring, thoughtfulness, and kindness toward their preceding generations. Like St. Anne and St. Joachim, inspire them to live lives of brave faith and virtue. Give them and their families warm memories, happy times, and bright hope. Amen.
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**St. Januarius/September 19th**

Little is known about the life of St. Januarius. He is believed to have been martyred in the Emperor Diocletian's persecution of 305. Legend has it that Januarius and his companions were thrown to the bears in the amphitheater of Pozzuoli, but the animals failed to attack them. They were then beheaded, and Januarius' blood ultimately brought to Naples. "A dark mass that half fills a hermetically sealed four-inch glass container, and is preserved in a double reliquary in the Naples cathedral as the blood of St. Januarius, liquefies 18 times during the year... Various experiments have been applied, but the phenomenon eludes natural explanation" (From the Catholic Encyclopedia)



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Forgiving Wrongdoings

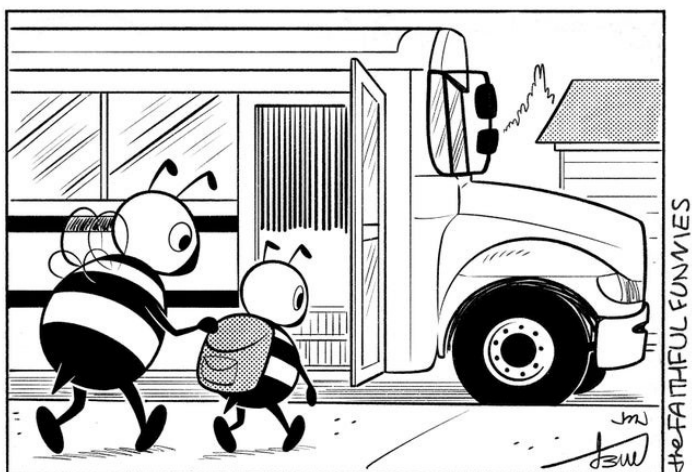
Life was not always easy with my father when I was growing up. Let's just say he made many decisions along the way that led to fear, anger, and sadness for my family and me. Unfortunately, I was the only one in the family that would years later truly forgive him for his actions. My mother and sister held onto the resentment and anger they felt all their lives. For my father and me, reconciliation led to several years of a deepening relationship before his passing in 2011.

Forgiveness is not easy and I do not consider myself better or stronger because I was able to forgive and my family members could not. However, I can say that the blessings I received due to forgiveness and a renewed relationship with my father were far better than the animosity experienced by others. I also learned that forgiveness benefited me far more than my father.

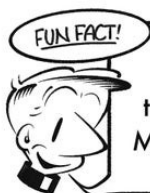
As good stewards of time, we must realize that each passing day will never come again. What we do with that time is completely up to us. We can be wise and use it to build bridges, heal wounds, and cultivate love where there is hate. We can also choose to waste time in fear, resentment, and anger. I thank God often for the gift of my dad. However, I thank God more for the gift of time spent with him and the ability to see him not with my human eyes, but with the eyes of Jesus.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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"How do bees get to school?"



"By taking the school buzz."



Say a prayer for the students and teachers returning to school this season. May God bless their comings and goings!

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TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS



BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE



From Saint Teresa of Calcutta

"But I feel a great destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a direct war, a direct killing, direct murder by the mother herself. And we read in the scripture, for God says very clearly. "Even if a mother could forget her child, I will not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of My Hand." We are carved in the palm of His Hand; so close to Him, that unborn child has been carved in the Hand of God. And that is what strikes me most, the beginning of that sentence, that even a mother could forget something impossible—but even if she could forget -- "I will not forget you." And today the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. And we who are standing here—our parents wanted us. We would not be here if our parents would do that to us." — Lecture upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Oslo, Norway, Dec. 11, 1979.



The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady of Sorrows

The Prophecy of Simeon: Simeon tells Mary that a sword will pierce her own soul too. (Luke 2:34-35)

The Flight into Egypt: Joseph and Mary take infant Jesus to Egypt to escape King Herod's daughter. (Matthew 2:13-15)

The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple: Mary and Joseph search for the missing twelve-year-old Jesus for three days. (Luke 2:41-50)

Mary Meets Jesus on the way to Calvary: Mary sees Jesus carrying his heavy cross to his crucifixion.

The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus: Mary Stands at the foot of the cross and witnesses her son die. (John 19:25-30)

Jesus is taken down from the Cross: The dead body of Jesus is placed in Mary's arms (the Pietà)

The Burial of Jesus: Jesus is laid in the tomb.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, *Should I Stay, or Should I Go*, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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Devotions, Explained!

Litany, Explained!

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often “hear our prayer” or “pray for us”). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.

The basis of the word “litany” comes from the Greek word for “supplication” or “petition.” In a litany, the leader will make an appeal or a statement and the congregation will make the response. Litanies can also be said by one person acting as both the leader and the respondent.

Many litanies have been written, including litanies to the Holy Name of Jesus, the Sacred Heart, the Most Precious Blood, litanies appealing to the intercession of various saints, and litanies to the Blessed Mother under her different titles. There are also litanies composed for the attainment of graces and virtues, including

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The **Feast of the Holy Cross, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, or Feast of the Cross** commemorates the True Cross. On 13 September 335, the Constantinian Basilica over the Holy Sepulchre was consecrated in Jerusalem. The day after the church's consecration, the relic of the cross was shown (“exalted”) for the first time to the people for veneration. Later, the feast was also associated with the commemoration of the recovery of the Holy Cross by the Byzantine emperor Heraclius on 13 September 628.

In the liturgical year, there are several celebrations which honor and celebrate the cross used in the crucifixion. Unlike Good Friday, which is dedicated to the passion of Christ and the crucifixion, these feast days celebrate the Cross itself, as the sign of salvation. It is celebrated by Catholics (Latin Church Catholics, Eastern Catholics), Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Church of the East, Old Catholics, Lutherans and Anglicans, and to a lesser extent by Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists. The most common day of commemoration is September 14 for churches that use the Gregorian calendar and September 27 for churches that use the Julian calendar, Ge'ez calendar, or Coptic calendar.

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Readings for the week of September 13, 2026

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

THIS WEEK

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 12:45pm-3:00pm Parish Picnic (Powhatan Park Shelter)
Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 10:00a.m.SFC Meeting (Nazarene Hall)
 12:15pm Mass (SJ)
 5:00p.m. BBA Mtg.
 7:00p.m. K of C Mtg.
Tuesday: 9:00a.m.— 5:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday: 7:00p.m. Discover Catholicism & OCIA (SJH)
Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:30a.m.—10:45a.m.Parish School of Religion (SMRE)
 St. Michael Novena Day 1

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By Bruce & Mary Ann*

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by Marion & Jeff*

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