

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Founded 1841—Completed 1867
*A parish of the Roman Catholic
Diocese of Steubenville*

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Fr. Dale Tornes, retired

**24TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

FORGIVE
as you've been
FORGIVEN

Matthew 18:21-35

Good News!

By: THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

As we hear today's Gospel of the servant whose enormous debt is forgiven, yet who refuses mercy to a fellow servant owing far less, we cannot help but ask: how can this be? This is the first question that comes to mind. How could a person be forgiven so much and then, just a few minutes later, refuse to forgive something inconsequential in comparison? Selfishness doesn't really explain it. Being so full of oneself doesn't explain it. Being completely dense and obtuse is perhaps closer to the truth, but even that explanation comes up short.

The truth is that the exaggeration of the debt is secondary to the story. What is essential to the story is the invitation to reflect on what it means to be a human being. It is to acknowledge that, when all is said and done, everyone owes a huge debt. No one is exempt from gratitude. An honest acceptance of who we are—completely and totally dependent on God who created us—is the core truth. To be so disconnected from this truth as to not recognize one's own dependence and be completely unaware of the need to be grateful—that is the real challenge the story considers.

Matrimony: Engaged couples, should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the intended wedding, for Pre-marriage interview. Pre-marriage formation (Pre-Cana) is required to prepare for this serious, lifelong commitment.

Baptism: call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism 740-896-3566.

The Homebound/Nursing Home/Hospitalized: Please call the parish office. Due to HIPPA laws we may not be otherwise notified.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated upon request. Call the Parish Office.

Prayer line: Offering our prayerful support for your intentions. Mary Brooker 740-896-2002 or Mrs. Elaine Wells 740-896-3112.

Reconciliation: Opportunities to celebrate God's forgiveness in one's life are available on Saturday from 5:00-5:45 p.m., Sunday 6:45am to 7:15am and 10:00am to 10:45am. Individual appointment by calling parish office.

Bulletin Information: Please have all bulletin information to the Rectory no later than Wednesday at 6 p.m.

MASS INTENTION SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	09/12	4:00	p.m.	+David Erb (Richard and Melissa Tornes)
	SJB	09/12	6:00	p.m.	+Kendrick Schwendeman (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling)
Sunday	SJB	09/13	7:30	a.m.	+Jeremy Schott (Ed and Anna Mae Brooker Family)
	OLM	09/13	9:30	a.m.	+Dan Strahler (Andrew Strahler)
	SJB	09/13	11:00	a.m.	+Richard C. Arnold (Shelba Arnold and Family)
Monday	SJB	09/14	8:00	a.m.	+Regis and +Mary Huck (Wed. Anniv.) (Family)
Tuesday	SJB	09/15	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	09/15	5:00	p.m.	+Elaine Fisher (Dan and Elanda Fliehman) +Frank Stella, Ted Leonhart (Debbie Misel)
Wednesday	SJB	09/16	8:30	a.m.	+Hilda Gebhart (Anniv. 9/15) (Family) School Mass +Alvin Arnold (Hugh and Kelley Arnold)
Thursday	SJB	09/17	8:00	a.m.	No Mass Today
	OLM	09/17	5:00	p.m.	+Donnie Heiss (Mitch & Loraine Schott) +Marie Scyphers (Ed Schilling)
Friday	SJB	09/18	8:00	a.m.	+Bryan Way (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family) +Sally McDonie (Bob and Peggy Byers)
Saturday	OLM	09/19	4:00	p.m.	The Peters Family (Marilyn and Heather Peters)
	SJB	09/19	6:30	p.m.	Deceased of the +Walter and +Alice Klinger Family (Rick Canterbury and Family)
Sunday	SJB	09/20	7:30	a.m.	+Larry Schaad (Dave and Veronica Bosner)
	OLM	09/20	9:30	a.m.	+Marian Stalter (Peg Huck)
	SJB	09/20	11:00	a.m.	+Leo Huck (50th Anniv.) (Lloyd and Bonnie Flowers)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTER SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</u>
Saturday 6:00 p.m.	Baylee and Morgan Warner	Coletyn Dyar	Melinda Treadway
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Connor McCartney Keegan Pottmeyer	Hugh Arnold	Connie Arnold
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Sophee and Brenlee Lang	Ashleigh Pennock	Tonia Skinner
<u>COLLECTION</u> Total Collection (last weekend) \$4,286 Need to meet parish needs \$4,750 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!		<u>DPSC</u> 2026 Collected to date \$54,235 2026 DPSC Goal \$36,584 THANK YOU!	 Please pray for all of the men and women who are currently serving our country in the military. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

**This August,
Make Your Will
the Catholic Way.**

Take 30 minutes to plan ahead, care for your family, and reflect your faith.

Make Your Will Today.

CATHOLIC
— LEGACY —

A Free Resource for You
Offered by St. John the Baptist
Roman Catholic Church




UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 21	CWC Meeting
Sep 25	No School-St. John's
Sep 30	Daily Bread Kitchen
Oct 1	Sr. Citizen Meeting
Oct 17	K of C Dueling Pianos



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Isaiah 55:6-9 / Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a / Matthew 20:1-16a

CWC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The CWC will be starting up again in September. This meeting will be held on the third Monday, September 21 (instead of the second Monday) in the Sr. Center. The meeting will begin with the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend. The remaining meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month unless otherwise noted.

JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Steubenville is offering a special Mass in recognition of significant wedding anniversaries for the people of the Diocese of Steubenville. Couples celebrating their 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversaries of marriage are invited to attend. The Mass in our area will be celebrated at 12 Noon on Sunday, November 8th at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta. All couples presenting themselves for recognition at the Mass must register and be living in union with the Catholic Church, which is married in the presence of a priest. For those wishing to attend, please register by notifying Father or the parish office by October 9th.

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY

(CiR) Catholic in Recovery for the Mid-Ohio Valley holds weekly, general recovery meetings on Monday's at 7pm in the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church parish hall in Parkersburg, WV. For more information please contact John B. at: CatholicInRecoveryMOV12@gmail.com or call (681) 229-7220.

Pray for the priests who serve the people of the Diocese of Sept. 13, Fr. Jeremiah Hahn; Sept. 14 Fr. Daniel Heusel; Sept. 15 Fr. Thomas Nelson; Sept. 16 Fr. Fred Kihm; Sept. 17 Fr. Walter Heinz; Sept. 18, Fr. Robert Gallagher; Sept. 19 Bishop Lohse; Sept. 20, Msgr. Thomas Petronek
Pray for our seminarians (the future of our Diocese).

At St. Vincent Seminary. 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, Pa. 15650
in Third Theology-Christopher McGurn and Samuel Ivkovich,
First Theology -Arron Pabin
At the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High Street, Columbus Ohio 43235-1499
in second theology -John Paul Gan; in fourth college—Rily Morris; in third college—Maximilian Kolbe Gan; in second college—William Gugala;

Diocese of Steubenville Vocations:

Father Nicholas Ginnetti, Director of Vocations
(740) 432-7609 or nginnetti@diosteub.org. X:
@dsvocations director of vocations, by emailing nginnetti@diosteub.org. **We also pray for Benjamin Arnold** the son of Tim and Tammy Arnold, grandson of Shelba Arnold who is a seminarian for the Diocese of Columbus.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Savior of the world. Please manifest in Your Church the Spirit whom You also abundantly bestowed on Your apostles. Call very many to Your priesthood and Your religious life. May zeal for Your glory and for the salvation of the world inflame those You have chosen. May they be saints in Your likeness. May Your Holy Spirit strengthen them. May they be priests and religious according to Your own heart! Amen.

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN

The St. John's group for the Daily Bread Kitchen will be cooking and handing out takeout lunches, at the Marietta KofC Hall on Gilman Ave. in Marietta, on Wednesday, September 30th. At this time, we are in need of packaged cookies, snack cakes, or doughnuts, pastries or muffins and fruit cups (to put in the Takeouts). If you would like to make a donation of any of these items, you can leave them in the box in the entry of the church by 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 30th. If you would like to make a monetary donation there will also be a collection can in the entry of the church. Thank you for all your past and present donations. You are helping to make a difference!

DUELING PIANOS

The Knights of Columbus 4617 will host DUELING PIANOS on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at the Hall in Churchtown. \$2,000 in Prizes! Tickets: \$50/each! Doors Open at 5:00 p.m. for games and raffles. A New York Strip Steak or Grilled Chicken Dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m.. The Dueling Pianos Show will begin at 8:00 p.m. by Shake Rattle & Roll Pianos! Your ticket includes the dinner, show, beer/wine, and water/drinks! For tickets or information contact Jeff Brooker @ 740-749-3538 or Taylor Pottmeyer @ 412-215-6470.

MARY'S HOUSE BENEFIT DINNER

Mary's House is hosting a dinner on Saturday, September 26th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Churchtown. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Your \$50 dinner ticket includes one chance to win our Business Raffle, with only 300 raffle tickets sold. Tickets are available for sale by contacting 740-960-9944 or emailing maryshouseoh@gmail.com. Dinner Tickets are \$50 per person. Throughout the evening, guests will enjoy: a Live Auction, Silent Auction and Take a Chance raffle.

EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS

Eucharistic Rosary Congress will be held October 3-10 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Wintersville.. Please join us during this powerful week of continuous Eucharistic Adoration, hourly rosaries prayed for our Diocese and the needs of the world, opportunities for confession, additional 5:15 pm Masses, Marian processions, and guest speaker Matthew Leonard! Matt will be speaking October 7 at 6 pm, the Feast of the Holy Rosary, with a talk entitled "Hail Mary; the Biblical Back Story of the Rosary." Please sign up for a holy hour at <https://signup.com/go/PBPCxyV>. For questions please text 410-596-1936. Blessed Sacrament address: 853 Main St. Wintersville, OH, 43953.

HOPE AND HEALING MASS

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation will hold its final Hope & Healing Mass of 2026 on Saturday, October 3 at 11:00am in the Upper Basilica. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated within Mass. Those who are in need of anointing (<https://olcshrine.com/healing-masses/#healing-conditions>) are invited to come forward to receive the Sacrament. All present are welcome to receive an individual blessing with the Relic of the True Cross following Mass.

**THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL, SLOW TO ANGER,
AND RICH IN COMPASSION.**

**New Parishioners**

Welcome!

You can register by calling our Parish Office.

Prayer Network: Call

Mary Brooker 740-896-2002
Elaine Wells 740-896-3112 to place a prayer request on the prayer line or to join in the prayers for those in need.

Becoming Catholic (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For those interested in becoming Catholic, contact the parish office.

Care for the Sick or Home-bound:

Call the Parish Office or Marilyn Kern to set up Communion visits or to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Pastoral Musicians

Valerie Strahler, Crystal Lang

PSR Coordinator

Amanda Warner

Pastoral Council

Chairperson Maria Huffman

Parish Finance Council

Chairperson Russ Lang, Casey Lang, Rachel Schott, Jeff Canterbury, Pam Brooker

Cemetery Association

Andy Miller, Kevin Brooker, Dean Hart, Howard Brooker

Senior Citizens of Church-town

President Marilyn Kern

Club of Catholic Women

President Marilyn Zollar

St. John Central School

(740) 896-2697
Mrs. Becky Hilverding
Principal

Knights of Columbus

Council 4617
Grand Knight Tanner Pottmeyer

St. John School Foundation

Gary Arnold, President

**Diocesan Catholic Charities
& Information Referral Line:**
1-800-339-7890



DIOCESE OF STEUBENVILLE

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND RESPECT LIFE



You are invited to a

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

for those who have suffered the loss of a child.

The loss of a child causes tragic suffering, no matter how old the child was at death. Please join us in praying for comfort and healing for those who mourn the loss of a child or grandchild through miscarriage, stillbirth, illness, abortion, accident or some other tragedy.

Light refreshments will be offered after each Mass.

Please direct questions to Joseph Schmidt (jschmidt@diosteub.org or 740-516-9270) or Heather Keimig (hkeimig@diosteub.org or 301-233-2210).

September 19, 2026

9:00 AM

Saint Mary Basilica

Marietta

September 26, 2026

10:00 AM

St. Agnes Church

Mingo Junction