ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME July 10, 2022





Faith - Tradition - Family



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Dt 30:10–14; Col 1:15–20; Lk 10:25–37

Years ago, I saw a chart in a catechism that identified the faith of the Old Testament as a religion of law and that of the New Testament as a religion of love. This is not only seriously wrong, it is also dangerous-ly biased. The two commandments to love as recorded in today's Gospel originate in Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18, re-spectively. Several of the prophets describe God's love of Israel in tender, even pas-sionate, terms (Isaiah 43:1, Jeremiah 31:3). To think otherwise is to tread alarmingly close to a form of anti-Judaism. We must remember that the religion Jesus loved deeply, and which he sought to bring to ful-fillment, was the religion of ancient Israel.

Part of the error of that chart might have been a misunderstanding of the meaning of law. We might think of *law* as "pro-scription" or "restriction" (you must...or you must not...). The Hebrew meaning is more flexible. Some translate the Hebrew word *torah* as "instruction" or "directive." The psalmist delights in the law because it refreshes the soul and rejoices the heart. Today's first reading tells us that the law is already in our hearts. The law of love was certainly in the heart of the Samaritan who cared for the stranger on the side of the road.

If we can see that laws are meant to help us care for ourselves, others, and the world, we will soon realize that living as the laws direct us might bring us to a deep love for the law.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	07/09	4:00	P.M.	+Howard and +Patricia Huck (The Huck Family)	
	SJB	07/09	6:00	P.M.	+Ludi Lang (Charlotte Lang and Family)	
Sunday	SJB	07/10	7:30	A.M.	+Chant Rinard (Steve and Rachel Klinger and Family)	
	OLM	07/10	9:30	A.M.	The Nicholas Bauerbach Family (Cecil Bauerbach)	
	SJB	07/10	11:00	A.M.	+John Arnold (Family)	
Monday	SJB	07/11	8:00	A.M.	+Rita Schwendeman (Birthday) (Family)	
					+Alice Lang (Leroy and Sophia Rauch)	
Tuesday	SJB	07/12	8:00	A.M.	+Norbert Lang (Charlotte Lang and Family)	
	OLM	07/12	5:00	P.M.	+Marcia Wiliams (Alicia Slogan)	
Wednesday	SJB	07/13	8:00	A.M.	+James M. Barrett (Vince Stollar Family	
					+Harry Way (Richard and Brenda Arnold Family)	
Thursday	SJB	07/14	8:00	A.M.	+Lorraine Henke (Patricia Henke and Family)	
	OLM	07/14	5:00	P.M.	+Deanna Lang (Raymond Lang)	
Friday	SJB	07/15	8:00	A.M.	+Gary Smith (Edith, Mary, Marilyn and Mary Lou)	
					+Diane Arnold (Alvin Arnold and Family)	
Saturday	OLM	07/16	4:00	P.M.	+Clarence and +Gertude Huck (The Family)	
	SJB	07/16	6:00	P.M.	Living and Deceased of +Leo and +Lucy Huck Family	
					(David and Barbara Huck Family)	
Sunday	SJB	07/17	7:30	A.M.	+George and +Catherine Arnold (Bernard and Marilyn Schilling)	
	OLM	07/17	9:30	A.M.	+Mary Louise Pitt (Cecila Cooper)	
	SJB	07/17	11:00	A.M.	+Richard Pottmeyer (Bertha Pottmeyer Family)	
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS	<u>LECTOR</u>	EUCH. MINISTER
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.	Abby and Alex Henke	Eugene Huck	Melinda Treadway
SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	Volunteers	Zandra Francis	Arnold Huck
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.	Marcus and Gwen Lang	Jerry Smith	Marilyn Kern

COLLECTION		DPSC	BINGO	
Total Collection\$3,546Needed to meetparish needs\$4,750		2022 Collected \$45,033 2022 Goal \$26,332	June 26 - Group 2 \$2,444	
Thank you for your generosit	y!	All money received after our goal is met is returned to our Pàrish.	If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.	
ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHED	JLE	C.W.C. WORK GROUPS	PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY	
July 10 Group 3 with Ryan Lauch Group 4 with Derek Pott July 17 Group 5 with Kenley Schw July 24 Group 6 with Jeff Canter July 31 Group 7 with BJ Davis Aug 7 Group 8 with Russ Lang	meyer /endeman	The CWC will not meet again until Monday, September 12.	Please pray for all of the men and women who are serving our country in the military. May God watch over them and keep them safe.	

K OF C GOLF OUTING

The Knights of Columbus 4617 Annual Golf Outing will be on Sunday, August 21st at Lakeside Golf Course in Beverly, OH. Cost will be \$240 per team and includes skins and mulligans. Each team must have two Knights of Columbus 4617 members on it with dues current for 2022. Registration will start at 7:30 am and shotgun start at 8:00 am. Dinner is included after round at the course. To put a team in contact Ethan Brooker @ 740-525-2972 or Montana Brooker @ 740-568-8480.

HELP WANTED

We are in need of additional Altar Servers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers. Altar Servers must be in third grade or up and have received First Communion. If anyone would like to serve the Church in one or more of these capacities, please contact the Rectory at 740-896-3566. We are very grateful to those who presently serve the Church at each Mass.

MEDICARE

If you are approaching 65 or planning to retire, now is a good time to learn about Medicare. For those already enrolled, changes can be made during the Annual Election Period, 10.15.22 - 12.7.22. Call today to schedule a no cost consultation with Lacey Lauchard, a licensed insurance advisor specializing in Medicare Supplement, Advantage (Part C) and Drug (Part D) plans, and ensure you have the best Medicare solution in place for your specific needs. Lacey Lauchard, 740.568.8800, email: lacey@newtonins.net, web: https://newtonins.net/insurance/medicare/

PARISH SHARE CAMPAIGN (D.P.S.C.)

Since our goal has been met (thank you), all money sent for DPSC will be returned to our Parish. If you would like your weekly collection to be sent to the DPSC, please list "DPSC" on the outside of your collection envelope. At this time, we are unable to accept online donations. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

BAKED STEAK DINNER

Mary's House is having a Baked Steak Benefit Dinner on Friday, July 15, 2022 at St James Catholic Church, 257 East Bell Ave., McConnelsville, OH. Serving time is 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm and the cost is \$15 per person. Thank you for your support.

FORMED

Formed pulls together the best in Catholic movies, children's programming, audio dramas and books. It provides a trusted and engaging entertainment alternative in support of a Catholic lifestyle. We invite you to visit the FORMED.ORG website to take advantage of the ever-growing collection of Catholic videos, audios, and e-books. 1. Go to formed.org/signup 2. Choose St. John the Baptist Parish. 3. Register with your name and email address. 4. Check your email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton will be offering 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. The Mass will be offered on October 8 at 8:30 AM at Holy Rosary Church in Steubenville, and again on October 22 at 9:00 AM at Saint Mary Basilica in Marietta. Please direct questions to Joseph Schmidt, Director of the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life at jschmdt@diosteub.org or 740-516-9270.



Don't miss the boat.

- Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- Stay fit. When you're really old, someone may ask you to do some thing really big.
- Don't listen to the critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- Build your future on high ground.

- For safety sake, travel in pairs.
- Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs
- When you're stressed, float a while
- Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting...

Faith 'Is Never a Walk in the Park,' Pope Francis Says on Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

The journey of faith is never easy for anyone, not even for the apostles Peter and Paul, Pope Francis said in his Angelus address on Wednesday. "The journey of faith is not a walk in the park, but is instead demanding, sometimes arduous," he said on June 29.

In his message before the Marian prayer, he reflected on a passage from the Gospel of St. Matthew, when Peter says to Jesus: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." "It is a profession of faith, which Peter pronounces not on the basis of his human understanding, but because God the Father inspired it in him," he said. When Jesus then reveals to his disciples that he will suffer, die and on the third day be raised, Peter rebukes him, saying, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." Pope Francis recalled that Jesus' response to Peter was: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a scandal to me, because you do not think according to God, but according to men!" "Does not the same thing happen to us?" the Pope said. "We repeat the Creed, we say it with faith, but when faced with the harsh trials of life, everything seems to falter." "We are inclined to protest to the Lord," Francis added, "telling him that it is not right, that there must be other, more direct, less strenuous ways."

St. Peter needed time to mature, moving from first horror at the cross to a courageous embrace of his own death, he said, noting that "the apostle Paul also had his own path, and he too passed through a slow maturation of faith, experiencing moments of uncertainty and doubt." "The journey of faith is never a walk in the park, for anyone, not for Peter nor for Paul, not for any Christian," he said.

The Pope concluded his message with two questions for reflection. "In the light of this experience of the holy apostles Peter and Paul, each of us can ask ourselves: When I profess my faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, do I do so with the awareness that I must always be learning, or do I assume that I 'already have it all figured out'?" he said. "And again," he continued, "in difficulties and trials, do I become discouraged, do I complain, or do I learn to make them an opportunity to grow in trust in the Lord? For he, in fact — as Paul writes to Timothy — delivers us from all evil and brings us safely to heaven."