

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female."- Mk 10:3-6

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MASS: Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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The Demise of Tradition

Recently I read where yet another business has announced that it will soon no longer accept cash. That seems to be a growing trend that worries many of us older folks, who are weary of seeing all the anchors of our world being dismantled around us. One of our grandkids told us that, at 14, he is certain no one will be able to use cash a mere decade from now. He may be right.

My reluctance to embrace such a world reminds me of a wonderful old fellow I interviewed in the early 1990s. He had just retired at 70 as the public information officer for a Catholic college. My feature focused on his resistance to adopting technological change. At the time, I found it quaint that he still insisted on creating all of the college's press releases on an IBM Selectric typewriter, refusing to type his prolific output on an electronic screen.

But that was then. Now that man is me. While I adjusted to numerous technological changes in almost four decades in journalism, now I say "no more." When this "no cash" concept started to gain steam, I decided to resist it to the end.

Of course I know this is a battle I can't win. But fortunately I am at the stage of life when I may well be gone to God before the entire country has to knuckle under to the demands of the Federal Government on the demise of currency.

This no-cash phenomenon is really part of a larger trend in America where everything has become less personal and where nearly everything is changing before our eyes. The world desperately wants the Catholic Church to change overnight, too, abandoning its doctrines and traditional practices as so many Protestant denominations have recently done.

Are we, too, so affected by this national mania for change that we want our Church to jettison all we have held dear for 20 centuries and more? Are we impatient that the Church cannot or will not change its long-held positions? Yet to do so would be a disaster for our Faith and for the world.

Having to deal with a cash-free society? Maddening inconvenience. Having to live with a Church that abandons the truth of the Gospel? An unimaginable tragedy.

Lou Jacquet

Our Turn To (SVDP) Volunteer

St. Brendan parishioners are once again being asked to volunteer as servers for meals at the St. Vincent de Paul food kitchen for the needy the week of October 21. The meals are served 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Many from our parish who formerly helped on a regular basis are no longer able to do so because of age or illness; new volunteers are needed.

Note that the meals program, formerly housed at SS. Cyril & Methodius, has been moved. Meals are now being served at the former St. Stanislaus Parish on Williamson near South Avenue. Sign-up sheets can be found in our school hallway or the back of our church.

Altar/Rosary To Meet

St. Brendan's Altar/Rosary group will meet on Sunday, Oct. 13, in Room 102 after the 9 a.m. Mass.

Other dates to remember: Nov. 17, A/R meeting; Dec. 8, A/R Christmas Party.

2025 Mass Book Open

The 2025 St. Brendan Mass Book is now open. All parishioners requesting Masses for a loved one are limited to ONE SUNDAY MASS and ONE WEEKDAY MASS. There are 104 Masses to be celebrated, but several are for all parishioners.

To request a Mass, call Jackie Niznik at 330-792-3875 (Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.) at the rectory, or drop your written request into the Sunday collection basket with name and a daytime phone number.

The standard stipend for all Masses in the Diocese of Youngstown is \$10.

Sunday, October 6

9:00 a.m. Michael Zalovcik by Family Wednesday, October 9
9:00 a.m. Rosemary Banyots by Jim Banyots Sunday, October 13
9:00 a.m. John and Lucy Prosenjack by Rosie Marich

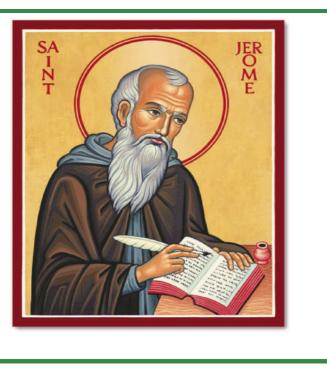
Please Pray For Our Sick

Phil Conti, Tiffiny Joy, Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas

St. Jerome: Ignorance of Scripture

"If, as Paul says, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God, and if the man who does not know Scripture does not know the power and wisdom of God, then ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

> St. Jerome; feast 9/30; **Died 420**



Holy Apostles: Stuffed Cabbage Sale

Holy Apostles Parish will hold a Stuffed Cabbage Carry-Out Sale 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday Nov. 3. at the SS. Peter & Paul worship site, 421 Covington St., Youngstown. Cost is \$35 dozen in a foil pan ready to re-heat or freeze. To order, call Julia 330-398-0041 by Monday, Oct. 21. Parish office: 330-743-1905.

Gold Mass Honors Musicians

A "Gold Mass" honoring all parish musicians, cantors and choirs will be held 4 p.m. Sunday Nov. 17 at St. Columba Cathedral, 154 W. Wood St., Youngstown. A BBQ reception will **RSVP:** follow the Mass. rholtzhauser@youngstowndiocese.org by Oct. 31.

Sunday's Scriptures: What If We Lived in Grace?

Hebrews 2:9-11; and Gospel of Mark 10:2-16.

In our first reading, after God creates Adam, he sees that: "It is not good for the man to be man leaves his father and mother and clings to alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." The Lord God then fashions various animals and one flesh is a perfect union and they are not to brings them to the man. Adam is given the right be separated. to name each animal...he is superior to all the animals and is placed as Master and caretaker vorce is lawful, he quotes the Genesis account for them. However, none of the animals is a we just read. Jesus adds to the sacredness and suitable partner for the man.

new creature made similar to the man. The Lord must separate. builds up into a woman the rib that He had taken from the man. Adam calls this new creature God, breaking apart the complete union of man woman "for out of her man this one has been and woman. What would our world look like if, taken."

Creation is now complete. Man and woman woman were to become our reality? are the only suitable partners for each other.

Today's readings are from Genesis 2:18-24; Together they are given dominion over the rest of creation. The story ends with a biblical line that will symbolize marriage: "That is why a his wife, and the two become one flesh. " Being

In Mark's Gospel, when Jesus is asked if diindissolubility of marriage by saying, "Therefore The Creator of the universe seeks to create a what God has joined together, no human being

Sin enters our world and separates man from though grace, the vision God has of man and

Geri Jacquet

Altar Servers Needed

Anyone who may be interested in becoming an Altar Server at our 9 a.m. Sunday Mass, please call Fred Merlo at 330-509-8179.

This invitation is for children and adults who have made their First Communion.

Card Party at St. Pat's 10/20

St. Patrick's Altar Guild (Oak Hill) will hold their 51st annual Salad Buffet/Card Party 1-3 p.m. Sunday Oct. 20. \$10/person at the door. Chicken salad croissants, salad and desserts, bingo, card/board games, basket raffle, door prizes,. Call: 330-503-6192.

Retreat, Dinner, Bonfire in Mantua

St. Joseph Parish in Mantua will hold a Revive Retreat 1-5 p.m. Saturday Oct. 19 with 5 p.m. Mass, 6:30 dinner and bonfire. Free event. Father Damian Ference, speaker.

Prayer to St. John XXIII

"Almighty ever-living God, who chose blessed John the 23rd to preside over your whole people and benefit them by word and example, keep safe, we pray, by his intercession the shepherds of your Church along with the flocks entrusted to their care, and direct them in the way of eternal salvation. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever."

Feast Day: Oct. 11; died 1963

Your Sacrificial Offering

Amount needed monthly to meet expenses	
For September 2024	\$29,440.00
Week of September 29, 2024	
Sunday Collection	\$2,555.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$45.00
Rentals	\$1,050.00
Maint. Support	\$1,110.00
Total	\$5,441.00
5 week total \$26,723 .00 toward the goal of \$29,440.00	
\$2,717.00 short	
WE COUNT MEMBERS BECAUSE MEMBERS COUNT	
Mass 9 a.m.	



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MISSION STATEMENT

We are called to be disciples, faithful to Jesus and empowered by the Spirit. We are committed to building the kingdom of God by living the Gospel, celebrating the sacraments and loving our neighbor as ourselves.

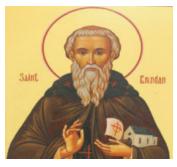
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Wednesday 9:00am





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