

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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What Was That About?

It could be my age, of course, but I notice lately that I am understanding less and less of the commercials that run on TV these days. Corporations spend millions to craft these messages, but most are clearly lost on me.

Part of it is that I often have no idea who most of the celebrities touting the products in these commercials happen to be, though I am expected to believe them as icons of trust. Again, mostly no idea who they might be, aside from a couple of quarterbacks I still recognize.

I suppose I also struggle with many commercials because the actors speak so fast; indeed, the entire pace of the story they are trying to share seems to be done at warp speed. As a result, my spouse and I frequently say to one another, "What exactly was that commercial about?" It's unclear what product or service they were selling.

There was a time when I truly enjoyed commercials. But that was decades ago, when the messages were more straightforward and less confusing. It was hard to miss the point of "You'll wonder where the yellow went, when you brush your teeth with Pepsodent." Ditto for that Timex watch commercial that reminded us their product "takes a licking and keeps on ticking." Even the now-banned cigarette commercials were at least memorable. My favorite was the one for the cigarette that was "a silly millimeter longer," causing the smoker to get it caught in a closing elevator door. Very clever.

If commercials are not focused, those watching will miss the message and the product will not be purchased. When it comes to Faith, there is no greater "product" than the Catholic Church. It contains treasures that can be found nowhere else in the world. With the greatest product on Earth to offer to others, how do we — the people of St. Brendan's — rate regarding our "advertising technique"?

Do our neighbors and friends sense our joy, zeal, and passion for the Mass, the Eucharist, the Scriptures and the Sacraments? Do we have enough knowledge and understanding to explain in simple terms why we love Jesus, Mary, and the saints? Do we visit Jesus in the Real Presence in our Tabernacle so that others may know what we believe?

If so, then we will evangelize others to know Jesus and His Church more effectively than any mere commercial could ever do.

— Lou Jacquet

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.

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.

Notice: Church Envelopes

If you have not received your church envelopes package through the U.S. Mail, please contact Jackie at the parish office (330-792-3875) so that envelopes can be sent to you.

October Ministry Schedule

Lector: Allyson Reed

Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry and Amy Kernan

Sunday, September 29

9:00 a.m. Albert Mihalik by Family

Wednesday, October 2

9:00 a.m. John Mikovich

by Fred & Shirley Merlo

Sunday, October 6

9:00 a.m. Michael Zalovcik by Family

Please Pray For Our Sick

Phil Conti, Tiffany 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

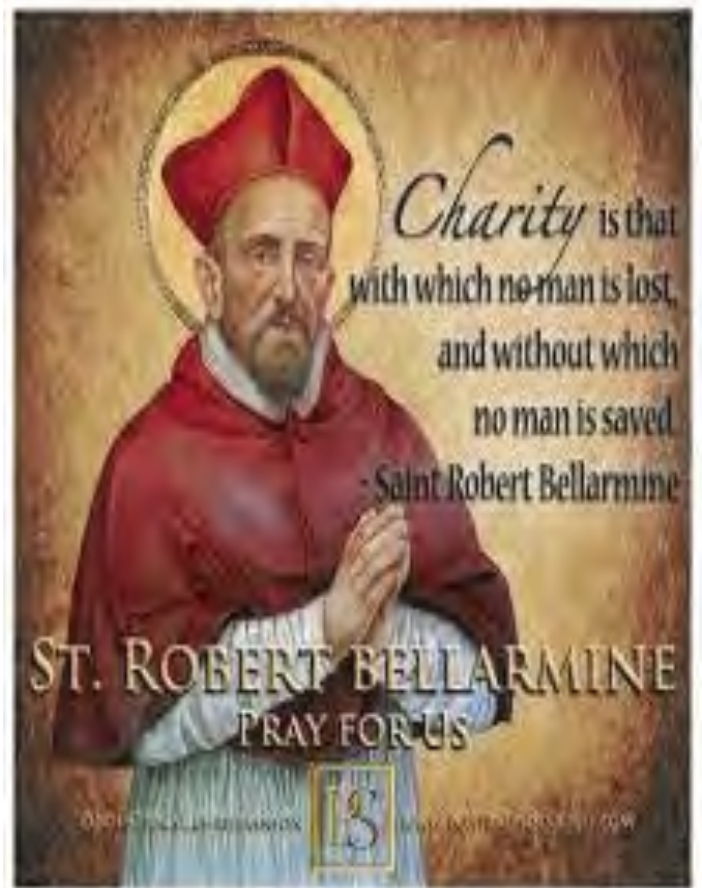
Pray for the Faithful Departed

Dan Celio

St. Robert Bellarmine: The Treasure of Your Heart

"If you are wise, then, know that you have been created for the glory of God and your own eternal salvation. This is your goal; this is the center of your life; this is the treasure of your heart. If you reach this goal, you will find happiness. If you fail to reach it, you will find misery. May you consider truly good whatever leads to your goal, and truly evil whatever makes you fall away from it."

— From a treatise "On the Ascent of the Mind to God"



Sunday's Scriptures: The Lord Excludes No One

Today's readings are from Numbers 11: 25-29; James 5: 1-6; Gospel of Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

As human beings, it is an all too human trait to prefer the company of certain people over others. We might find ourselves praying more for persons we feel close to, and asking God to bestow His special gifts on those we like or those who belong in our group or parish. We see this favoritism in the Scripture reading today from the Book of Numbers.

Moses and the Israelites are gathered before the Lord's mountain. "The Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the Lord bestowed it on the 70 elders; and as the Spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied."

Two men, Eldad and Medad, were absent from the camp. The spirit of the Lord came to rest on them as well, and they were given the gift of prophesy. "Joshua, who from his youth had

been Moses' aide, said, 'Moses, my lord, stop them!' But Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!'"

Moses' great love for God manifests itself in a desire for all to share his spiritual gifts for the greater honor of God. He does not show any partiality or preference for certain people over others.

Jesus similarly shares the same theme. A man, not in the company of the Apostles, is driving out demons in Jesus' name. The Apostles tried to stop him. Jesus says to His followers, "Do not prevent him. For whoever is not against us is for us."

Jesus calls everyone to follow Him and share in the gift of salvation. Today, we need to ask ourselves: Are we as generous as Moses and Jesus?

— Geri Jacquet

Franciscan 'Come/See' Event

The Third Order Franciscans, a body of lay persons striving for perfection in their own station in life under the guidance of the Order of Friars Minor, will hold a "Come and See" event 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, at the Shrine of Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted, 517 Belle Vista, Youngstown.

The event is hosted by the St. Padre Pio Fraternity of the Third Order of St. Francis. It will be held in the lower hall; please use the rear door to enter. Light refreshments will be served. Persons who plan to attend should call the Shrine Office at 330-799-1888 to leave a message, or see Geri Jacquet after Mass.

Mail For A Seminarian

Just a reminder that Seminarian Don Bailey, who was with us this summer, is back in the seminary and welcomes hearing from St. Brendan parishioners at: Seminarian Donald Bailey Jr., Theology I, St. Mary's Seminary and Graduate School of Theology, [28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, OH 44092-2585](mailto:28700_Euclid_Ave.,_Wickliffe,_OH_44092-2585). Supporting our seminarians on the challenging road to priesthood (eight years) is an important duty for diocesan Catholics.

MVAC Crop Walk Slated

The Mahoning Valley Association of Church (MVAC) Crop Hunger Walk will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday October 13 beginning at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown. Walkers and runners can call 330-720-1747 for information. The event supports overseas and local relief agencies. A registration packet is available at jhollingshead11@gmail.com

Your Sacrificial Offering

Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

For September 2024 **\$29,440.00**

Week of September 22, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$3,796.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$230.00
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Maint. Support	\$1,110.00
Total	\$5,441.00

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Mass 9 a.m.

9/22-109



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Father Stephen Zeigler

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Mark Kiraly

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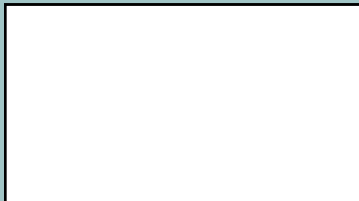
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