

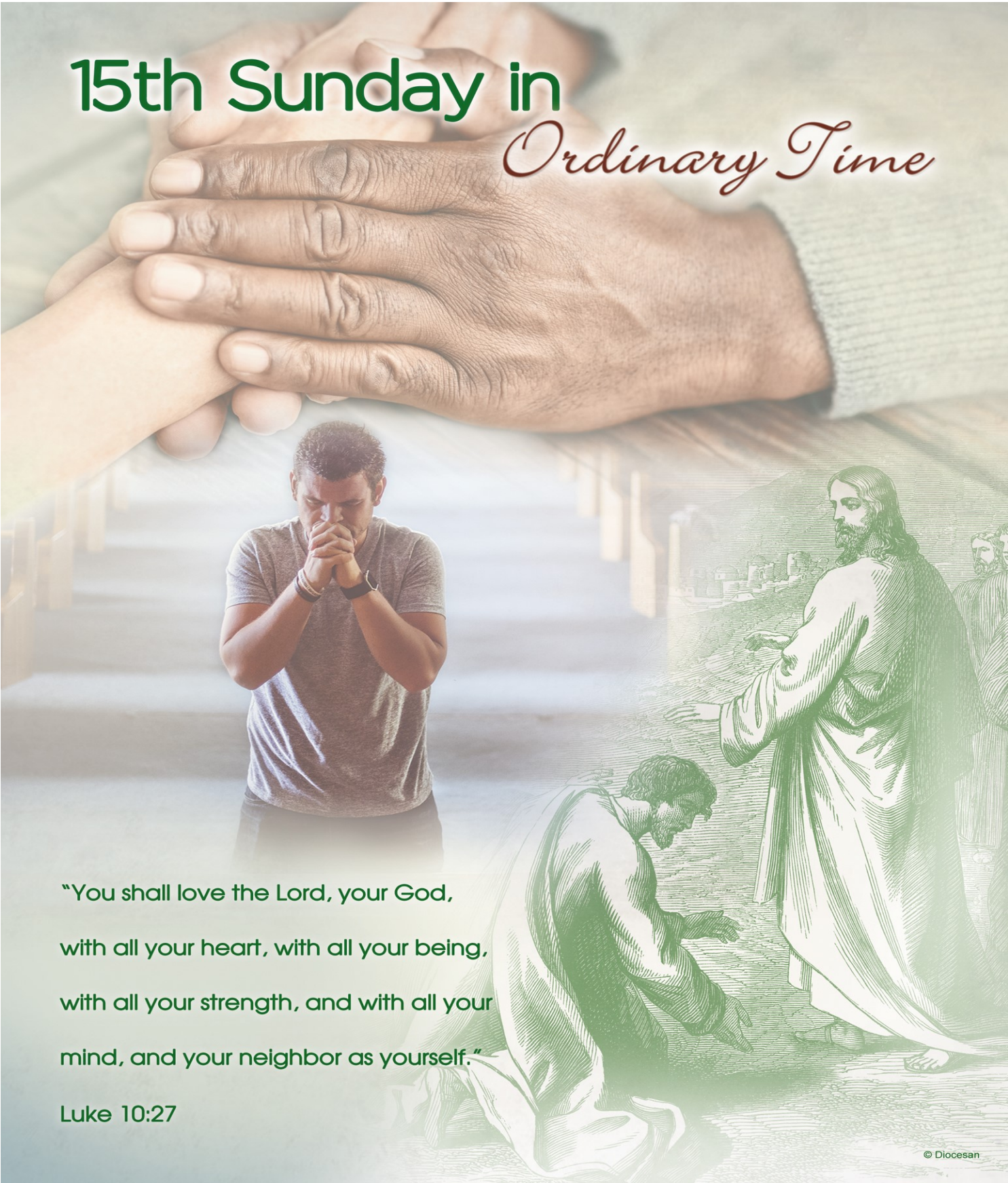
St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Parish Family

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July 10, 2022

15th Sunday in

Ordinary Time



"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with all your being,
with all your strength, and with all your
mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Luke 10:27

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 9

5:00 p.m. Ed Smith
(Grandchildren)

Sunday, July 10

8:15 a.m. Susan Legase
(Sandi, Sheri, RJ III,
Bob & Irene Post)

Sunday, July 10

10:30 a.m. Joanne Gustitis Kressel
(John & Annette Lisowski)

Monday—Friday NO MASSES

Saturday, July 16

5:00 p.m. Charles Bowers
(Joan Bowers)

Sunday, July 17

8:15 a.m. St. John's Parish Family

Sunday, July 17

10:30 a.m. Robert A. Lotz
(Rita Lotz)

Next Week's Readings

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(July 16/17)

Reading I: Genesis 18:1-10a

Reading II: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Message from Father Bobbin

Dear Parishioners,

One of the last things on our minds in the middle of summer is... Christmas. However, Parish Council and I have been discussing our Christmas Eve Mass schedule and we think it best to communicate any changes far in advance since a change in Mass schedule may affect some of your family traditions.

Last Christmas Eve, we celebrated Mass at 4pm, 6pm, and 10pm. The 4pm Mass was comfortably full. It was not over-crowded. The 6pm and 10pm Masses each had no more people than a typical Sunday Mass (about 100 people each). These two later Masses can easily be combined into one.

Streamlining the Mass schedule is desirable because it would be less exhausting for the priest, deacon, and organist. It would also be easier to get enough liturgical ministers for Christmas Eve (readers, altar servers, extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, ushers). Some of our liturgical ministers are away or simply unable to serve at certain times on Christmas.

We would like to consider Christmas Eve Masses at 4pm and 7pm. The early Mass would not be affected much. The 7pm would be our solemn "night" Mass and perhaps incorporate our children as we have done at the 6pm Mass.

In the near future we will do a survey to get your input as we did for the photo directory. If there is a strong desire to keep the current Mass schedule, we will not make any changes (this year). We are all, understandably, attached to "my" Mass time, but we would ask that you consider the good of the entire parish.

In Christ,

Fr. Bobbin



Eucharistic Adoration

A holy hour takes place in the **chapel every Monday evening** (unless announced otherwise) from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** This is a simple holy hour without any formal prayer or Benediction. It is not necessary to come for the entire hour. Just stop by as you desire.

Pray

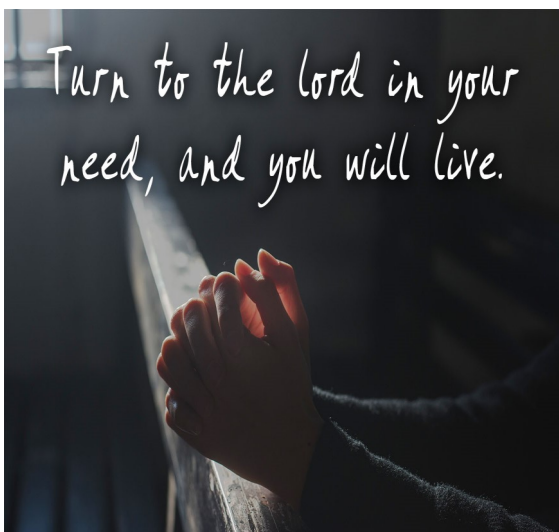
We remember in prayer those who are ill or recently deceased. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

For our Sick

Sheri Post • Robert Kline • Joanne Schultz

For our Deceased

Edward Buber

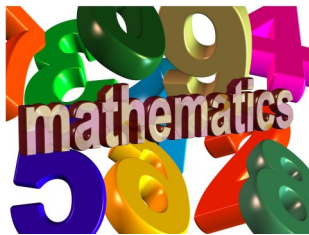




If you or a family member, friend, or neighbor who is a member of St. John is confined to home, a nursing home or assisted living facility because of illness, age, or disability and would like to receive Holy Communion` on a monthly basis, please call the rectory. We traditionally visit the sick and homebound on or around the first Friday of the month. Please help us meet the spiritual needs of our homebound parishioners.

Soup Kitchen Cooks/Servers Needed

Provide a welcoming, respectful environment for the homeless and those in need. Individuals are needed to serve a meal at the Pottsville Area Kitchen once a month. Meals are served Monday through Thursday from 5:00 P.M.. to 6:00 P.M. and Sundays at 12:00 P.M. Currently, we are providing grab and go meals and follow CDC guidelines. All volunteers must complete background checks, trainings and forms. For more information please contact Terry Alexander 570-617-2957 or terry-pak@comcast.net or Bob Olney at 610-435-1541 ext 327 or rolney@allentowndiocese.org



Math Teacher Needed

Assumption BVM School is seeking a Full-time Middle School Math Teacher. Please send application, resume, certification and clearances to Assumption BVM School to the attention of Mrs. Teresa Keating, 112 South 7th Street, Pottsville, PA 17901

Neighboring Events

Bleenie Sale. Sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Ashland. Pre-orders are strongly encouraged and due by Tuesday, July 12th ... NO EXCEPTIONS ... Pick up on Saturday, July 16th at 1115 Walnut St. in Ashland in the courtyard alongside the church. Time for pre-order pick up is 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost .. \$1.25 each or 12 for \$14.00. Please call the parish office at 570-875-1521 to place your order today! All proceeds benefit St. Charles Borromeo Parish.

Prayer for our Troops Around the World

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior."

Welcome Visitors

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting our beautiful church, please know you are most welcome! If you have questions or are interested in joining our parish family, please call the rectory 570-622-5470.



Weekly Collection

July 2/3\$4,324.25
Parish Dues\$1,186.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving by dropping envelopes at the rectory, by mail and online giving.
Thank you for using your Improvements & Repairs envelopes to help us meet the maintenance needs of our parish.

Because We Are Catholic

Parish Goal: 15,796.00
Collected to Date: \$5,999.00
No. of Donors: 58

Candles

BVM

1&2. Health & Welfare of my mother by Ellen Foley

St. Joseph

1. IMO Harold, Carl, and Harry Bartholomew by Ellen Foley
2. Health & Welfare of Jason & Jared by Ellen Foley

Sanctuary

Souls in Purgatory by Robert & Margaret Daniels

Guardian Angels

1&2. IMO Catherine Schaeffer by Maria Schaeffer
3&4. IMO Robert A. Lotz by Rita Lotz

Liturgical Min. Schedule

July 16 — 5:00 p.m.

Reader: Heidi Gorski
Euch.Min.: Gerry Schwartz
Servers: Alexander Gorski
Cantor: Stanley Gorski

July 17 — 8:15 a.m.

Reader: Bill Gianfagna
Euch.Min.: John Corbacio
Servers: R.J. Post
Cantor: Tina Seiger

July 17 — 10:30 a.m.

Reader: Jen Daubert
Euch.Min.: Charlie Miller
Servers: Jackson Daubert
Cantor: Ed Brahler



Baptized in Christ

On June 25th we celebrated the glorious baptism day of **James Thomas Hanichak**, son of Gregory & Megan (Powers) Hanichak. James became a new creation in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism and is now joined to us by the gifts of faith, hope and charity.

Welcome to St. John's

This week we welcome the **Prock Family** to St. John's Parish Family. Eric is an attorney and children, Carys and Sophia are students at Assumption BVM School. Warmly welcome the **Prock Family** into our parish family with a big dose of St. John's hospitality.

Family Matters

Vacation for Families

God bless our parish families with a fun-filled vacation and safe travel to and from their destinations. May they be rejuvenated in their family relationships and return relaxed and nourished in body and spirit.

Attention

Readers, Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers ... please let us know your plans for **August & September** so that we can get started on the schedule for those months. Please call or email the rectory before **July 18th**.



RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or in updating and deepening their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Are you interested in deepening your own faith? Or do you know anyone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Please invite them to join us. Have them call St. John's Rectory, 622-5470, to register for the RCIA sessions. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming weekend programs will be held August 19 - 21 and October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Healing Mass with Father George Winne

All are invited to join Father Winne at Saint Ambrose Parish on Tuesday, July 12th at 7:00 p.m. for a healing Mass including praise and worship music beginning at 6:30 p.m. Questions? Contact 610-217-1739.

Abortion and Putting Our Faith into Action

In a culture and world that is hungry for the Truth, we are often challenged to put our faith into action. For example, many of our politicians profess their Catholic faith, but try to divorce the faith which they proclaim from their policies, particularly as this relates to LIFE issues.

However, as Christ's followers and as Catholics, we are called to integrate our faith into all aspects of our lives. In fact, we are called to make our faith evident in all our actions and decisions. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us not to hide our light under a bushel basket, but let our light shine before others (Mt 5:15-16).

Prayer for Vocations

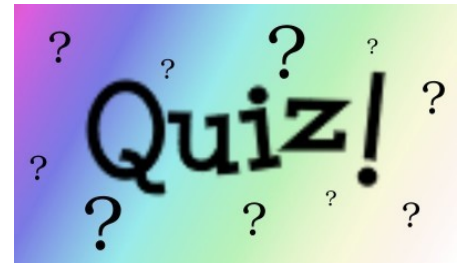
Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families. Inspire men to imitate Christ, the Eternal High Priest, in sacrificial service to your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayers and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to your call. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Second Collection Next Week

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

What's Your Catholic I.Q. .?

1. A complete rosary includes 50 hail Mary's
True / False
2. The two forms of public liturgical prayer in the Catholic Church are _____.
(a) the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours (b) songs and meditation (c) praise and worship
(d) the rosary and grace before meals
3. Praying in front of a monstrance that displays the Eucharistic Jesus is called _____.
(a) Lectio Divina (b) Canon Law (c) beatitude (d) Eucharistic adoration
4. "The Lord is my _____; there is nothing I lack ..." (Psalm 23)
(a) creator (b) teacher (c) king (d) shepherd
5. Reciting memorized prayers is the only way Catholics are allowed to pray.
True / False
6. _____ of our enemies is a form of prayer.
(a) Forgiveness (b) Persecution (c) Hatred (d) Torture
7. One of the great obstacles to prayer is _____.
(a) Netflix (b) distractions (c) screaming babies at church (d) homework
8. _____ can be transformed into a powerful prayer.
(a) suffering and sacrifice (b) Candy (c) sleeping (d) video games
9. The _____ never wants us to pray.
(a) doctor (b) mayor (c) devil (d) bishop
10. Catholics pray with their voices and their bodies.
True / False



(Answers can be found on page 7)

Cemetery Burial Plots & Regulations

Burial Plots

Because tragedy can strike at anytime ... when clear thinking and action can be sacrificed to the moment's need ... we want to remind our parishioners and friends that St. John the Baptist Cemetery offers its services whenever that need occurs.

Grave Lots \$ 600.00 each which includes Perpetual Care

Regulations / Guidelines

The following are guidelines established by St. John's Cemetery Committee ...

- * Shrubs are not permitted on cemetery grounds
- * Flowers or plants may be planted in the ground, but must remain within 12 inches of base of memorial. **NO Perennials** are permitted.
- * All artificial decorations must be removed within 14 days after specified holidays which are: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4, Christmas, etc.
- * **Placing of artificial flowers in the ground is forbidden — doing this creates many problems during cutting season.**
- * All rubbish is to be taken with you or placed in available receptacles located at top of cemetery
- * Please refrain from placing any tombstone in or on the grounds for one year after a death to allow the ground to settle back to its natural state.

St. Bonaventure Bishop and Doctor of the Church



St. Bonaventure, known as "the seraphic doctor," was born at Bagnoregio, in the Lazio region of central Italy, in 1221. He received the name of Bonaventure in consequence of an exclamation of St. Francis of Assisi, when, in response to the pleading of the child's mother, the saint prayed for John's recovery from a dangerous illness, and, foreseeing the future greatness of the little John, cried out "O Buona ventura"-O good fortune!

At the age of twenty-two St. Bonaventure entered the Franciscan Order. Having made his vows, he was sent to Paris to complete his studies under the celebrated doctor Alexander of Hales, an Englishman and a Franciscan. After the latter's death he continued his course under his successor, John of Rochelle. In Paris he became the intimate friend of the great St. Thomas Aquinas. He received the degree of Doctor, together with St. Thomas Aquinas, ceding to his friend against the latter's inclination, the honor of having it first conferred upon him. Like St. Thomas Aquinas, he enjoyed the friendship of the holy King, St. Louis.

At the age of thirty-five he was chosen General of his Order and restored a perfect calm where peace had been disturbed by internal dissensions. He did much for his Order and composed *The Life of St. Francis*. He also assisted at the translation of the relics of St. Anthony of Padua. He was nominated Archbishop of York by Pope Clement IV, but he begged not to be forced to accept that dignity. Gregory X obliged him to take upon himself a greater one, that of Cardinal and Bishop of Albano, one of the six suffragan Sees of Rome. Before his death he abdicated his office of General of the Franciscan Order. He died while he was assisting at the Second Council of Lyons, on July 15, 1274.

Feastday: July 15

Death: 1274



Pastor..... *Rev. Kevin J. Bobbin*
Deacon.....*Lawrence Lonergan*

Parish Council President*Robert Bechtel*
Choir Director/Organist*David Derbes*
CCD Coordinator..... *Lucilla Kochol*

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Cemetery Information (570) 622-5470

C.C.D.

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a Sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic.

Certificates of Eligibility

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

Bulletin Deadline

Monday prior to publication

New Parishioners

Please call the rectory for an appointment to register.

Sick Calls

Please notify the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:15 to 4:45 p.m..
 Sundays 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m..
 or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Rectory one year in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 11:30 a.m.
 Baptismal Preparation for Parents must precede the Baptism.
 Please contact Father Bobbin for an appointment.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., N.C.C., L.P.C. (800) 791-9209

Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services

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Answers to What's Your Catholic I.Q.

1. True. The repetition of the same prayer 50 times in the Rosary frees our minds to focus on the mysteries of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.
2. (a) Catholics — especially religious orders of monks and nuns — pray the Liturgy of the Hours throughout each day. The goal of the prayers of the Liturgy of the Hours is sanctifying every moment of every day through praising God.
3. (d) "The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in the sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world"
4. (d) King David wrote Psalm 23, which describes how God takes care of us no matter what.
5. False. Catholics use all forms of prayer including: singing, silence, meditation, Bible reading, Mass, praise, petitions, memorized transitional prayers, spontaneous person prayers, etc.
6. (a) "Christian prayer extends to the forgiveness of enemies Forgiveness is a high point of Christian prayer Forgiveness also bears witness that, in our world, love is stronger than sin."
7. (b) Distractions show us what occupies our hearts and minds. These distractions make clear what we need to let go of so that God can be number one in our hearts. We cannot serve two masters.
8. (a) by uniting our sacrifices and sufferings to Jesus' passion and death on the cross, we join him in his loving surrender to the Father for the salvation of the world.
9. (c) To pray we need to fight distractions, the devil's temptations, as well as our own laziness and sinful nature. The batter of prayer is part of the "spiritual battle" to act and live like Christ.
10. True. Our postures can express our prayer — i.e., kneeling, bowing, reaching up to the heavens, blessing ourselves with holy water when entering the church, and so on.