

Welcome to the Catholic Communities of

St. Ann, St. John Neumann & St. Vincent de Paul

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 JULY 2026

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Here in the middle of summer, many people grow vegetable and flower gardens, or appreciate the work of others by buying produce from roadside stands and farmer's markets. All our readings today embrace one of God's smallest but most common miracles as a metaphor: the seed and its cycle, and all that it stands for. Isaiah reminds us that just as God waters the earth and cares for it so that seeds may grow, so the Word of God will come and not return to God until it has borne fruit. Psalm 65 describes the cycle of growth and personifies fields that "shout for joy." Romans has "creation groaning in labor pains" as it waits for its seed to come to fruition, redemption of the body. Similarly, Jesus teaches the crowds by using the parable of the sower and the seed.

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Reverend Edward J. Casey
PASTOR

Reverend Binesh Joseph Kanjirakattu
SENIOR PRIEST



ONE DAY THROUGH THE ROSARY AND THE
SCAPULAR I will save the world.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Whoever has ears
OUGHT TO HEAR

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Charlemagne, crowned Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day, 800, had a major interest in shaping the worship life of the church, and began a long period of reform and regulation. We owe many confirmation policies and practices to his rule. A baptized person was required to be confirmed as soon as the bishop's presence made it possible. Priests were expected to do their best in seeing to it that a newly-baptized child received the Eucharist. One twelfth-century ritual insists that if the child is not yet capable of eating or drinking, then the priest might give him or her some of the Precious Blood on a leaf or a finger.

Despite the best efforts of the Empire to hold liturgical life together, the rules were not always lived out with great beauty. St. Richard of Chichester of thirteenth-century England, for example, was canonized for his holy life as a bishop. One of the remarkable signs of his sanctity was his willingness to climb down from his horse to confirm "merely baptized" layfolk who crossed his path! This praiseworthy practice points a finger of blame at less zealous bishops, whose casual attitudes revealed a sacrament in need of rescue.

~James Field

LIVE TODAY

LIVE TODAY THE WAY YOU WILL WISH YOU HAD LIVED
WHEN YOU STAND IN JUDGMENT BEFORE GOD. ~ANONYMOUS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah 55:10-11

My word will achieve the end for which it was sent.

Psalm — Psalm 65

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading — Romans 8:18-23

We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel — Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]

Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit.



LISTEN

LISTEN AND ATTEND
WITH THE EAR OF
YOUR HEART.
~ST. BENEDICT.

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MONDAY

Is 1:10-17

Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23

Mt 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY

Is 7:1-9

Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8

Mt 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16

Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15

Mt 11:25-27

THURSDAY

Is 26:7-9; 12, 16-19

Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21

Mt 11:28-30

FRIDAY

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8

Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16

Mt 12:1-8

SATURDAY

Mi 2:1-5

Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14

Mt 12:14-21

Year A



ST. JOHN NEUMANN'S PARISH

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Good Shepherd Church, Blooming Grove

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9:30am to 2:00pm

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www.sjneumannchurch.com

Joan Dingee
Administrative and Bookkeeping Specialist

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday (July 13)

Saint Henry

9:30 a.m. (SJ)

No Mass

Tuesday (July 14)

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

9:30 a.m. (SJ)

No Mass

Wednesday (July 15)

Saint Bonaventure

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

No Mass

Thursday (July 16)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:30 a.m. (SJ)

† The Domenici Family

Friday (July 17)

Ordinary Weekday

9:30 a.m. (SJ)

† Charlie Denniston

Saturday (July 18)

Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

3:15-3:45 p.m. Confessions (SJ)

Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. (SJ)

♥ For the People

Sunday (July 19)

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:30 a.m. (SJ)

† Fay Moore

(SJ) - St. John's (GS) - Good Shepherd

Offertory and Mass Attendance

Offertory includes money from weekly envelopes and loose checks from registered parishioners.

June 21st	4:00pm	120	
			238
\$1,997	11:30am	118	

Offertory to Date *not available*

Weekly Average *not available*

AUTOMATED TITHING

Choose the convenience of online giving more information can be found at www.sjneumannchurch.com.

Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL REPORT

Goal	\$22,112
Committed	\$21,106
Raised	\$20,389
Goal Reached	95%
Number of Donors	89

**St. John Neumann
Parish Hall**

**Alcoholics
Anonymous®**

Wednesdays 7:00pm

ENVELOPE SCHEDULE

7/19	Assessments Sunday
7/26	Sunday Summer Collection
8/2	Care & Ed of Priests Sunday
8/9	Sunday
8/15	Assumption
8/16	Assessments Sunday
8/23	Sunday Summer Collection
8/30	Sunday
9/6	Care & Ed of Priests Sunday



FOODS OF THE MONTH

Please consider including these items with your food donations. *Soup, Jelly, Pancake Mix & Syrup*

We have several clients who are also in need of *pet food* for both cats & dogs. Please consider including these items with your food donations. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to this worthwhile cause.



*The Sanctuary Votive Candle
will burn the week of July 12th
at St. John Neumann Church
in celebration of the special birthday of
Teri Marino*



SAINT ANN'S PARISH

121 Richardson Avenue
Shohola, PA 18458
570-832-4275

St. Mary's Church, Lackawaxen

Office: 125 Richardson Avenue
Tuesday - Thursday 8:00am to 2:00pm
Email: stann@ptd.net
www.stannshohola.org
Carol Laput, Administrative Manager

Offertory and Mass Attendance

Offertory includes money from weekly envelopes and loose checks from registered parishioners.

June 21st	5:30pm	33
<i>Not available</i>	8:30am	77 196
	10:15am	86

Offertory to Date \$171,817
Weekly Average \$3,436

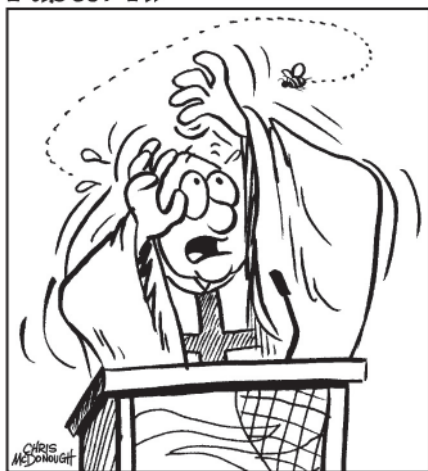
AUTOMATED TITHING

You can make your weekly tithing easier by choosing our online giving option. Visit stannshohola.org more information.

Thank you for your generosity!

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Pastor Al™



"...Out of that land, into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey... Augh! A honey bee!"



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5:30 p.m. (SM)

† Eric Antal

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8:30 a.m. (SA)

† Jim Bisland

9:30-10:00a.m. Confessions (SA)

10:15 a.m. (SA)

† Tanya Corrigan

(SA) - St. Ann's (SE) - St. Eligius Room (SM) - St. Mary's

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will burn the week of July 12th*

*at St. Mary's Church
in Loving Memory of*

Fr. John Ryan

*at St. Ann's Church
in Loving Memory of*

Bob Bailey

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH**

Pastores Emeriti: Rev. Paul M. Mullen & Rev. John B. Boyle

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Jo-Ann Fay, Financial Secretary

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(SV) - St. Vincent de Paul (C) - Chapel

*The Lifestyle of Generous Hearts***Offertory and Mass Attendance***Offertory includes money from weekly envelopes and loose checks from registered parishioners.***June 21st**

Envelopes	\$2,000	4:00pm	82
		8:30am	141 312
We Share	\$1,559	11:15am	89

Offertory to Date \$257,147

Weekly Average \$5,042

Online Giving

Choose the convenience of online giving more information can be found

at stvdepaulchurch.org*Thank you for your generosity!***CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
APPEAL REPORT**

Goal	\$35,583
Committed	\$22,840
Raised	\$22,680
Goal Reached	64%
Number of Donors	73

COFFEE HOUR

After 8:30am Mass
Reconnect with other
parish members
with coffee, tea,
baked goods and
fellowship. Held in the
parish hall each Sunday.


**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
LOAVES AND FISHES
GIFT CARDS**

Support our parish! Buy
gift cards in the narthex
before and after weekend
Masses. Order or view
available cards
by scanning the
QR code or call
570-686-4545.


**SPEND A
HALF HOUR WITH
YOUR MOTHER**

St. Vincent de Paul Church
Come Pray the Rosary 1st
Saturday of the month
10am in the Chapel.
Sponsored by the Knights
of Columbus #9832 Lady
of the Mountain. Rosaries
provided if needed.



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in Loving Memory of
Paul Smerkanich*



OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. ANN

*Solemn Vespers & Benediction**Picnic & Ice Cream Social**Sunday, July 26th***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the 10:15am Mass.**

We will have a picnic supper for all parishioners, their families and friends at 5:30pm on the grounds of St. Ann's. The theme is international food. Come and bring a dish of your heritage or share one of your favorite international dishes.

We will celebrate Solemn Vespers with Benediction at 6:30pm, afterwards, an *Ice Cream Social* will be held.

Please come out and celebrate our Parish Patron Saint and ask Good Saint Ann to guide and protect our Parish.

*Toward Heaven*

Think well. Speak well. Do well.
These three things, through the mercy of God, will
make a person go to heaven. ~St. Camillus de Lellis

THIS WEEK'S WEATHER

DAY		HIGH	LOW
TODAY		83°F	64°F
MONDAY		83°F	59°F
TUESDAY		83°F	56°F
WEDNESDAY		86°F	61°F
THURSDAY		82°F	63°F
FRIDAY		83°F	59°F
SATURDAY		85°F	57°F
SUNDAY		88°F	57°F

Creation awaits with eager
expectation the revelation
of the children of God

Romans 8:19

LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHRISTIANS

Little Bethlehem Christians is a group of 170 Christian families who live in Bethlehem, the Holy Land, who make their living as wood carvers. Originally introduced by the Crusaders, the tradition of olive wood carving in the Holy Land has been handed down from father to son since the 12th century.

The Little Bethlehem Christians will be at St. John Neumann on July 11–12, St. Ann's on July 12, and St. Vincent de Paul on July 18–19, displaying a collection of beautifully hand-carved olive wood religious items after all Masses. Proceeds from the sale of these items help support Christian families living in the land of Christ.

BULLETIN
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit announcements to: Carol at
bulletin@stannshohola.org by **Thursday at 1:00pm**,
at least **10 days prior to the publication date**.

(Earlier deadlines may apply for holidays.)

Please do not use the @ptd email.

ST. ANN'S PRESENTS

LABOR DAY CHICKEN BARBECUE \$15

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6
1:00PM - 4:00PM

GET READY FOR A DAY FULL OF
FOOD AND FUN FOR ALL AGES

LACKAWAXEN FIREHOUSE
ROUTE 590

BRING YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR APPETITE, AND YOUR PATRIOTIC SPIRIT!

- CHICKEN DINNER
- BASKET RAFFLE
- GAMES FOR KIDS
- COOL TREATS
- DRINKS

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
WWW.STANNSHOHOLA.ORG
OR CALL 570-832-4275

OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES

Welcome to St. Ann's, St. John Neumann and St. Vincent de Paul Parishes

To all who are celebrating with us today, if you are not registered, recently married, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, please scan the code to complete registration online. We encourage you to register as a member of our faith community. Registering in the parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of the Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish. Registering also makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, religious education registration, weddings and when asked to be a sponsor for baptism or confirmation.



REGISTER
ONLINE



St John Neumann / Good Shepherd / St Ann

FATHER RYAN MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC



Lord's Valley Country Club

Monday, July 27, 2026

COST: \$160
Includes 18 Holes of Golf with Cart
Registration: 9am
Shotgun Start: 10am

Best ball format
Continental Breakfast
Beer & Sports Drinks on Course

LUNCH INCLUDES
Hamburgers, Chicken, Fish, Pasta,
Salad, Draft Beer, Soda, Coffee & Tea

Lunch Only Cost: \$50
Tricky Tray | Silent Auction
50/50 | Cash Prizes

Cornerstone Starting Point, Inc. Presents **Electronic Waste & Scrap Metal Event**

St. Vincent de Paul
101 St. Vincent Drive, Milford
Lower Parking Lot
next to garages and
clothing drop-off shed

Saturday, July 18th
10:00am to 2:00pm

\$30 a Car Load
\$10 additional for each
appliance
(Stove, Fridge, Washer, Dryer,
Hot Water Heater, BBQ)

FEES COLLECTED BENEFIT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH SHARING FUND

If you can't make it to this
event, don't worry!

We've got more exciting
events lined up in the future
and we'd love for you to be a
part of them.

Contact
cornerstonestartingpoint@gmail.
com for more info.

WHOEVER HAS
ears
OUGH TO
hear

Matthew 13:9

Sign up your foursome: (Please Print)

1. _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
2. _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
3. _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
4. _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

If you do not have a foursome, do not worry, sign up and we will partner you up.
Please make check payable to Knights of Columbus Council #12571 and send to:

There will be a limit of 110 golfers please pay early to assure a spot

Text **Angelo Papa** (201) 575-6100
1768 Hemlock Farms, Lords Valley, Pa. 18428
angelo.papa@verizon.net

Call **Bob Stoller** (570) 775-1588
2649 Hemlock Farms, Lords Valley, Pa. 18428
bstol@ptd.net

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

ST JOHN NEUMANN AND ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Donations are welcome but not necessary.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every Tuesday at
St. Vincent de Paul's Church 10:00am- 12:00pm

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



BEREAVEMENT/GRIEF MINISTRY TRYING TO COPE WITH GRIEF?

St. John Neumann's Bereavement/Grief Ministry is a support group formed to give comfort to those who are suffering the loss of a loved one.

A four-week series will take place on Mondays covering a variety of topics chosen to help those who are grieving. The death of a loved one is difficult to accept and meeting with people who are feeling the same way can help.

All meetings will be held at St. John Neumann's Parish Hall, 705 Route 739, Hawley, PA beginning on Monday, July 20 through Monday, August, 10, 2026 from 2:00 PM until 3:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

If you would like to attend these meetings or if you'd like more information, please call the Parish Office at 570-775-6791 or email at stvgriefgroup@att.net.

Please join us for various presentations on relevant topics in a supportive atmosphere.

KNIGHTS CORNER

BECOME A KNIGHT

ASK A KNIGHT AT YOUR PARISH HOW

- ☆ Lead with Faith
- ☆ Protect your family with insurance
- ☆ Serve others
- ☆ Defend your Catholic Values

Rich Flora *Grand Knight Council 12571*
raf_619@yahoo.com

COLUMBIETTES

We meet the second Tuesday of each month at Saint John Neumann's Church Hall at 7:00pm come visit and see what we're all about. Please contact:

Donna 570-257-0310 or Natalie 845-500-5810

FOOD FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS



1:00pm ~ 2:30pm

July 5th at St. John Neumann
Chicken Dinner

July 12th at St. Ann's
Pork Dinner

SA Parish Office 570-832-4275

SJN Parish Office 570-775-6791

text or call 347-446-9631 or 201-575-6100

Orders due by the Wednesday prior to the dinner.

SUNDAY READINGS DISCUSSION

Tuesdays at 3:00pm

Saint John's Hall

The meetings usually last about 90 minutes. All are welcome to come and participate. Call Peter at 570-775-1647 for more information.

SAINT ANN'S

St. Ann Novena

Prayed July 17–25 in preparation for the Feast of St. Ann on July 26.

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created.

People: And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Priest and People: Almighty and Eternal God, look with favor upon us who are assembled here to honor Your servant, Saint Ann. Be pleased to accept the homage we offer You in her name. In Your goodness, answer the prayers which we address to You through her powerful intercession. As she pleased You on earth by her virtuous life, hear the requests which she now makes for us before Your throne in heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to St. Ann

Priest and People: Glorious and Holy Queen, whom the heavens admire, whom the saints honor, and the earth reveres: God the Father loves you as the mother of His beloved Daughter; the Son of God loves you for having given Him a Mother from whom He was born to become the Savior of mankind; the Holy Spirit loves you for having given to Him so beautiful, so worthy, and so perfect a spouse. The angels and the saints honor you as the mother of their Sovereign; the just and sinners consider you their powerful advocate before God, for by your intercession the just hope for an increase of grace and sinners hope for the remission of their sins.

Be then kind and generous, and while we invoke you here below, pray for us in heaven. Use in our favor the great influence you have before God, and do not permit those who know you to be lost. Show yourself always the refuge of sinners and the consolation of the afflicted and give us all the pledge of your kindness. Defend our cause now and at the hour of our death. This we ask through all the love which you have for Our Lord and for His Mother, your Daughter, that, helped by your prayers, we may one day possess eternal life. Amen.

Special Prayer of Petition

Priest and People: Glorious St. Ann, filled with pity for those who pray to you and with love for those who suffer, burdened with the weight of our troubles, we cast ourselves at your feet and humbly beg you to take this special petition, which we present to you, under your protection. Be pleased to recommend it to your Daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and lay it before the throne of Jesus, that He may bring it to a happy end. Intercede for us until our request is granted.

Here ask for the favors you wish to obtain.

Above all, obtain for us the grace of one day seeing our God face to face and, with you and Mary and all the saints, praising and blessing Him through all eternity. Amen.

Priest and People: Good St. Ann, Mother of her who is our life, our sweetness, and our hope, pray to her for us and obtain our request.

St. Ann, pray for us.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Amen.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO



St. Vincent de Paul Parish
Route 739 Dingmans Ferry, PA

Begins Friday, May 22
Ends Friday, September 4

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.
Games Begin 6:30 p.m.

Refreshments Available for Purchase
Come play with us!

SUMMER COR 2

Coming Soon!! An opportunity for the men of St Vincent de Paul, St John Neumann and St Ann's to get a boost of strength in faith and virtue, build bonds of friendship and, overall, to become better men for our families, parish and community. The program will begin **Saturday July 11th** 8:00am to 10:00am at St Vincent de Paul parish hall. The program will run for 4 weeks. For more information and to join us contact Peter Briody at PDB144@gmail.com.

St. Vincent DePaul Crafters & Stitchers Presents:
CARD MAKING PARTY WITH
DIANE QUINTILIANI

When: July 16, 2026 at 6pm

\$25 per person – cost includes the materials to make & take 3 cards;
Soup, Salad, Sandwiches, and Dessert also included
***Reservations Required

All proceeds go to the Sharing Fund

50/50 and Raffle Baskets also available with additional purchase



Tickets available in the Narthex after masses starting June 27, 2026

Contact the Church Office 570-686-4545 or
Marie-Eleana 570-686-1550 with questions.

HAPPENING at ST. VINCENT'S

Cursillo Small Grouping

First Tuesday of each month after the 8:45am Mass in the Chapel. We begin with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by small group sharing.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesdays, 10:00am-12:00pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church. All are welcome to knit or crochet in fellowship and prayer. Prayer shawls and lap blankets are available to those in need. Donations welcome, but not required.

Sharing the Sunday Readings

Tuesdays at 6:30pm via Zoom. Join from home—PJs welcome! Reflect on the Sunday Scriptures and how they guide our lives. No commitment. For details, contact Diane Quintiliani at mqdq@ptd.net.

Grow+Go

Weekly reflections on the Sunday Scriptures that help us grow in faith and go forth as disciples. Available on the parish website, Facebook, and in the weekly email.

20TH ANNUAL

JOE BRETHER & MIKE COLLINS GOLF OUTING

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & BBQ LUNCH
EARLY SIGN-UP WITH PAYMENT
\$150.00 PER GOLFER

9:00AM
MONDAY

17
AUGUST

LORDS VALLEY
COUNTRY CLUB

PLEASE CONTACT BRYAN AT 201-874-8060
WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL CHURCHES & CHARITIES

KID'S CORNER

Jesus wants us to hear, understand, and live by his words. He told a parable about seeds to explain this (Matthew 13:1-23). Use these four words to fill in the blanks that help tell Jesus' story.

thorns

birds

sun

fruit

A farmer threw out seeds. Some of it was eaten by _____. Some of it was burned by the _____. Some of it was choked by _____. But some of the seeds fell on rich soil and grew lots of _____!

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Isaiah 55:10-11 we learn that there is an order to things. Number the sentences in each row from 1 to 3 to show the correct sequence of events. Underline the sentence that tells where we have an important part to play.

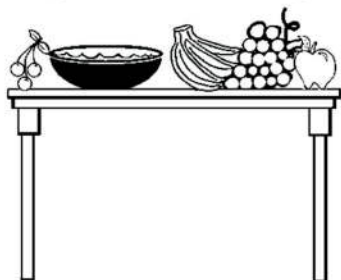
	It spins itself into a cocoon.	A caterpillar eats and eats.	It comes out as a beautiful butterfly.
	A tiny baby girl is born.	She becomes a woman.	She grows to be bigger and bigger.
	Plants grow in the soil and provide us with food.	They water the Earth so it is fertile and ready for seeds.	The rain and snow come down from heaven.
	The word of God comes from God's mouth.	We hear it and do what is right.	God's will is done.



The next time you have apples at your house, try this experiment.

Directions:

1. Cut 1 apple vertically, from the stem through the core.
 2. Count the seeds and notice the position of the seeds.
 3. Cut a second apple horizontally.
 4. Did you find a star shape?
 5. Count the seeds and compare.
 6. Enjoy eating your experiment when completed.
- *Do you think you will find a star in a pear?



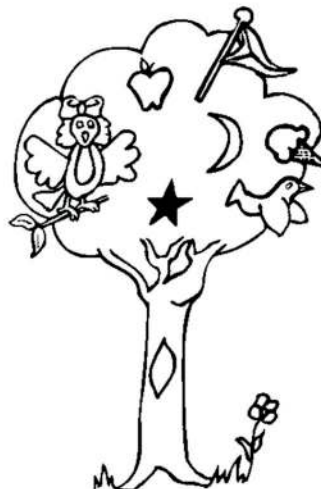
GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The seed that falls on rich soil will bear much fruit.

Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14
Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23

Directions: Put an X on the items that do not belong in the tree.



NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hot-line (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. This end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being.

Information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

The icon on the cover...

The Icon of Our Lady of Mount Carmel presents the Blessed Virgin Mary as the loving Mother who leads all people to Christ. Clothed in a white mantle, symbolizing purity and holiness, Mary gently gestures toward the Christ Child, reminding us that He is the source of salvation. Jesus, seated upon His Mother's arm, raises His hand in blessing while holding a scroll, representing the Gospel and divine wisdom. The Brown Scapular, draped from Mary's hand, recalls her maternal protection and the Carmelite call to prayer, devotion, and faithful discipleship. Set against a radiant gold background, the icon proclaims the glory of heaven and the timeless presence of God. Through her tender gaze, Mary invites us to place our trust completely in her Son.

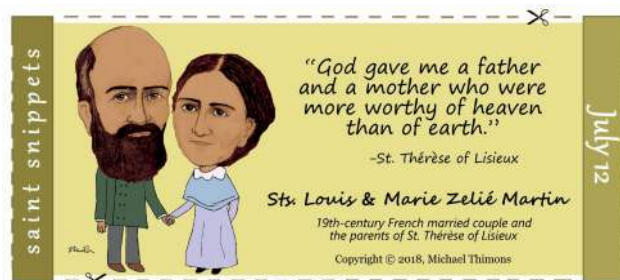
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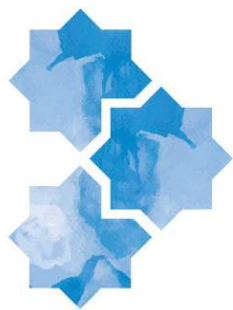
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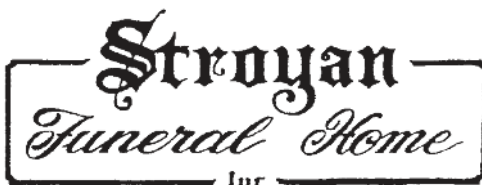
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