

**St. John the Baptist Parish & St. Mary of the Assumption Parish**  
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| MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS |                    |    |                  | August 30, 2026          | Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time                               |
|------------------------------|--------------------|----|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday                     | August             | 29 | 5:30 p.m.        | St. John, Clyde          | Barb & John Leiszler by Ruth Klumpe                                 |
| Sunday                       | August             | 30 | 8:30 a.m.        | St. Mary, Clifton        | Gerri Piscitelli by Ron Girard Family                               |
|                              |                    |    | 10:30 a.m.       | St. John, Clyde          | All Parishioners                                                    |
| Tuesday                      | September          | 1  | 8:00 a.m.        | St. John, Clyde          | +Bob Racette by Norm & Cindy Francis                                |
| Wednesday                    | September          | 2  | 5:30 p.m.        | St. John, Clyde          | +Roxana Marcotte by Knight of Columbus 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Wives |
| Thursday                     | September          | 3  | 8:00 a.m.        | St. Mary, Clifton        | +Max Carlson and all deceased family by Lana Carlson                |
| Friday                       | <b>September 4</b> |    | 7:00 a.m.        | St. John, Clyde          | Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus                             |
|                              |                    |    | <b>9:30 a.m.</b> | <b>Park Villa, Clyde</b> | <b>Living and Deceased Residents of Park Villa</b>                  |
| Saturday                     | <b>September 5</b> |    | <b>8:00 a.m.</b> | <b>St. John, Clyde</b>   | <b>Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>                   |
|                              |                    |    | 5:30 p.m.        | St. John, Clyde          | +Colleen & Shane Hoesli by Mary Gilstrap                            |
| Sunday                       | September          | 6  | 8:30 a.m.        | St. Mary, Clifton        | All Parishioners                                                    |
|                              |                    |    | 10:30 a.m.       | St. John, Clyde          | Larry & Linda Nobert by Robbie & Linette Robben                     |

**St. Mary Liturgical Assignments:**

| Date      | Rosary          | Greeters             | Cross Bearer   | Reader          | EMHC                                               | Servers                              | Gifts Bearers         | Collection                         | Money Counters                         |
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| August 30 | Stephen Kieffer | Travis Wurtz Family  | Deanne Jackson | David Leiszler  | Susan Bechard<br>Stephen Kieffer<br>Deanne Jackson | Annika Wernecke<br>Charly Steinbrock | Wade Knoettgen family | Shawn Taddiken<br>Dennis Alexander | Lindsey Leiszler<br>Nicolette Taddiken |
| Sept. 5   | Mike Kantack    | Daniel & Judy Deaver | Susan Bechard  | Stephen Kieffer | Linda Kantack<br>April Fahey<br>Barb Lange         | Remi Wurtz<br>Grady Wurtz            | Shawn Taddiken Family | Rocky Fahey<br>Stan Marshall       | Barb Lange<br>Kalli Deaver             |

**St. John Liturgical Assignments:**

| Date      | Rosary           | Greeters                        | Cross Bearer  | Reader       | EMHC                              | Servers                     | Gift Bearers          | Money Counters        |
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| August 29 | Stephanie Girard | Noel Garrison & Kathleen Sorell | Steve Biery   | Steve Rogers | Norm Francis<br>Cindy Francis     | Cohen Girard<br>Remy Girard | Ron Girard Family     |                       |
| August 30 | Choir            | Guy & Julie Steier              | Greg Askren   | Gary Sipe    | Audra Walter<br>Curtis Walter     | Zach Bulleigh               | Stan Bergstrom Family | Jeff & Jennifer Koch  |
| Sept. 5   | Eric Stenberg    | Scott & Dawn Seifert            | Remy Girard   | Cathy Koch   | Bernard Debes<br>Kristi Koch      | Cooper Girard               | Travis Leclair Family |                       |
| Sept. 6   | Choir            | Stan & Beth Bergstrom           | Ian Bergstrom | Jackie Koch  | Jennifer Koch<br>Mary Lynn Delude | Ryan LeClair                | Curtis Walter Family  | Derek & Dana Sandmann |

**Finance totals:** St. John August 23rd - Plate: \$141.00, Envelopes: \$1,930.00

St. Mary August 23rd - Plate: \$107.00, Envelopes: \$1,230.00

**Homebound Ministry:** Father Andrew Rockers

**Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration at St. Mary:** Tuesday, September 1 at 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration at St. John:** Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Outreach Ministers for September:** Circle Three -Jackie Askren, Lori Bulleigh and Carolyn Debes

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** St. John- 4:15-5:15 p.m. Saturday and 30 mins before daily Mass.

St. Mary -7:45-8:15 a.m. Sunday and 30 mins before daily Mass.

### Pastor Notes

**Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting:** We will have a Confirmation parent & student meeting at 7 pm this Wednesday 9/2 in Clifton. Please attend if you were not at the one in Clyde last week (St. John grades 7-10 and St. Mary grades 5-10).

**OCIA:** Begin thinking about and encouraging any non-Catholics you know to consider learning more about Catholicism by attending OCIA. They don't have to be committed to becoming Catholic to come and learn. Classes will be Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30, beginning September 17. Classes will be in Clyde on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month and in Clifton on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. Please let me know of any individuals who may be interested!

**Catholic Faith Explained Classes:** This year in addition to OCIA, I will be offering a similar class for parishioners who want to grow in their knowledge of the faith. This will be a basic overview of Catholic beliefs and practices. The classes will be recorded so it's okay if you miss one from time to time. I encourage everyone to attend! Classes will be Thursday evenings 7:45-8:45, beginning September 17. Classes will be in Clyde on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month and in Clifton on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month.

### Parish News

**Parish Office-** has been moved to the south classrooms in the main St. John church building. Regular hours are Tuesday – Thursday 9am-4pm. Also, new to the office is a mail slot available for parishioners to drop documents off after hours.

**St. Mary CCD Teacher Meeting-** Teachers and substitutes will meet August 30th after Mass.

**St. John Religious Education-** Student registration forms are available online. Please drop the completed forms off at the parish office, or through the office mail slot by September 13.

**Knights of Columbus-** Copies of the work schedule for the Watermelon festival can be found in the entry ways and online with the bulletin.

**Watermelon Festival Pasta Bar Fundraiser** – St. Mary Parish Members, we are still needing volunteers to sign up and help at the fundraiser Saturday, September 5th. Sign-up sheets for work shifts and donations needed are at the back of church and on Sign Up Genius. If you have any questions, contact April Fahey at 785-313-2573.

### For Your Life: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Jeremiah 20:7–9

Psalms 63:2–6, 8–9

Romans 12:1–2

Matthew 16:21–27

Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach.

But God does not deceive—and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just (see Jeremiah 20:11–12) and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see Hebrews 12:5–7).

What Jeremiah learns is what Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself—your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His Gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the Passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God.

By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach: we owe to God all that we have.

God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship, giving our lives to the service of His will (see Hebrews 10:3–11; Psalm 50:14, 23).

Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see 1 Corinthians 1:23). This is our natural temptation, as well: to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan.

That's how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds—to think as God thinks, to will what He wills.

In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see Hebrews 13:15). We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet our souls will be satisfied.