Saint Mary Roman Catholic Parish

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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 13, 2026

A Parish Blessed by
St. John Neumann

Founded 1854

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Weekly Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Sunday Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil, 4:00 PM; Sundays, 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM
Daily Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 AM; Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:15-3:45 PM; 15 minutes before Daily Masses; anytime by appointment

St. Mary Parish warmly welcomes any guests or visitors who are joining us for Mass. If you are new to the area and looking for a parish home, we kindly invite you to join our parish. Please contact our Pastor or Parish Office for information on registration. If you are traveling through Berks County, we are happy to have you with us. Please know that you are always welcome and be assured of our prayers for your safe travels home.

Parish Information

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Religious Education (off hours): 484.575.1222
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Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/St.MaryHamburg

OUR MISSION

To invoke the prayers and intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our patroness, as we seek to be drawn ever more deeply into the Paschal Mystery and the life of her Son, Jesus Christ. To provide the sacraments, liturgical services, pastoral guidance, and religious education for Catholic Christians in Northern Berks County. To provide opportunities to parishioners of all ages and abilities to share their time, talents, and treasure through religious and social programs. To support those in need through prayer, outreach, and good works. To manage the tangible assets of the parish with prudent administration through the cooperation of the pastor and the laity. To encourage participation in the inter-faith services and unite with all persons of good will in matters of faith and moral living. To be an asset to the Hamburg and Northern Berks Area and the Diocese of Allentown.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims of the Church.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
DIRECT TELEPHONE LINE: 800-791-9209
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PROTECTION OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE
Diocesan Policies & Procedures: **www.allentowndiocese.org**

ENVELOPE USE

With quite a few active parishioners, use of collection envelopes is the only way we have of knowing your Mass attendance. If you are asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you will need a Certificate of Eligibility signed by Father Loeper. These certificates require Father to attest that he has knowledge of your practice of your faith. So please use your envelopes! If a minimal contribution is a financial burden, please put the empty envelope in the collection basket. This indicates that you attended Mass that week. *Please note, all envelopes are recorded according to when they were received, not according to the date on the envelope!*

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

You are encouraged to seek the Sacrament of the Sick if you are suffering from a serious illness or are going to be admitted to the hospital for surgery. Please contact Father Loeper or the Parish Office if you would like to be anointed.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is held weekly before 4:00PM Saturday Vigil Mass, from 3:15-3:45PM AND 15 minutes before daily weekday Masses. Also by appointment!

BAPTISM: Administered Sundays at 12Noon. Call the pastor to arrange. Families must be registered and practicing for at least 3 months. Parents are to attend an informational session. Catholic sponsors (at least 16 years old) must practice the faith and need a letter of eligibility from the home parish.

MARRIAGE: Contact the pastor *at least 6 months prior to the desired date.* Bride or groom must be registered and practicing the faith for at least 6 months.

CARE OF THE SICK for Homebound: Please notify the office of aged, seriously ill or infirmed persons desiring Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick at home.

HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES: When a family member is admitted, please notify the parish office.

SPONSOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION for Baptism or Confirmation will be issued only to practicing parishioners who are members for at least 3 months. See "Envelope Use" below.

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Family Faith Formation (PreK through grade 8) scheduled Sunday mornings during the school year. Contact Mrs. Dooley or the parish office, or email **stmarysformation@gmail.com**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Depending on location, our parishioners might attend any number of Catholic elementary schools or Catholic high schools. Contact the pastor regarding the parish subsidy policy for students attending Catholic schools or for further information.

OCIA: The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for those preparing for baptism, reception into the Catholic church, or for those Catholics who are lacking one of the Sacraments of Initiation or who wish to return to the Church after an absence or simply wish to learn more about the faith. The program runs from September until Easter.

MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION: New members are to arrange to meet with the pastor. Membership involves a commitment to the life of the parish through regular participation spiritually and with one's time, talent, and treasure.

FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER: If you are MOVING, PLEASE notify the parish office!

BULLETIN DEADLINES: All announcements are to be submitted in writing or by email to **StMaryHamburg@aol.com** by ***the Sunday of the week prior to publication.***

TECHNOLOGY NOTES: Follow our parish news and events on Facebook, on FlockNotes, or on our website.

MEMORIAL FUND: Memorial gifts may be made to the parish in memory of deceased loved ones.

WILLS & BEQUESTS: Consider designating your parish in your last will and testament or living trust so that the blessings the Lord has given you may continue to build His Kingdom.

DIRECTORY of PARISH MINISTRIES & SERVICES

Altar Servers & Ministers of the Altar: Fr. Loeper
Bulletin (weekly): Laura Ludovici, **stmaryhamburg@aol.com**
Catholic Charities: Reading or Kutztown: 610-376-7144
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Cemetery: John Driscoll
Children's Choir: Keith Symons
Christmas Bazaar: Bonnie Katzaman
Choir & Music Ministry: Bob Lesnefsky
Facilities Manager: Mark Kopp
Guitar Group: Tony LaMastra
Holy Name Society: Mike Sauer
NorthStar Women's Center (pro-life): 610-321-7277
Parish Council: Fr. Loeper
Parish Prayer List: Gail Braun
FFF/Religious Education & Youth Ministry:
Marie Dooley (call 484-575-1222)
Rental Information (Pavilion & Ave Maria Hall): Parish Office
SCRIP Website: raiseright.com or call Office
Ushers: Ed Burns
Taste & See (mercy meals): Mary Alice Kuhns

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 12: *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
4:00PM ♥ Michael & Donna Hock

Sunday, September 13: *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM + Phil Pugliese

Sunday, September 13: *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
10:45AM ♥ Rosaria Sottosanti

Monday, September 14: *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
9:00AM ♥ Lois, Carol, Sue & Bonnie

Tuesday, September 15: *Our Lady of Sorrows*
*NO MASS TODAY! No Adoration Today!***

Wednesday, September 16: *Ss. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop*
*NO MASS TODAY!***

Thursday, September 17: *St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin (Both Doctors of the Church)*
9:00AM + Rudy Glogovsky

Friday, September 18: *Weekday*
*NO MASS TODAY!***

Saturday, September 19: *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
4:00PM + Anne Bean

Sunday, September 20: *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM ♥ Joanne & Tom Hojnowski Anniversary

Sunday, September 20: *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
10:45AM + Mary Jane Schaeffer

+ Deceased **♥ Living**

Readings for the Week

Monday Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalms 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17
Tuesday 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35
Wednesday 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Psalms 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 Luke 7:31-35
Thursday 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Psalms 118:1B-2, 16ab-17, 28 Luke 7:36-50
Friday 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Psalms 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 Luke 8:1-3
Saturday 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49 Psalms 56:10c-12, 13-14 Luke 8:4-15
Sunday Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a Matthew 20:1-16a

Parish Calendar

Sunday, September 13 ~ Sunday, September 20

Sunday: **Religious Ed. Begins; 9AM, AM Hall *(includes Breakfast!)***
Monday:
Tuesday: **NO ADORATION TODAY!**
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
Sunday:

Father will be on Retreat this coming week.
Previously scheduled Masses have been rescheduled. Check with Office for changed dates!

When it happened to me, it felt like what I imagine a heart attack might feel like. Sudden, surprising, painful. The pain came from information relayed by a person who was, at the time, one of our diocesan officials in the clergy office. He told me what another priest had said in a negative critique of me. The assessment came from someone I happened to admire. Hearing his judgment of me hurt doubly for that very reason.

While this took place many years ago, the incident springs to mind immediately whenever I think of our good Lord's admonition found in today's Gospel: "So will my heavenly Father do to you unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

Boy, is that hard to do sometimes! There have been similar examples in my life, but the one I cited stands out the most because of the hurt. After that wears off with time, a certain justifiable anger can still well up within us. We start creating a line of defense witnesses as we put the offending one on an imaginary trial in the courtroom of our minds.

In His human nature, Our Lord knew all about such hurt and anger. After all, He was like us in all things but sin. But listen again to those words of His as He hung, the victim of hate, on that Roman cross of pain and punishment: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

So, despite any and all efforts we might make to get out from under this teaching of His—and some of us are quite clever about that—we must either obey Him or walk away. It's the biggest mistake any of us can make, once we know and believe Him to be the Son of God: the One who really practiced what He preached, the One who loves us despite ourselves.

Once upon a time, a friend of Clara Barton, the founder of the American Red Cross, reminded her of an especially cruel thing that had been done to her years before. But Miss Barton seemed not to recall it. "Don't you remember it?" her friend asked. "No," came the reply. "I distinctly remember forgetting it."

You can't be free and happy if you harbor grudges, so put them away. Get rid of them. Collect postage stamps or collect coins, or model trains, if you wish—but don't collect grudges.

God love you as you collect new graces in your life.

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

HOLY NAME CORNER: "IRON SHARPENS IRON"
MEETINGS every third Thursday of the month!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: A holy hour takes place in the chapel every Tuesday evening from 6PM to 7PM. Mass is then offered at 7PM. This is a simple holy hour (no Benediction).

QUILT NEWS: St. Mary's Quilting Bee is happy to announce the start of our 2026 quilt raffle. We extend our sincere thanks to Phyllis Yoder for donating this quilt from her collection. Tickets are $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00 and are available on the table in front of the quilt display in the side lobby. We also extend our appreciation to Gregory J. Rautzhan Insurance Agency for his generous donation to sponsor the printing of the quilt tickets. The winner will be drawn at our annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 21. Thanks!

FAITH NIGHTS AT THE HAMBURG STRAND THEATER: All films start at 7PM and are shown on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Admission is $10 which includes popcorn and soda. Tickets sold at the door only! The next film shown will be *"Beautiful Mind"* on October 13. *See flyer on lobby kiosk!*

PRAYER LIST: Let's pray for those in our parish & family community who are sick, recently deceased, or otherwise in need of prayer: TODD GLADFELTER, SHERRY LUDOVICI, CEREGHINI FAMILY, DAVID BACHMAN, TERRY DUNBAR, BETTY & MATTHEW SHAABER, FRICK FAMILY, DIANE OLEXSON, MARCUS KRAMER, JOSHUA & LORI KIDWELL, BOB PALKO, LEO SAUPPEE, MARGARET EBLING, BOB & KATHLEEN LLEWELLYN, MELISSA ENGLEMAN, KRISTIN YATES, RUTH KREMSER, JENNA PIASKOWSKI, DOROTHY MUZOPAPPA, THOMAS HOJNOWSKI, SR., THOMAS HOJNOWSKI, JR., JENNIFER MILLER, CLAIRE CRANDALL, CATHY & STACEY MONTES, JOE PEACOCK, LORI ODENATH, SALVATORE SANGUINITO, MICHELLE ANTALOSKY, MAHALA WACHTER, CHARLES SNYDER, ALEX VAUPEL, BOB WALLEY, CAROLYN BONKOSKI, CAIT DRISCOLL, GARRITH DONLEY. Due to privacy laws, the actual person or an immediate family member needs to give us permission for inclusion & remain on the list for 3 mos. ***Please let us know when your loved one is better.***

Our Church is meant to be a place of prayer and recollection. Please refrain from conversation while you are inside the church worship space. Thank you for respecting God's house!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER: "We must remember that each human being, regardless of sin, weakness, disability, age or illness will remain in God's image; because of that, these lives must be treated with dignity and respect." –Valerie Parzyck

Liturgy Schedule: Weekend of Sept. 19 & 20
4:00PM
Lector: L Ludovici; EMs: M Bachman, A & B Leon Caraballo
8:00AM
Lector: B Cordier; EMs: D Cordier, N Rogers, B Tyson
10:45AM
Lector: N Varian; EMs: J & N Kopp, A Rossi

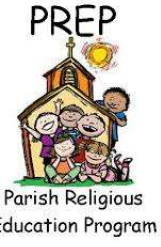
DEAR PARISHIONERS:
This is an important time of year to think about OCIA: the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. OCIA welcomes adults into full communion with the Catholic Church or helps them complete their Christian initiation. It is for several categories of people:

1. People who have never been baptized and feel called to enter the Catholic Church.
2. Christians baptized into other traditions (Lutheran, Presbyterian, Evangelical, etc.) who wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Those who were baptized Catholic, but for one reason or another, were not brought up in the faith.
4. Catholics who were brought up in the faith but for one reason or another did not receive all of the Sacraments of Initiation, such as Confirmation.

Because we are a relatively small parish, OCIA can easily be adapted to each person's needs. If you or someone in your life falls into one of the above categories and has an interest in entering full communion with the Church or completing initiation into the Church, please speak with me. If there is someone in your life who you think is open to the Catholic faith, consider sharing this information with them. It is a good way to evangelize. Some people are simply waiting to be invited!

--Father Dave

BVM PILGRIM STATUE: September 12-September 19: K Haggerty; September 19-September 26: OPEN; September 26-October 3: D Greim. Please call the next host family on the schedule as a courtesy reminder.
PILGRIM STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN: *There are weeks open. If you would like to sign up to have the statue in your home for a week, please call the parish office so that you can schedule a week from those available.*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: **All families with children in Preschool through 8th grades are welcome to join us! If you are new to our program, feel free to get in touch with Marie Dooley to complete registration as a new family. Classes meet twice per month in the Ave Maria Hall.**

Our annual HARVEST FEST will take place on Friday, October 2 & Saturday, October 3!!!

HARVEST FEST CORK PULL: Donations of your favorite wine, spirits & beer are now being accepted for the cork pull. All donated items must be valued at $15 or more and may be dropped off during office hours or weekend Masses. Please consider donating! This has been a great addition to Harvest Fest!

RAFFLE AUCTION: Items can be dropped off to the Parish Office during the week or bring them with you to Mass on the weekend! Please make sure that items are attached together with your name, phone number, and value of the gift attached. Please contact Anita Homolo if you have any questions at **launc155@verizon.net**. New, unscratched lottery tickets are also needed!!!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY DONATED ITEMS!

BUCKET BRIGADE: ***Buckets must be returned no later than MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21*** to the Parish Office. If you are returning bags as well as your bucket, everything must be attached together with your name, phone number and value of the gift. Please contact Anita Homolo if you have any questions at **launc155@verizon.net**

SIGN UPS FOR WILLING WORKERS for Harvest Fest has many openings! Check your calendar, sign up for a shift...and give us a hand! Many hands make light work!

NORTHERN BERKS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION will be taken up next weekend, September 19 & 20. Please put the donations in the large box in the coatroom. The food pantry asks for non-perishable food items as well as toiletries. Thank you to all who contribute to the Food Pantry!

Prayer & Devotional Apps...*good for personal study and to teach your family and children:*

~ ***HALLOW***—Guided prayer, meditation, rosary, novenas, sleep prayers and audio content from Catholic creators. ~ Laudate—One of the most popular free Catholic apps; daily readings, rosary, chaplets, prayers, and the Catechism.

~ ***iBREVIARY***—Full Liturgy of the Hours, daily Mass readings, and other official liturgical texts.

~ ***DIVINE OFFICE***—Audio and text versions of the Liturgy of the Hours.

~***MAGNIFICAT***—Daily Mass readings, reflections, morning/evening prayer, and saint stories.

SCRIPTURE & STUDY APPS: ~ Bible App (YouVersion Catholic plans)—Not Catholic specific, but includes Catholic translations and reading plans. ~ Catholic Study Bible App (Ignatius Press/Lighthouse)—RSV CE Bible with commentary and study tools. ~ Verbum—a powerful Catholic Bible study platform with integrated Church documents and theology resources.

SACRAMENTS & SPIRITUAL LIFE: Confession: A Roman Catholic App—Helps prepare for confession with custom examinations of conscience. ~Mass Times (by CatholicMassTime.org)—Helps locate nearby Mass, confession, and adoration times. ~Pray as you go—Jesuit audio reflections for daily prayer. Audio & Media~ EWTN App—Live TV/radio, prayers, and Catholic programming. -Relevant Radio—Catholic talk radio and prayer broadcasts. ~ Formed—Catholic streaming platform with movies, studies, and kids' content (our Parish has a subscription to this, available to all of us!)

SAINTS, ROSARY AND DEVOTIONS: Rosary Pro—customizable rosary app with audio. ~Saint of the Day (Franciscan Media)—Daily saint biographies and reflections.

CATHOLIC APPS FOR KIDS: Catholic Kids Media—short videos explaining the Sunday Gospel. ~Laudate for Kids—simplified prayers and devotions. ~Bible for Kids (Life.Church)—not Catholic specific but widely used for young children.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Will take place on Saturday, November 21 from 8AM to 1PM! Mark your calendars now! Volunteers are needed...please contact Bonnie Katzaman at 610-562-4036 if interested in helping out!

FATHER, PLEASE TELL US: *THE IMPORTANCE OF CATHOLIC SIMPLE PRAYERS*

Morning ~ Night ~ Before Meals ~ After Meals

The Church encourages us to establish rhythms of prayer throughout the day. These simple prayers help us remember God, give thanks, seek His grace and live each moment in His presence.

"THE CHURCH TEACHES: The Christian faithful are to offer up prayers to God at certain times of the day, morning and evening, before and after meals." –CCC 2697-2699

MORNING PRAYER: Begin the Day with God

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. + Amen

This traditional Morning Offering gives the entire day to God. We begin by saying: **"Lord, this day belongs to You."**

NIGHT PRAYER: End the Day with God

I adore You, my God, and I love You with all my heart. I thank You for having created me, made me a Christian, and preserved me this day. Forgive me the evil I have done, and if I have done some good, accept it. Take care of me while I sleep and preserve me from all dangers. May Your grace be always with me and with all my loved ones. +Amen

Night Prayer helps us thank God, examine our day, ask forgiveness and entrust ourselves to His protection.

PRAYER BEFORE MEALS: Receive with Gratitude

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. +Amen

This prayer reminds us that food is a gift from God. We pause to acknowledge: God is the giver.

PRAYER AFTER MEALS: Do Not Forget to Give Thanks

We give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, Almighty God, Who live and reign for ever. + Amen

After receiving God's gifts, we give thanks. Gratitude should not end when the meal begins.

WHY ARE THESE SIMPLE PRAYERS IMPORTANT?

Because they interrupt ordinary life with the memory of God!

MORNING PRAYER says: "God, I give You this day."
NIGHT PRAYERS says: "God, I give You this day that has passed."
BEFORE MEALS says: "God, thank You for this gift."
AFTER MEALS says: "God, thank You for what You have given me."

SIMPLE PRAYERS. ORDINARY MOMENTS. A LIFE INCREASINGLY LIVED IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD!
THESE PRAYERS MAY TAKE ONLY A FEW MOMENTS, BUT THEY GRADUALLY FORM A HABIT OF REMEMBERING GOD THROUGHOUT THE DAY. AND THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT THE CHURCH ENCOURAGES.

WAYS TO PRACTICE GRATITUDE:

- ***by thanking God before your day begins.***
- ***Count small joys like warm water, food, and safe shelter.***
- ***Look for peace during hard times and trust in God's presence.***

September 13, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30—28:7 | Rom 14:7-9 | Mt 18:21-35

Written by
THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It strikes me that the real issue in the Gospel is that the first man whose debt the king forgives fails to see that his fellow servant who owes him a smaller debt is just like himself. "Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?" Sirach asks. I think we sometimes languish in unforgiveness because we think of others' wrongful actions as being somehow worse than ours. As a result, we hold others to a higher standard, while expecting people to easily excuse our failings. Perhaps the first step toward the radical forgiveness that Jesus calls us to in today's Gospel is to foster compassion for our fellow human beings. When we are wronged, it may be helpful to remind ourselves of the classic phrase, "There but for the grace of God, go I." When we recognize that those who wrong us have the same struggles as our own, we are more likely to extend the same mercy we wish to be offered to us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

After the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II by Mehmet Ali Ağca in 1981, the future saint forgave his would-be assassin from his hospital bed, only four days after the shooting that nearly took his life. Later, the pope went to visit Ağca in prison, and the two spoke for more than 20 minutes. Since that time, John Paul's example has stood as a witness to the power of God at work in us; the strength to forgive, it is clear, comes not from ourselves, but from the Lord. Our willingness to receive God's grace and to extend forgiveness to others offers a powerful witness to the goodness of God, who is "kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion."

PRAY

Radical forgiveness is a challenging spiritual practice; it is not easy! To forgive as Christ calls us to requires that we cultivate an interior disposition of humility and compassion. This ancient prayer from St. Ephrem can help to open our hearts to overcome anger or judgment toward those who have wronged us: *Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter. Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love. Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins, and not judge my brothers and sisters for you are blessed for ever and ever. Amen.*

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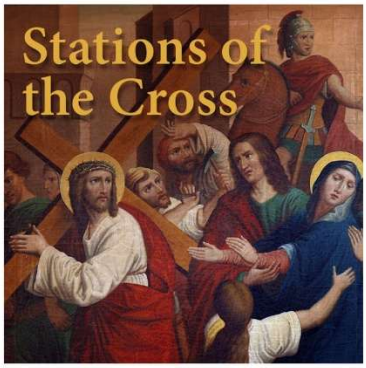

Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer.

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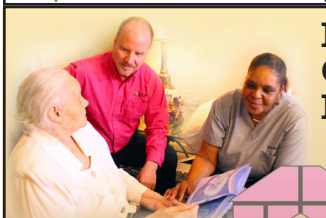
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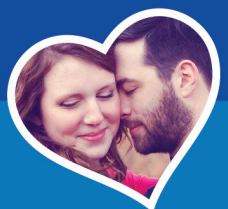
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