

**16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 23, 2023**

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - 8:30 AM TUESDAY - 8:30 AM
WEDNESDAY - 6:00 PM
THURSDAY - 8:30 AM FRIDAY - 8:30 AM
SATURDAY - 4:00 PM
SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

July Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



NEXT WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS

LECTORS

Sat. July 29 - 4:00 PM - Maria Spayd, Joyce Cunningham
 Sun. July 30- 8:00 AM - Susan Podoletz, Ginny Reeder
 Sun. July 30- 10:00 AM - Camille Krug, James Krug

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. July 29- 4:00 PM - Iris Tatar, Lexi Tatar
 Sun. July 30 - 8:00 AM - Emily Miller, Nicholas Helsley
 Sun. July 30- 10:00 AM - Aidan Schurr, Colin Schurr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. July 29- 4:00 PM - Connie Baker, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED,
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 Sun. July 30 - 8:00 AM - Lou Ann Clark, Darlene Scarpaci, Daniel
 Tucovsky, Diane Turcovsky
 Sun. July 30- 10:00 AM - Cecelia Bloom, Walter Bloom, Barbara Bundy,
 Kenneth Gorman, Bob Olson, Susanna Tomlinson

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Sat. July 29 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Larry VanSickel, Paula VanSickel,
 NOT FILLED
 Sun. July 30- 8:00 AM - Carolyn English, Ashley Greslick, Mike Greslick,
 Ray Kennedy
 Sun. July 30- 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Wendy Campbell, Marilyn
 Bevan, Mary Grace Horton

SACRISTAN

Sat. July 29- 4:00 PM - Ray & Mary King
 Sun. July 30- 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci
 Sun. July 30- 10:00 AM - Marilyn Bevan

SCRIP

Sat. July 29- 4:00 PM - Julie Beiswenger, Becky Merrill
 Sat. July 30 - 8:00 AM - Erika Yasolsky, Heather Yasolsky
 Sun. July 30 - 10:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

A Few Words from the Pastor:

A CLASS REUNION - our closest friendships are often those that were formed when we are yet in school! For several summers, I have enjoyed some time away in the company of former classmates, friends who go all the way back to high school! I will be enjoying their company this week and pray that you have similar friendships!

SACRED STORY PRAYER, modeled on St. Ignatius's classic examination of conscience, is a proven path to spiritual growth. It is the narrow road but the one taken by many saints and ordinary laity in the church's history. If you are ready to make Christ the center of your life, you will find no better daily spiritual prayer discipline. At the beginning of each of the 40 weeks, we are given sacred story affirmations designed to strengthen us on our journey. The first is the simple reminder that "my sacred story takes a lifetime to write." Each one of us has a story to tell, the story of success and failure, victory and defeat, sin and forgiveness. Sacred story prayer asks that we spend about 15 minutes each day in prayer and reflection. The 40 weeks is the journey of a lifetime!

A DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS! On Wednesday the church celebrates the memory of the parents of Mary, Joachim and Ann. It is also, of course, a celebration of the grandparents of Jesus. It was in the home of Joachim and Ann where the Virgin Mary received her formation as a devout Jewish mother. Because extended family was essential to the Jewish way of life, we can only presume the delight which Joachim and Ann enjoyed with their grandson, Jesus!

PARISH PICNIC! Next Sunday, July 30th we will be celebrating our Annual St. John's Parish Picnic. Our festivities will not be complete with YOU! Join us in the school gym after the 10am Mass as we celebrate good food and fellowship!

PARISH PICNIC: Planning is underway for our Annual Parish Picnic scheduled for next Sunday, July 30th! Please sign up on the kiosk if you are planning on attending as well as what dish you would like to share. We are also looking for themed basket donations to be raffled off during the picnic. Sign up on the kiosk if you are able to donate along with the basket theme. All proceeds will benefit parish upgrades. Hope you will join us as we welcome Fr. Justin Treon and say farewell to Fr. Brian Norris!

DIVORCED BUT NOT ALONE: Please join us for a social on Sunday, August 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall in Port Matilda if you are in the process of a divorce, recently divorced or divorced for years. We invite those interested or curious to come and meet others who understand. You are not alone.

The gospel offers hope for life — whether things are going well, or everything is falling apart. In each circumstance, the Church is called to love, care for, and support each other. As the body of the church, we are hoping to build a community of support. We are opening this invitation up to all Good Shepherd parishioners, everyone in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, as well as to our local community. The future direction of this group will be decided by those who come. Asking for help is one of the bravest things you can do. We hope to see you! Please contact Marcella Fickes mfickes@dioceseaj.org or Paula Campbell paulamcampbell@comcast.net for more information.

MISSION APPEAL: On August 5 & 6, 2023, Fr. Binoj Mathew, O.S.S.T. (Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives) will be in our parish for a mission appeal. Fr. Binoj Mathew serves as the Novice Master for the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province, USA. At each Mass Father will ask for our prayers and financial assistance as his Order works to expand its ministry of Catholic education in Kamrup (Assam) India. Most of the Christians in this secluded part of the country belong to tribal communities and are often persecuted for their faith by non-Christian tribes. In this part of the county children do not have access to a proper education due to extreme poverty and persecution. The Trinitarians in India hope to expand their ministry of Catholic education through their newly opened DeMatha Elementary School. This expansion will allow the school to add additional grade levels, dormitories for boarding students, a Monastery for the religious, a playground for the younger children, and an auditorium. The Trinitarians are hopeful that your generosity during this Mission Appeal will help them to more effectively live their school's motto, "Educate to Liberate." Please consider supporting the work of the Trinitarians in India as they continue to spread God's mercy and redemption in this remote part of the world. Checks and donations can be made out to our parish. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Schedule for the Week of July 23

Sunday, July 23 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

10:00 AM - Mass for *Special Intentions of Jim & Wendy Campbell* requested by Jan & Dave Myers

Monday, July 24- Weekday

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Tuesday, July 25- St. James

8:30 AM - Communion Service

Wednesday, July 26 - Sts. Joachim & Anne

6:00 PM - Mass for *Tom Semelsberger* requested by Fran Semelsberger

Thursday, July 27 - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *T. Guttadauro* requested by Ray & Mary King

Friday, July 28 - Weekday

8:30 AM - 8:30 AM - Mass for *Margareta H. Goch*

Saturday, July 29 - Vigil of 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

Sunday, July 30 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Melvin & Pauline Weyandt* requested by Linda Weyandt

10:00 AM - Mass for *Deceased members of the Podoletz family* requested by Pat & Sue Podoletz

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please email any upcoming bulletin announcements to Diane Ryan at stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net or call the Parish Center at 814-942-5503. Bulletin announcements need to be submitted by Wednesday to be included in the following weekend bulletin.

ST. JOHN'S BOWLING LEAGUE: A new season will begin on Friday September 8th, continuing every other week through April. We are a fun, non-competitive league that welcomes bowlers of all abilities. Please consider joining us for the fun and fellowship of an occasional night out Holiday Bowl! There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Gathering Space. For more information, call Gary Johnson at 814-931-7832.

CHICKEN BBQ RECAP: Thank you to all who bought tickets, donated tickets or cash, & those who worked passing out dinners on Sunday, July 16.

189 tickets were sold including walk-ins - Profit \$1178.40

2021 BBQ Recap: 422 tickets sold - Profit \$2985

The change from our usual June date to July may have caused the reduction in sales. Also, many other organizations were holding BBQ's on July 16.

Because of our 100th Anniversary celebration in June 2022, we did not hold a BBQ.

Your thoughts/input are welcome on continuing this fundraiser. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: The day will come when we will have to give an account for what we have done with the gifts of time, talent and treasure that He entrusted to us. We will be judged by God for the part we played, or did not play, in the building of His kingdom.

We must turn to the Holy Spirit continuously to guide us in our daily lives as Christian stewards. God sees and treasures and "grows" our offerings of time, talent and treasure in ways we cannot begin to imagine. Faithful stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, "will shine like the sun in the kingdom of [the] Father." (www.CatholicSteward.com, 6/11/2020)

July 8/9

Envelopes	\$ 4,119.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 1,530.00
Children's Offerings	\$.10
Parish Development	\$ 180.00
Catholic Education	\$ 25.00
Peter Pence	\$ 90.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,827.00
Total Offertory	\$ 8,771.10

2023 Catholic Ministries Drive Goal - \$41,761

January 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023

Gifts/Pledges \$32,475

Pledge Balance (Not yet received) \$425

COFFEE TALK: What is the Independent Catholic Foundation? Join us after morning mass on Thursday, August 10 in the Parish Center for coffee and pastries. Chris Ringkamp will discuss the mission of the Independent Catholic Foundation and how St. John's benefits from its Catholic-invested endowments.

REACHING OUT TO OUR SHUT-INS: Dorothy Yingling is a temporary resident at the Allegheny Lutheran Home, 911 Hickory Street Room 223B Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. She would like to hear from her fellow parishioners. Her cell phone is 814-330-0763. You may call her, send cards and she would also welcome visitors.

CATHOLIC REVIVAL: A FIRE rally, a summer Catholic revival is being held at St Michael's church in Hollidaysburg on August 1, 8, and 15th. The speakers are Bob & Marci Sutton (August 1st), Fr. Mark Begly (August 8th), and Fr. Alan Thomas (August 15th including Mass) No registration or fee. All are welcome.

ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at giny.reeder@gmail.com to add or remove someone from the prayer list. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:*

**All Garvey Manor Residents • Anne Showalter
Idy Caporuscio • Michelle Cooney
Mary Lee DeStefano • Nancy Fogel • Don Free
Sherryl Hartman • Patricia Olson • Ryan Raybuck
Carol Rodgers • Reed Stellabotte • Tim Temofonte
Mary Truesdale • Dorothy Yingling**

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of:

**Mark Paule Sr., brother of Pauline Wiley
Billy Sweet**

May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

OUR NEXT SESSION FOR GRIEF SUPPORT: *Have you, your family or friends experienced a significant loss through death? Dealing with your loss, whether recent or in the past may still be difficult. The Parish Family at St. John and St. Rose would like to help.*

The Journey Through Loss Support Group will be holding weekly meetings beginning on Wednesday August 23rd. We meet in the St. Johns Parish Center from 6:30-8:00 PM. *This six week program is designed to acknowledge the pain and loss, and offer positive ideas for coping. If you are interested or know anyone interested in attending the Journey Through Loss Support Group, contact Mary Petrak at 814-502-6076, This is a Catholic/Christian faith based program. All denominations are welcome!*

SCRIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are currently looking for several more volunteers to fill orders at the scrip table during Mass. If you look at our Ministry Schedule, you will see many positions that are open. Scrip volunteers are scheduled through our Ministry Scheduler Pro just like the other ministries. You can specify the mass times and weekends you are willing to serve in this capacity. With enough volunteers signed up, no one should have to serve every weekend. Please call the office at 814-942-5503 if you are willing to volunteer.

SCRIP TIP: Don't leave for vacation without your scrip! You can purchase scrip online for flights, cruises, and hotels. Go to <https://www.raiseright.com/> to get started. If you're more into road trips, equip your wallet with scrip for fast food and gas stations! Shop gift cards from more than 750 top brands to earn on your daily purchases with the mobile app RaiseRight. Anytime you want, anywhere you go. Get the app: <https://www.raiseright.com/>
Call the office for the enrollment code to link your account to St. John the Evangelist Church.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year.

If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Diane Ryan at 814-942-5503 or email stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Bishop Guilfoyle will be holding a Vacation Bible School this August for any interested area children in grades K through 4. The VBS will take place daily from 9 a.m. to noon each morning, Monday-Friday, August 7th-11th. The program is designed and run by our BG students, with Mr. Bob Sutton (BG campus minister) supervising. The cost is \$15 per student for the whole week. To register, please contact Bob Sutton at rsutton@bguilfoyle.org by Wednesday, August 2nd!

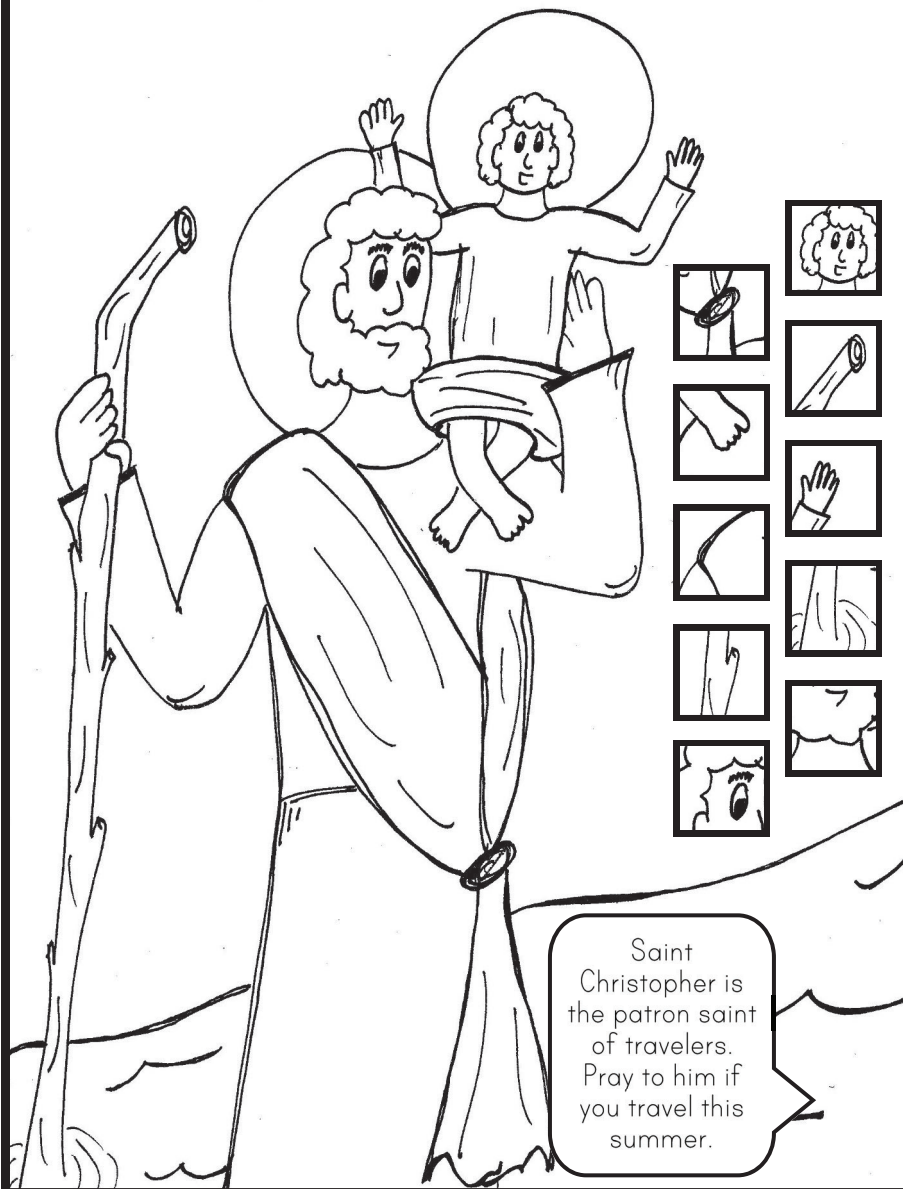
PARISH FESTIVAL: Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish in Lilly is hosting it's first Parish Festival on Sunday, July 23, 2023 from 11:00am to 6:00pm. Food Vendors, Craft Vendors, Kid's Games, Bouncy Houses for kids, other Games, and Beer will all be offered. Also offered from 11:00am to 2:00pm is a Spaghetti Dinner at the cost of \$10.00. (Take-outs available!) Please come and support our Parish and enjoy fellowship and fun!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DRIVE: Catholic Charities has reached out requesting some help to replenish hygiene products and cleaning supplies. They are currently out of shampoo and men's deodorant and are very low on women's deodorant, toothpaste and toilet paper. Cleaning supplies are always in need. If you are able to donate, please place the items in the box in the Gathering Space marked Catholic Charities Drive. Thanks for your support!

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS: Celebrating Mass for a definite intention is a long tradition in the Catholic Church. The intention may be for the repose of a deceased person's soul, or for the spiritual and temporal wellbeing of a person or persons who are living, especially on the occasion of a wedding anniversary or birthday, or for someone's personal/private/health intention. Knowing that the Mass is being celebrated for **someone's intention can be more beneficial and comforting than any other expression of sympathy, concern, and love. Mass cards are available so that you can notify the person or family of your request. Though not obligatory, the usual offering within the Diocese of Altoona Johnstown is \$10.00. If you have any questions, or to submit an intention, please call the office (814-942-5503).**

Saint Christopher

Saint Christopher was a VERY strong man who carried people across a scary river. One day, a young boy that he was carrying got heavier and heavier. Finally, Saint Christopher realized that he was carrying baby Jesus and the weight of the world.



Saint Christopher is the patron saint of travelers. Pray to him if you travel this summer.

Year A: Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Catholic Kids

July 23, 2023
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



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good and
forgiving.

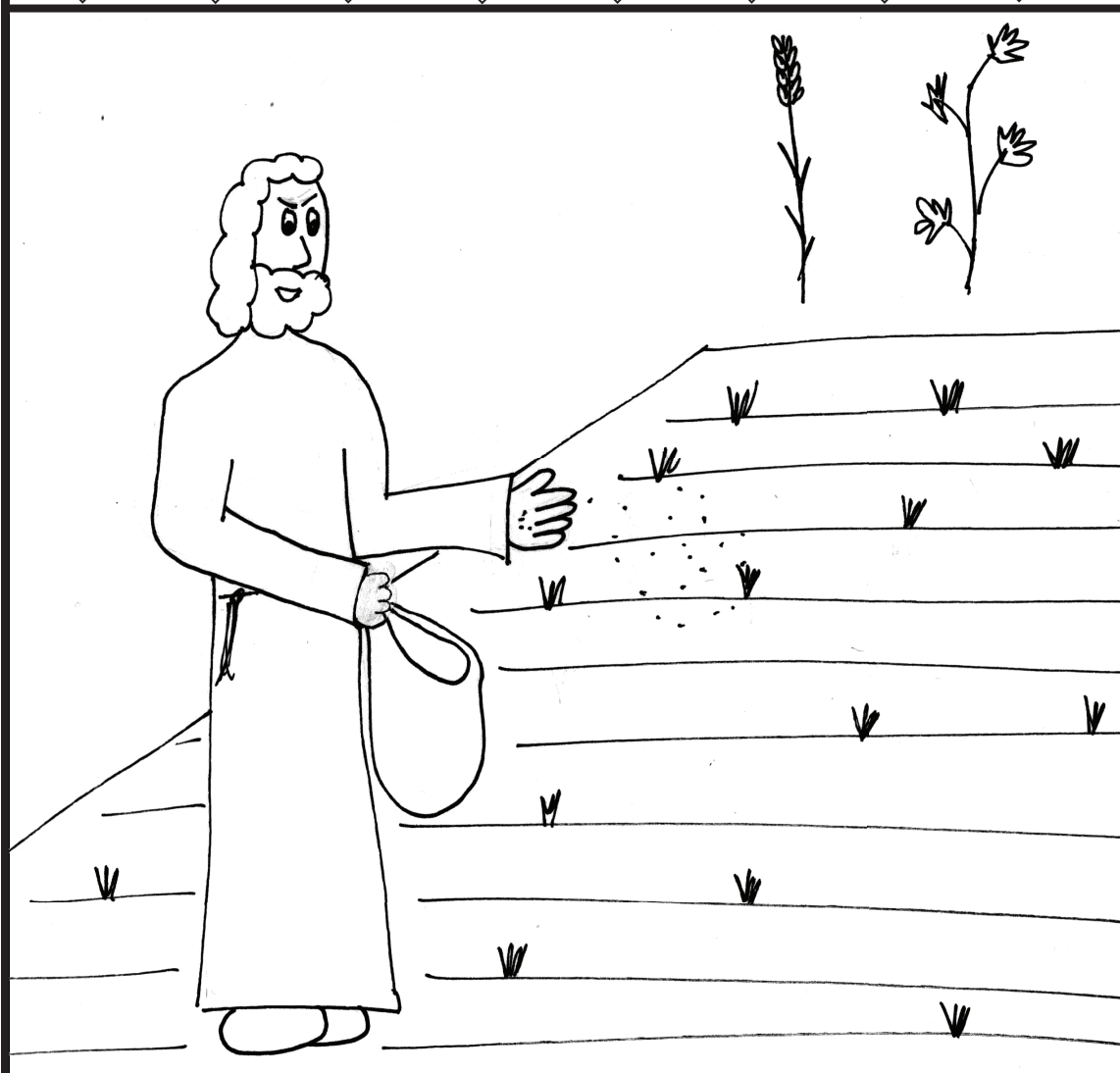
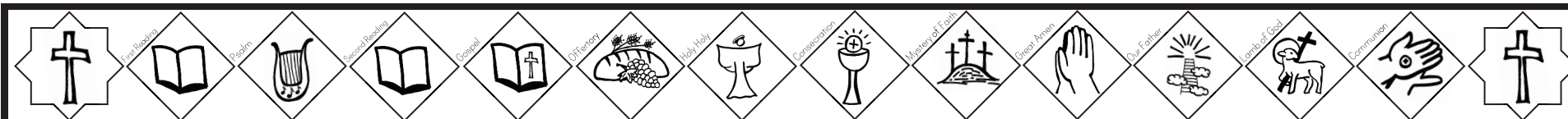
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After the priest says, "The Lord be with you," we say, "and with your spirit." We will say, "And with your spirit," 5 times during Mass today!

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Circle the good WHEAT words.
Cross out the bad WEED words.

Friends Love Hate Share
Care Hit Give Selfish
Embarrass Bully
Compliment
Insult Hug Help
Encourage Rude Lie
Truth Happy



Jesus tells a parable about wheat and weeds.
Listen to the priest to hear the story.