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# WORSHIP SITES

#### <u>ST. ANN</u>

232 E. High St., Waynesburg, PA 15370 Phone: 724-627-7568 ~ Fax: 724-627-3735 Email: saintannchurch@comcast.net Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Office Manager: Marci Snee Religious Education: Melissa Kirsch

#### <u>ST. IGNATIUS</u>

Bobtown Hill Road, Bobtown, PA 15315 Religious Education: Jennifer Dickerson

#### ST. HUGH

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#### ST. MARCELLUS

1340 Jefferson Rd, Jefferson, PA 15344

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil St. Ann - 4:00 pm St. Hugh - 6:00 pm

<u>Sunday</u> St. Ann - 8:30 am St. Hugh - 9:30 am St. Marcellus - 10:30 am St. Ignatius - 11:30 am

Religious Education County Coordinator: Linette Kerr, email: linettekerr@windstream.net

# Reconciliation

Confessions are held on Saturdays, 11:00 am to 11:30 am - schedule below:

No Confessions on 5th Saturday / January 29

FEBRUARY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Ann - 1st Saturday / February 5 St. Hugh - 2nd Saturday / February 12 St. Ignatius - 3rd Saturday / February 19 St. Marcellus - 4th Saturday / February 26

# Sacrament of Holy Baptism

By appointment. Prior to your baby's Baptism, you must be a practicing Catholic and attend a pre-baptism class. A Godparent must be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic, age 16 or older.

## **Sacrament of Holy Matrimony**

Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least six (6) months in advance. Participation in marriage program is required.

## Anointing of the Sick | Sick Calls

Please call 724-627-7568 for visits of Communion to the sick, shut-ins, and those confined to hospital.

## Funerals

Please call 724-627-7568 for funeral arrangements after regular office hours.



January 16, thru January 29, 2022

<u>St. Hugh</u> Randy Paul Constable by the Kromer Family

<u>St. Ignatius</u> Rudy and Pearl Kurilko by Jack, Marge and Family

#### Sanctuary Candle Remembrances

are available at all four St. Matthias churches, for a donation \$12 per 2 week period.

# PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

#### THE PRESCHOOL AT ST. ANN

Information can be found on our website at https://stmatthiasgreene.org/the-preschool-at-st-ann or call the St. Ann office at 724-627-7568.

## St. Matthias Offertory Collection

January 10, 2022 Offertory — \$9,048.00 Parish Share — \$1,160.00 Youth Group Pepperoni Sale — \$1,373.24 (Thank you for your support!) Your financial support is greatly appreciated and vital to the life of the parish.

## **Diocese of Pittsburgh**

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator Office: 412-456-3093 Diocesan Victim Hotline: 1-888-808-1235 PA ChildLine: 1-800-932-0313 Call 911 immediately if a child is in danger. 3

Sunday, January 23, 2022 | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# MASS INTENTIONS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 22 - Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
4:00 pm	St. Ann	Hillard Stockdale by Bob and Lynn Hoover
6:00 pm	St. Hugh	John Nickler (Birthday) by daughter, Cassie and John
SUNDAY, January 23 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
8:30 am	St. Ann	For the People of St. Matthias Parish
9:30 am	St. Hugh	Marc Collins (Birthday) by Karen Holonich
10:30 am	St. Marcellus	Joseph Kolick by the Members of the Choir of St. Thomas the Apostle Church
	St. Ignatius	Jeffrey Novak by Ryan and Steven Roszak
12:00 pm	St. Ann/Wbg. Univ.	Tony Czyzewski by Richard Hudock
MONDAY, January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church		
8:00 am	St. Ann	Bill Schifko by Karen Bogucki
9:00 am	St. Hugh	Anita Dukate by Mike and Denise Voithofer
TUESDAY, January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle		
9:00 am	St. Hugh	Nancy Masuga by Beverly Morton
9:00 am	St. Marcellus	Elaine Sessa by Ann DeVito
WEDNESDAY, January 26 - Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops		
9:00 am	St. Hugh	Judie Buday by St. Matthias/St. Hugh CCD
6:30 pm	St. Ann	Mary Ann Stash by Gregory and Mary Stash
THURSDAY, January 27- St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder		
9:00 am	St. Hugh	Brenda Markulik by Andy Simkovic and Family
9:00 am	St. Ignatius	Deceased Members of the Hockin Family by Bo and Jessica Garnek and Kids
10:30 am	Wbg. Healthcare	James "Spider" Moore by Joanne and Robert Stajnrajh
FRIDAY, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church		
8:00 am St.	Ann	Mary Matis by Patty and Al Jarek
9:00 am St.	Hugh	Adam McKean by Tom and Charmaine McDermott
SATURDAY, January 29 - Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
4:00 pm	St. Ann	For the People of St. Matthias Parish
6:00 pm	St. Hugh	Mary and Paul Matyk by Children and Grandchildren
SUNDAY, January 30 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
8:30 am	St. Ann	Ann T. Roth by Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Roth
9:30 am	St. Hugh	Robert Polander by Vickie Menhart
	St. Marcellus	Dakota James West (Grandson) by Emilia Bertugli
	St. Ignatius	Paul Martin by Joel Martin
12:00 pm	St. Ann/Wbg. Univ.	Johnna Cumpston by the Bogucki Family

### WORSHIP SITES:

St. Ann (Waynesburg); St. Hugh (Carmichaels); St. Ignatius (Bobtown); St. Marcellus (Jefferson)



# FAITH LIFE



# "ASK FR. FARNAN"

Q: The date of Easter Sunday is determined by "the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox." Sometimes that means a month difference in the date from one year to the next. The celebration of Christ's birth was established by the Church as December 25. Why can't Easter be established as the second or third Sunday in April?

A: I'm going to answer this question in three parts. First, I'll explain the Hebrew calendar and its relation to Easter. Second, I'll explain the Gregorian calendar and its relationship to the Julian calendar. And third, I'll explain why we celebrate the nativity of Jesus as a fixed date, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

First, this question can also be asked as, "Why can we celebrate Sunday Mass on Saturday evening?" Or, "If Jesus died on Friday, and rose from the dead on Sunday, that's only two days in the tomb, not three." What we have to realize is that in Israel they kept time by the moon, whereas we keep time in our culture by the sun. So, the Hebrew calendar functions differently than the Gregorian calendar. For the Hebrew calendar, the day begins at moon rise, not sun rise. Jesus died at 3:00 on Friday, and Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus received permission from Pilate to bury Jesus immediately. They buried him right away so he would not hang on the cross over the Sabbath. So, the first day in the tomb for Jesus was only a few hours, then the Sabbath, and Sunday began at the moon rising Saturday evening. Three days.

The Jewish calendar year begins in late September or early October with the celebration of Rosh Hashana. Unlike our calendar which is based on the solar year, the Jewish calendar uses twelve lunar months of 29 to 30 days in length. The new moon marks the beginning of each month with the full moon occurring halfway through the month. The seventh month in a normal Jewish calendar year is the month of Nisan (also called Abib in the Old Testament). Passover is celebrated on the 14th day of Nisan at the time of the full moon.

Easter is observed on the first Sunday following the full moon that comes on or after the vernal equinox (March 21). Thus Easter can take place as early as March 22 but no later than April 25. This full moon is normally the full moon which takes place on the 14th day of Nisan. Thus in most years Easter is celebrated on the Sunday following Passover.

Every two or three years the Jewish calendar requires the adjustment of a leap year. During a Jewish leap year an additional month of 29 days is inserted before the month of Nisan. The additional month is needed because the Jewish calendar year has less days than the solar year and begins to slip out of gear with the seasons. The extra month thus realigns the Jewish calendar year with the seasons of the solar year. This is important because the Jewish holidays are closely related to the seasons. For example, the Torah commands that Passover be celebrated in the spring.

Every so often the Jewish leap year will push Passover so far into April that a *second* full moon following the vernal equinox would appear before the Sunday following Passover. This happens anytime the Sunday following Passover falls later than April 25th on our calendar. On those rare occasions Easter is celebrated the month before Passover rather than the Sunday following Passover.

The early church was faced with the following conflict in dates: Jesus rose on a Sunday, but Passover can fall on various days of the week. So the early church saw two options:

- Celebrate Easter in strict relation to the 14th of Nisan without regard for the day of the week, or
- Determine a system whereby Easter could always be celebrated on a Sunday.

Although the issue was hotly debated and variously practiced during the first centuries of the church, the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. eventually adopted the current system of celebrating Easter on the Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox.

Since the Second Vatican Council in 1963 there has been new discussion about fixing the date of Easter on a set Sunday such as the first or second Sunday in April. However, no progress has been made thus far towards such a change.

The Western Church (eg Catholic; Protestant) celebrates Easter based on the Gregorian Calendar, while the Eastern Church (eg Orthodox) follows the Julian Calendar. As a result, in most years the Orthodox Easter follows the Western Easter by one or more weeks, although in some years the dates coincide.

# FAITH LIFE

## **INFANT NEEDS DRIVE**

In support of Catholic Charities Infant Needs drive, St. Matthias Parish invites you to encourage family, friends, CCD Classmates, parishioners and neighbors to contribute most need items.

#### The most needed items are:

- ⇒ Diapers and Pull-ups (all sizes needed) Name brands such as Huggies and Pampers are preferred due to rash allergies from discount brands.
- $\Rightarrow$  Baby Wipes
- ⇒ Similac Formula preferred Advanced or best Alimentum would be great, but any similac formula would help tremendously. Similac is the brand used for WIC and in an effort not to change a Baby's formula, similac is most preferred.

You may drop off your donations at any of St. Matthias' churches — before or after their scheduled Masses. Collections of baby items will continue through January 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for the most precious gift of all — LIFE!! God bless you!

ST. MATTHIAS LENTEN FISH FRY 2022 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, at St. Marcellus Social Hall, Jefferson. For all fish fry volunteers who work at the St. Marcellus location.

#### LET'S PLAY BINGO FOR A WORTH CAUSE! ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY

of Pittsburgh is sponsoring a virtual bingo fundraiser on Sunday, February 20, 2022, at 2:00 pm to benefit our Light of Life Rescue Mission brown bag lunch fund. We pack lunches to help those suffering from substance use disorders and all who need help with food insecurity on a monthly basis.

Prizes will be awarded for ten regular games (\$25 per game), five specials (\$50 per game) and a jackpot (\$250 for the game).

\$25 for six cards per game. You will receive a Zoom access code for the bingo and paper bingo cards.

Cards can be purchased by calling Rosemarie at 412-378-9290 or through VANCO at https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YZJ2

# PARISH SURVEY MAILING

All registered members of St. Matthias Parish will receive a mailing in early January consisting of a letter and questionnaire from our newly appointed pastor, Rev. James B. Farnan.

Please complete the questionnaire and return it to the appropriate box provided at each entrance of our churches.

If you do not receive this mailing you may not be registered as a member. You may register on our website at www.stmatthiasgreene.org, click About Us, then Join the Parish or by calling one of our parish offices:

St. Ann at 724-627-7568 or St. Hugh at 724-966-7270. The letter and questionnaire will also be available at the churches' entrances.

Please complete and return your questionnaire before February 1, 2022.



#### February 13, 2022, following 9:30 am Mass at St. Hugh Social Hall until 11:30 am

In order to prepare properly, you must use the sign up sheets located at St. Hugh Worship Site. Space is limited.

#### Menu Includes: Scrambled Eggs. Sausage, Home Fries Sausage Gravy & Biscuits Assorted Breakfast Sweets Coffee, Tea, Juice

Come enjoy a meal with fellow St. Matthias parishioners.

A freewill donation will be accepted but not necessary. Sponsored by the Hospitality Committee

# FAITH LIFE

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

#### CCD CLASSES ARE NOW IN SESSION AT ALL SITES.

See CCD weekly schedules on bulletin page 2 on Parish Events Calendar.

All CCD Classes resume on Sunday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>

For more CCD information visit our website: www.stmatthiasgreene.org > Religious Education. Or contact Linette Kerr, at linettekerr@windstream.net.

#### 2021 CONTRIBUTION UPDATE!

## **2021 CONTRIBUTION RECORDS**

A total of your 2021 year-end contributions to St. Matthias Parish for income tax purposes will be mailed to all parishioners who have donated to the parish during the past year.

Please do not call the parish offices to request your report at this time.

Your generous financial support is greatly appreciated and vital to the life of the parish.

#### **CONFIRMATION NEWS**

Reminder: please review your child's "**CONFIRMATION FORM**". Please note any corrections if needed, complete Confirmation Name and Sponsor, and return to your child's CCD teacher <u>NO LATER than Jan. 30<sup>th</sup></u>. If you need your child's form, please email <u>linettekerr@windstream.net</u>.

~ a Confirmation name **must be the name of a Saint** and may be your child's given Baptismal name.

SPONSOR: The following are the conditions and requirements for a Confirmation sponsor according to the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Visit <a href="https://stmatthiasgreene.org/confirmation">https://stmatthiasgreene.org/confirmation</a> for more information.
 ALL SPONSORS must provide a "Letter of Eligibility" from his/her pastor <a href="https://stmatthiasgreene.org/confirmation">by Jan. 30<sup>th</sup></a>.
 If he/she is a registered member of St. Matthias Parish, please contact Linette by email at <a href="https://stmatthiasgreene.org/confirmation">linettekerr@windstream.net</a> and Linette will prepare his/her "Letters of Eligibility" for Fr. Jim to sign.

Reminder: Your child's Saint Report is due on January 30th to his/her CCD teacher.

FIRST COMMUNION NEWS

Parents' Only Meeting of all St. Matthias 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants' parents, Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at <u>6:30 pm,</u> St. Marcellus Social Hall, 1340 Jefferson Rd, Jefferson PA 15344.

Contact Linette Kerr, <u>linettekerr@windstream.net</u>, ASAP if you wish to attend by ZOOM or cannot attend this meeting.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Save the Date! <u>Youth Group "Open Gym"</u> For students in Grades 7 thru 12 – Bring a friend! Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 pm, at the EQT Rec Center, 400 EverGreene Dr., Waynesburg, PA 15370 Contact Linette Kerr, <u>linettekerr@windstream.net</u> for more information.



# Widowed, Divorced, Separated?

The loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation is a traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience© Pittsburgh Lay Apostolate will host a 1-day Saturday seminar, Coping with Life Alone-In the Beginning Program, intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women work through their grief and begin to move forward with hope on their life journey. Please plan to join us Saturday, 29 January 2022 from 8:45am – 4:00pm. Fee is \$25.00 (lunch included). Location: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Community Center (St. Athanasius) located at 7 Chalfonte Ave., West View, PA 15229. Register by January 25th at <a href="https://www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com">www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com</a> or make a confidential call to Rob at 412 -584-5575 or Kim at 412-352-2653 to learn more about this healing ministry.

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# FORMED

# PICK OF THE WEEK

January 23, 2022



LISTEN

# THE BIBLE COLLECTION -PAUL THE APOSTLE

The story of Paul's life acts as an incredible witness to God's mercy and love as he went from persecuting the Church to proclaiming it to all the nations! This film brilliantly captures portrays this great missionary saint!



FORMED Now!

## FORMED NOW! LETTERS OF ST. PAUL

Outside of Jesus, the greatest teacher of the faith was Paul the Apostle. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the great theologian known as the Apostle. LEARN

# SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS WITH RANDALL SMITH

The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser known works of St. Thomas Aquinas.



# Saint Thomas Aquinas

# OUR PARISH HAS FORMED

St. Matthias Parishioners follow these steps:

- Go to https://signup.formed.org/
- Enter our parish under "Greene "County"
  - Enter your name and your email address
- That's it! You're in.

# FAITH LIFE — CHILDREN'S PAGE



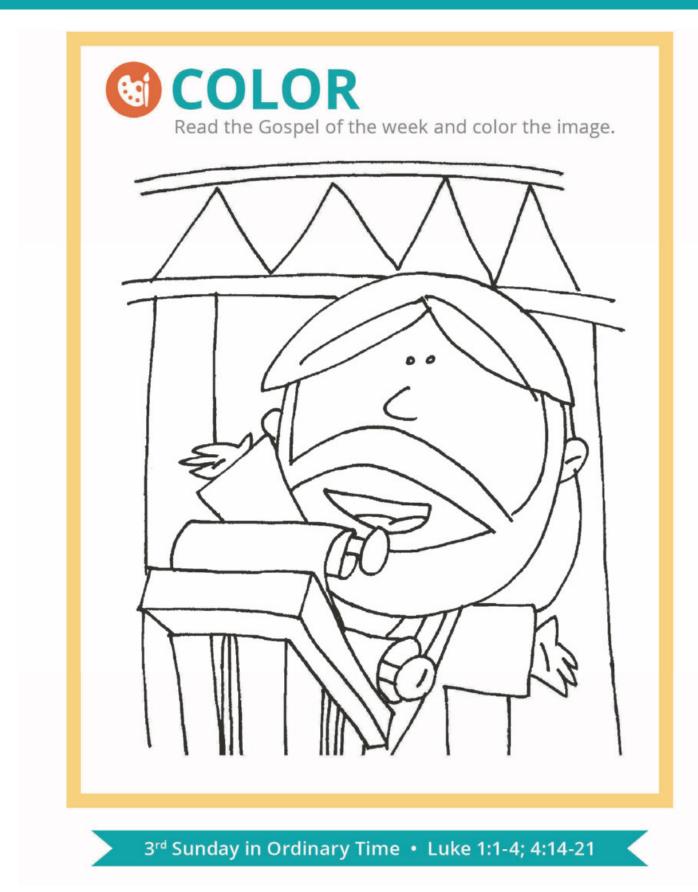




Jesus says, "Tell the words of God to those who have never heard it." Tell others that God loves and forgives them. The best way to tell is to show the word of the Lord by your actions. Hand a Band-Aid to your injured brother. Talk instead of hitting someone when you get angry. Say "I forgive you," when your sister hurts you. Let others play with your toys. Share your favorite candy bar.



# FAITH LIFE — CHILDREN'S PAGE



# St. Matthias Prayer Requests for 2021

Ester Adriano Angie Aguilara Erika Almond Evan Almond Mildred Bair Rev. John Bauer Kate Beale George Bellish Kim Belmont Patty Bennett John Bokin Daniel Bradmon Fr. Don Breier Bill Brock Nancy Brown Patty Brozik Todd Burns Lloyd Burroughs Shirley Burroughs Jorge Caraballo Butch Cassiday Bob Cerjanec Charlene Chulick Carol Clish Florence Commons Andrew Corfont Mary Ann Cox Andrew Cubic JoAnne Dayton Rosanne Defibaugh Bruce DeHaas Lexi DeHaas Daneille Desrosiers Denise Dillow

Betty Dillinger John Dobrunick Mark Dolan Bob Doman Dennis Doriguzzi Helene Dulaney Dianne Dulick Kathy Durr Charles Elko Cassie Fascetti Cindy Fascetti Al Fleming Angela Fontana Raymond Frazer Ted Froats Alan Frye Carol Fumanek Dennis Furmanek Patricia Galloway Lacy Garcia Barbara Gera Alysia Ginsburg Sheryl Giovanelli Karl Gdovka Mary C. Grove Mary Grybos Edna Guritza Jimmy Hagyari Agnes Haiden Jax Harris Crystal Harvey Darla Hayhurst Mike Henry Kathy Hereoux

Dottie Hopkins Janice Howard Alan Jarrell Robert W. Johnson Patty Jones Nancy Juracko Lucy Kamauf Frank Keller Martina Keneipp Kaitlyn Kennedy Gail King Tracy Kiger Dennis Kirby Bernadette Klamerus Eddie Kocerka Jr. Billie Kozlowski John Kozlowski, Sr. Janie Kowalewski Paul Kurincak Hope Leydig Debbie Lippert Shawn Lohr Walt Lohr Kathy Lorenzi Janet Maddich Mel Markulik Alma Marisa Rudy Marisa Nikki & Matt Matovich Elizabeth Matyus Leslie Matyus David Mayle Lynn McClary Vickie Menhart

Carl Miller Linda Mosier Michael Mulholland Jr. Marian Nopwasky Charlene Sommers Offutt Randy P. Desetta Palmer Donna Parish Suzanne Pascuzzo Barbara Pattinato Kevin Phillips Brad Pitcock Julia Plasko Susan Radcliff Paul Rhodes Phyllis Rhodes John "Jack" Rock Frank Roth Pat Roth Caroline Roupe Gert Sagosky Lee Sarp Jean Scott Kierstyn Sendling Deacon Jim Sheil Brian"Beep" Shimek Andy Simkovic Patricia Simkovic Michelle Sroka Jimmy Stevenson Justin Stephenson Jimmy Straight David C. Stuvek Sr. Alex Swauger

Nancy and Tom Tanney Susan Teagarden Marlee Ann Thomas Brittney Trich Fr. Daniel Valentine Lee Walker Shirley Walker Cynthia Walters Christopher Watson Helen Wesolowsky Jim White Natalie Whitlatch Diane Williams Jonella Williamson Jackie Wlazlowski Grace Elizabeth Wolfe Matthew Zabrosky Larry Zahand Cathy Ziefel

We pray for all those who are ill or infirm, asking the Lord for his consoling grace to heal those in need. We also remember all those in personal care/nursing homes.

# **Pray for those in the Military**



Mychael Barzanti, (US Air Force, Guam); Joshua Boyle, SSGT (US Army, Fort Knox, KY); Jessica Breuer (US Air Force, Korea), Andrew Buchtan, (US Army Specialist, Houston, TX) Sam Cuss, (US Navy Petty Officer Third Class, Oceania, VA); Wendy Dickerson (US Navy, Jacksonville, FL); Anna Farnan (US Navy); Elizabeth Farnan (US Navy); Joseph Farnan (US Navy); Michael Farnan (USMC); Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Elizabeth Fedora Gillum (Andrews Air Force Base); Capt. Aaron Lazuka D.D.S. (US Army, El Paso, TX); Justin Maddich (Air Force) Germany; Emily Phillips (USMC) & Brandon Phillips (US Army); Lieutenant Colonel Luke Vitolo (Air Force, Doha, Qatar); Lieutenant Colonel John Vitolo (Air Force, Colorado Springs, CO); Lance Corporal Ryan Woods (USMC, 29 Palms, CA).

#### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Merciful God, We entrust to your unfailing and tender care, those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens, your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe.

Rest your healing hand upon them, and restore them to health and strength; Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

#### Military and Veterans Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you that you defend your people with your mighty hand. Please hear my prayer as I lift up our military and veterans before you now. They work tirelessly to defend our country. Bless and protect them Lord and use their work for the good of our nation and your glory. May they know your presence with them at this time. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with them always. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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