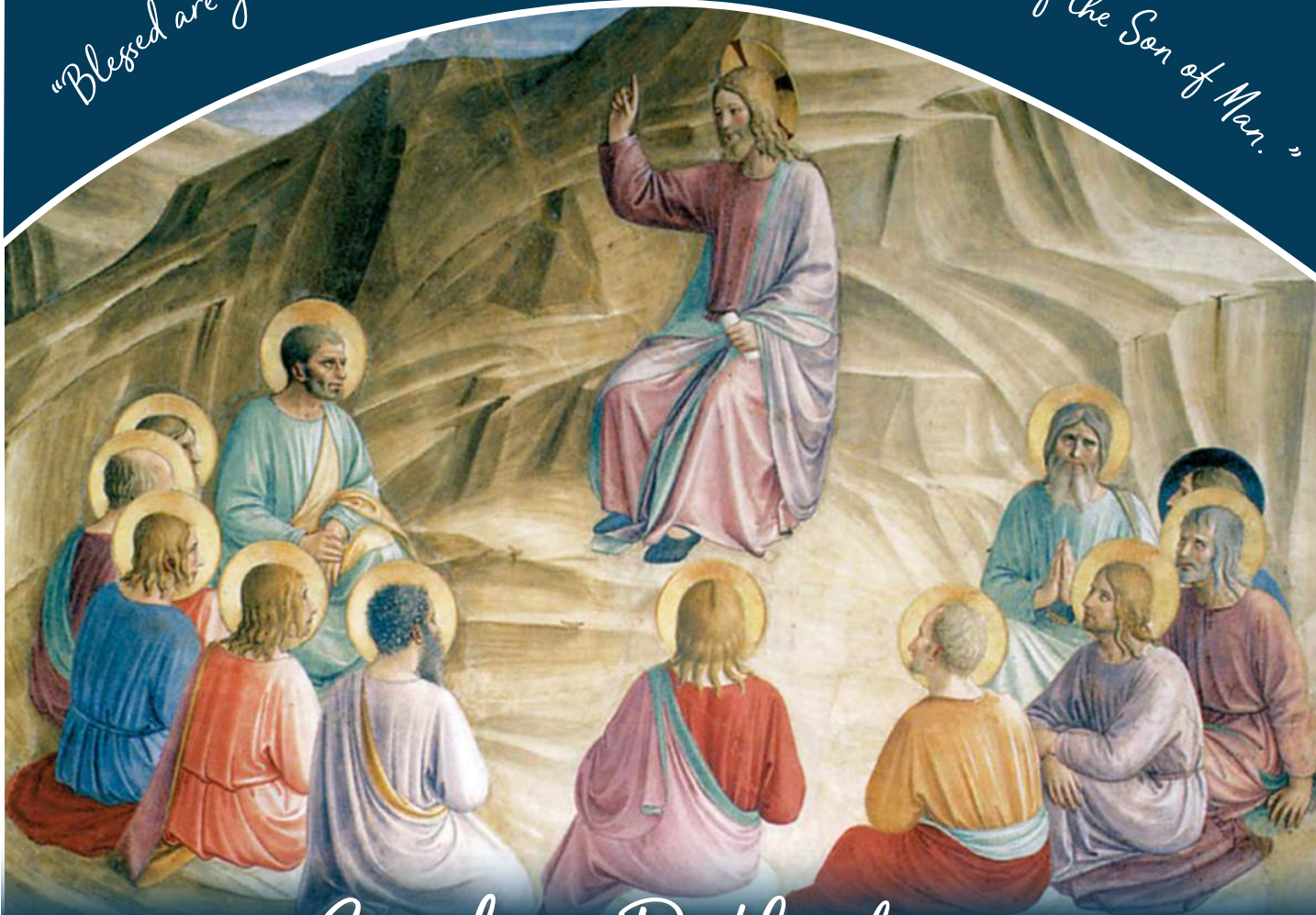


SS PETER & PAUL

FEBRUARY 16, 2025 | 6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you when they exclude and insult you...on account of the Son of Man."



Sunday Reflection

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

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Ministry Assistant:
Sheila Mulcahy

Confession

Confessions are
by appointment.

Contact the Parish Office.

Please consider helping us to defray the expense of these necessary items by donating: Hosts, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle, Altar Wine.

The requested donation for each is \$25.00.

This Week...

The Blessed Mother Votive Lamp is donated
For the Health & Well-Being of
Carrie Maglia

The Saint Joseph Votive Lamp is donated
For the Health & Well-Being of
JoAnn D'Auria

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The Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle is donated
For
A Special Intention of Msgr. Michael

God Bless Your Generosity.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm *Vigil Mass*

SUNDAY

8:30 am | 10:00 am | 12:00 pm

DAILY LITURGIES

Monday ▶ Friday

Mass 12:10 pm

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(Weather Permitting)

Monday thru Friday 11:30 am → 1:30 pm
Saturday 3:30 pm → 6 pm
Sunday 8 am → 1 pm

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Saturday | Sunday: closed

Call for other urgent arrangements.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 15

5:00 pm † For the Soul of Milton Valentine D'souza

Sunday, February 16

8:30 am † Philip C. Carroll Sr.

10:00 am People of the Parish

12:00 pm † In Loving Memory of Joseph Giunta

Monday, February 17

12:10 pm † In Loving Memory of Maureen Fitzgerald

Tuesday, February 18

12:10 pm Special Intention to St. Lucy

Wednesday, February 19 Mass of Remembrance

12:10 pm † In Loving Memory of Lucy Russo-Palestroni

† In Loving Memory of Fr. Thomas J. Petrillo

† In Loving Memory of Fr. James J. Reilly

† Maria and Anastacio Nunez

Thursday, February 20

12:10 pm † In Loving Memory of Rudolph Levelt

Friday, February 21

12:10 pm For the Health and Well-being of the
Members of the Fernandes Family

Saturday, February 22

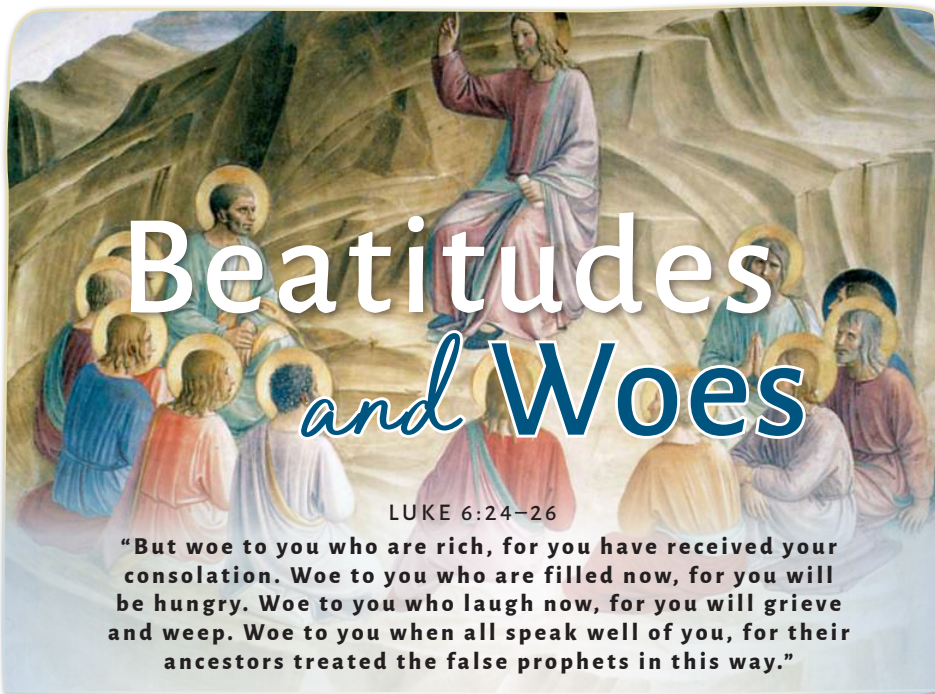
5:00 pm † In Loving Memory of Marguerite Van Wowk

Sunday, February 23

8:30 am † For the Soul of Leslie Dsouza

10:00 am † In Loving Memory of John Lombardi

12:00 pm People of the Parish



Beatitudes and Woes

LUKE 6:24-26

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”

Luke 6:20-49 offers us a shortened version of the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew’s Gospel. Luke’s version of this sermon takes place on a plain, “a stretch of level ground.” The teachings in the two Gospels are very similar, despite their difference in length. Luke’s teaching on the Beatitudes adds the “woe to you’s” quoted above, which are not found in Matthew’s version.

The early Church Father Saint Bede comments that Saint Luke’s version of the “woes” are meant for those who are “uninstructed hearers” because they “must first be brought by terrors to good works.” He goes on to say that the first part of the Beatitudes, the “blessings,” are meant for the “perfect” because they “need but be invited by rewards” rather than fear of punishment. The fact that Saint Luke includes a teaching for both the sinner and the saint should lead us to the conclusion that we can benefit from both approaches in our spiritual lives.

When your spiritual life is strong and you are consistently avoiding serious sin, it might be more helpful to reflect regularly upon the blessings found in the Beatitudes. This will have the effect of drawing you into greater perfection as the desire for the reward of holiness becomes the object of your hope.

When your spiritual life is weaker and you are regularly struggling with more serious sin, it might be more helpful to reflect upon the woes of the Beatitudes. This will have the effect of deterring you from the cycle of sin you struggle with, on account of the fear of the consequences of those sins.

In the end, the Beatitudes and their subsequent woes are meant to point us interiorly to the desires of our hearts. We must become more and more aware of what occupies our thinking and desires. Ultimately, wealth or poverty, hunger or satisfaction, worldly praise or persecution do not matter. What matters is that our hearts are detached from the desires identified in this sermon so that we more fully desire only God and His holy will, regardless of the circumstances of life we find ourselves in.

Reflect, today, upon your own spiritual and moral life and first consider whether you are blessed to be living a life that more imitates the saints or whether you more often reflect the serious struggles of the sinner. From there, try to choose which form of teaching you need the most. Do you need to ponder the rewards of seeking even greater beatitude in life so as to grow deeper in holiness? Or do you need Jesus’ clear condemnations to help you break free from the cycle of sin with which you are struggling? Humbly identify that which is most helpful to you right now in your spiritual life and allow this full sermon of Jesus to help you on your journey to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Source: mycatholic.life.com

2025 MASS BOOK

**The requested Donation
for intentions is as follows:**

Hosts: **\$25**

Sacramental Wine: **\$25**

Flowers: **\$25**

Sanctuary Candle: **\$25**

Mass: **\$10**

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The Saint Joseph Votive Lamp: **\$25**

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Votive Lamp: **\$25**

**Check or Money Order made
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In order to give everyone a chance at their requested Mass(es), please have your list prepared in advance - 10 per request. We will do our best to honor your request or provide you with the closest available date.

**Please Contact The Parish Office
with any questions or concerns.**

Offertory Gift Bearers

If you are a Family Member of the Intention of the Mass, or have arranged the Intention of the Mass, and would like to carry forth the Offertory Gifts (Hosts, Wine, Water), please see one of the Ushers or Staff no later than 10 minutes before Mass.

Additional Collection THIS MONTH

February 16

Church In Eastern Europe



An annual diocesan collection that supports the rebuilding of parish communities in Central and Eastern Europe.

February 23

Snow Removal



Supports the snow removal and maintenance of supplies for the snow season.

Please note:

**The Parish Office will be closed
on Monday, February 17th in
observance of President’s Day.
Regular office hours will resume on
Tuesday, February 18th.**

Celebrating Black History Month

February’s celebration of Black History Month in the United States traces its roots back to the 1920s, but it attained more formal recognition in the 1970s, as is obvious with President Gerald R. Ford’s 1976 Bicentennial Year message about its importance. Ford described Black History Month as an occasion to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

Despite the many accomplishments of Black History Month’s goals, its often secular narrative forgets the contributions of Black Catholics. In recognition of that, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States began observing November as national Black Catholic History Month nearly 30 years ago. Nonetheless, in order to promote awareness of the accomplishments of all black Americans, it is important to promote an awareness of some of the many Catholic individuals who have achieved greatness in the face of racism’s plight — and in many cases the supreme greatness of holiness. No national celebration of Black History Month would be complete without including these Catholic stories — or the countless stories of black Catholics left untold.



Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Ex-slave prospered, gave back in New York

In 1990, Cardinal John J. O’Connor of New York moved the remains of a black Catholic layman to a niche in the Bishop’s Crypt at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City. It was a stark contrast from the days when his race prohibited him from entering Old

St. Patrick’s Cathedral in the city. Venerable Pierre Toussaint was the first and, to date, only layman to receive such an honor; the move was meant to foster devotion to his life and witness to the Gospel. Toussaint left a legacy of selflessness and charity.

Pierre Toussaint was born into slavery in modern-day Haiti and received his freedom in 1807. After arriving in New York City, he became successful as a hairdresser — earning a sizable salary, he saved his income to purchase his sister’s freedom as well as that of his future wife, Juliette. The couple offered their lives to God in care of the poor and needy. Together they adopted Pierre’s niece and provided for her education. They fostered and housed several orphans in their home over the years, and they were dedicated to doing works of charity throughout the city.

The Toussaints also offered much assistance to help their wards learn trades, in addition to operating a credit bureau and providing a shelter for immigrant priests. Pierre boldly crossed barricades to nurse the sick and destitute during a cholera outbreak. When urged to retire and enjoy his remaining years, Toussaint is quoted as saying, “I have enough for myself, but if I stop working, I have not enough for others.” He attended daily Mass for more than 60 years until he died in 1853, two years after his wife.



Mary Lou Williams

Musician finds faith in Christ’s Church

Life as a globetrotting musician caught up with Mary Lou Williams while performing at a Paris nightclub in 1954.

The jazz pianist and composer later said that the “greed, selfishness and envy” she saw in her life caused her to get up and walk out that night mid-

performance and leave her career. “I got a sign that everybody should pray every day ... I had never felt a conscious desire to get close to God. But it seemed that night that it all came to a head. I couldn’t take it any longer. So I just left — the piano, the money, all of it,” she said.

She spent the next three years in something of a contemplative state, passing the majority of her days in prayer at a Catholic church near her New York City apartment, which she loved because it was the only church she could find open at all hours.

After converting to Catholicism in 1957, Williams was a changed woman.

Williams returned to music at the urging of many friends, including priests and jazz legend Dizzy Gillespie. Her revived career reflected her new-found faith and included a mix of teaching and composing — including three Mass settings and a well-known piece honoring St. Martin de Porres.

“I am praying through my fingers when I play,” she said. “I get that good ‘soul sound,’ and I try to touch people’s spirits.” Williams died in 1981.



Ven. Augustus Tolton
 Canonization moves forward
 for country's first black priest

Father Augustus Tolton knew what it meant to be abandoned and unwanted. Born the son of slaves, Tolton went on to be ordained the first African-American priest from the United States. But the path was not easy. He had to overcome many obstacles, including rejection from seminaries because of his race.

His family made a harrowing escape into Northern territory, settling in Quincy, Illinois. Father Peter McGirr, pastor of St. Peter's Church in that city, took the young Augustus under his wing, granting him entrance to his parish school against the wishes of many in the parish. As a student at Quincy College, Franciscan priests assisted Tolton as he sought the priesthood despite finding many doors closed in his face.

With heroic determination to fulfill the will of God, Tolton pressed on toward ordination despite the fact that no American seminary would accept him. Eventually ordained in 1886, after attending the Pontifical Urban College in Rome, Tolton expected to serve as a missionary to the African continent. However, he was assigned back to the United States — the Roman cardinal who ordained him noted, "America has been called the most enlightened nation; we will see if it deserves that honor. If America has never seen a black priest, it has to see one now."

Father Tolton's arrival in his hometown — about 20 years after the end of the Civil War — was met with racial prejudice by laity and clergy alike. The bishop's delegate even told him white people should not attend his parish. Father Tolton persevered in humility and obedience and was eventually granted the opportunity to minister in Chicago by Archbishop Patrick A. Feehan in 1889.

In the Windy City, Father Tolton provided priestly care to a growing black Catholic community, which formed into St. Monica Church. He poured out his life in service to his people — in care for the poor and in a church building project, among other things. This strenuous work undoubtedly was a contributing factor to his death at the age of 43. After returning to Chicago by train from a retreat, Father Tolton collapsed in the street on a hot summer day and died on July 9, 1897.

Tolton's canonization has been progressing since it was inaugurated in 2010 by Cardinal Francis E. George, OMI, of Chicago. Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Perry of Chicago — vice postulator of Tolton's canonization cause — defines his legacy: "His was a fundamental and pervasive struggle to be recognized, welcomed and accepted. He rises wonderfully as a Christ-figure, never uttering a harsh word about anyone or anything while being thrown one disappointment after another. He persevered among us when there was no logical reason to do so." Another step forward toward Tolton's canonization was taken in December, when his remains were exhumed at his grave in his adopted hometown of Quincy, Illinois.



Daniel Rudd
 Pushing for equality after the
 Civil War

Daniel Rudd was a black Catholic layman who sought to bring about racial equality in Catholic parishes throughout post-Civil War America.

Born into a Catholic family — his father was a former slave — Rudd founded a weekly newspaper in 1886 for black Catholics in America as a means to harmonize racial divisions in the Church. His aims were to make

the Catholic Church known to a wider audience of African-Americans, but also to break through the racism of his day. With his pioneering work, Rudd challenged the conscience of a nation and his Church. Eventually his work achieved the establishment of the first National Black Congress in 1889 — at which Father Augustus Tolton was the main speaker.

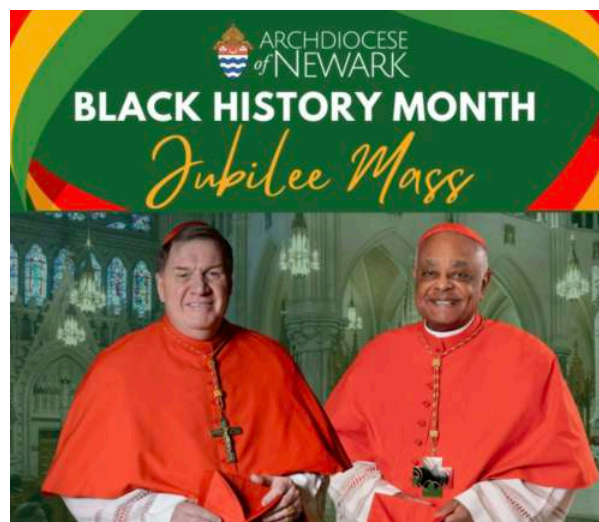


Lena Edwards
 Doctor advocated
 against abortion,
 sterilization

Lena Edwards was born into a devout Catholic family in Washington, D.C., in 1900. The mother of six children, Edwards pursued a medical career as a means to help people.

The Catholic obstetrician was vocal in her opposition to abortion and sterilization and advocated natural childbirth. In her day, she worked among the poor and immigrants and taught at the Howard University Medical School. A consummate and successful professional, Edwards was awarded the highest American civilian honor in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson — the Presidential Medal of Freedom. A devout Catholic all her life, Edwards was a daily Mass attendee. Born on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Edwards was very much devoted to him and the virtue of poverty. She was a professed secular Franciscan and was awarded the Poverello Award in 1967, given to those who exemplify the ideals of the Franciscan founder. She died in 1986.

Source: www.simplycatholic.com



THIS SUNDAY!

Sunday, Feb 16, 2025
2:30 pm

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Upcoming Mission Trip

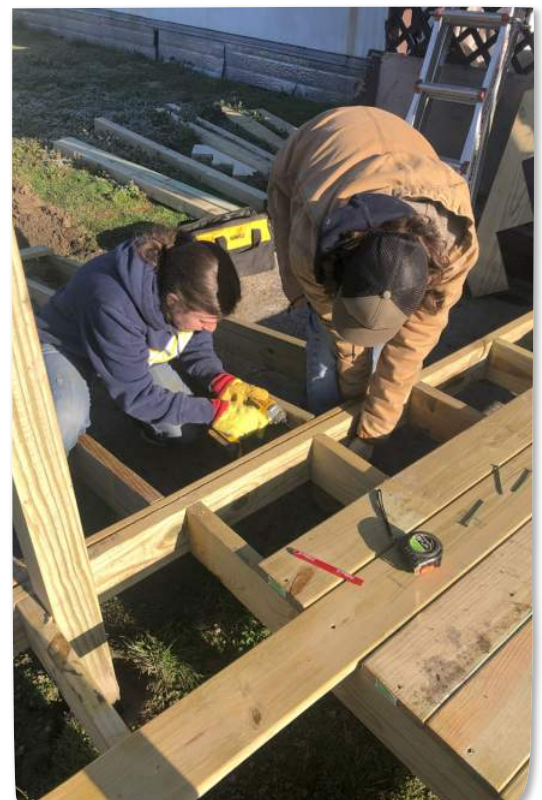
Dear Parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul,

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To go on this mission, we are raising funds to cover various expenses, such as travel, food, and lodging. On February 22nd and 23rd, representatives of the Newman club will be present at the back of the church to share more about the mission. The collection box will remain out until the weekend of March 8th and 9th. Please prayerfully consider supporting our mission however you are able, whether through prayer or a monetary donation.

Thank you for your generosity and know that we will be praying for the Ss. Peter and Paul community on our trip! Please keep us and the people we will encounter in your prayers.

**Gratefully in Christ,
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Questions? Please contact Gina Andreano at
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Mardi Gras Gathering at Louise & Jerry's!

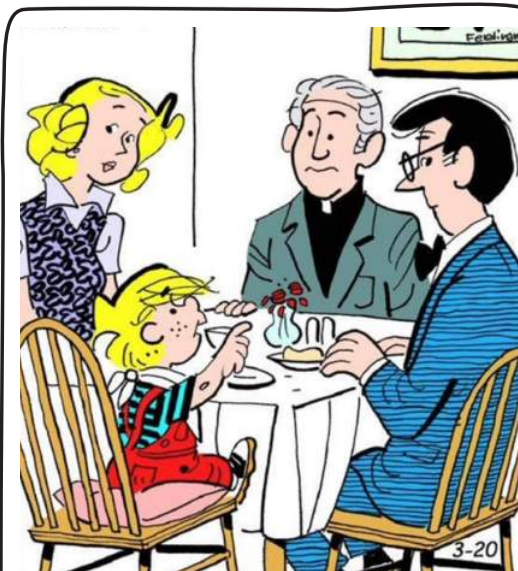
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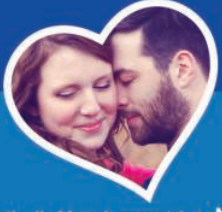


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