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SEPTEMBER 21, 2025



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

250 N. Bridge St., Struthers, OH 44471



ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

764 Fifth St., Struthers, OH 44471

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday

8:30am - Holy Rosary Church

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:30am - St. Nicholas Church

Friday

8:30am - Christ The Good Shepherd

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday | 4pm - St. Nicholas Church

Sunday | 8am - Holy Trinity Church

9:30am - Holy Rosary Church

11am - Christ the Good Shepherd

St. Nicholas School

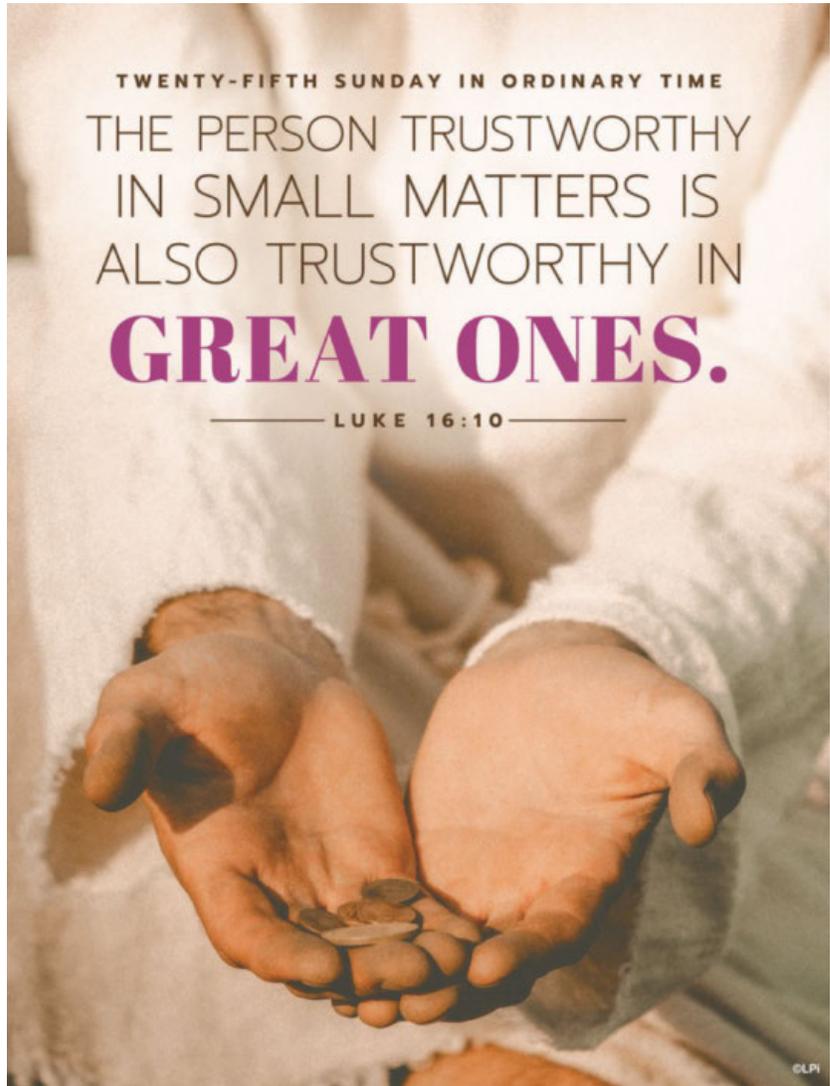
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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 4:00pm

Rev. Thomas Kraszewski

Pastor

Religious Education

330-755-6245

BAPTISM

We baptize the 2nd & 4th Sundays each month. A preparatory class is required. Contact the Parish Office to schedule your baptism and class.

VISITING OR ANOINTING THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Contact Parish Office to make your request

MATRIMONY

Arrangements need to be made at least 6 months in advance. Contact the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 20

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:
Fred Ramos (Dee Fisher)
Fran Timko (Thomas & Roseann Brent)
Dolores & Joseph Magda (Doreen & Jim Ponigar)
Diane Radulovich (Barb Orenic)
Virginia A. Cifra (Husband & Family)
Dorothy Navy & Monica Green (Family)

Sunday, September 21

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church:
Patsy Frattaroli (Daniel Carrocci)
David J. Christoff (Family)
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

Monday, September 22

8:30 am: Holy Rosary Church: People of the Parishes

Tuesday, September 23

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Elizabeth Hudock (John Landers)

Wednesday, September 24

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: John Sovik (Michael D. Klacik)

Thursday, September 25

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Marie Matta, Ann & Ben Bassetti
(Popio Family)

Friday, September 26

8:30 am: Christ The Good Shepherd

Saturday, September 27

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:
John Colista (Family)
Rubicky Family (Cindy Hamrock)
Anna Ponigar (Norma Luchansky)
Tom Gregory (wife, Judy)
Jimmy DelSignore (Kristen & Anthony)
Mike & Laura Fiorentine (Rose Fiorentine)

Sunday, September 28

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church:
Donald Malatok (Denise & David Pavlik)
Caroline Vodhanel (Eugene Yuhas)
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

Memorial Candles

for the week of September 28, 2025

Frank & Carmel Quattro (*Ralph Genova Jr*) St. Nicholas Church
Joseph Gentile (*Ralph Genova Jr*) St. Nicholas Church
Bill Chipps (*Ralph Genova Jr*) St. Nicholas Church
Helen Morocco (*Ralph Genova Jr*) St. Nicholas Church
Phillip & Mary Ann Constantino (*Doreen*) Holy Trinity Church



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. “Really great work, John,” he said. “I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay.” I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the “**master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently**” (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he *wants* us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— Father John Muir

STEWARDSHIP

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)."

LUKE 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

	Envelopes:	Online:
September 14th	\$5,945.00	\$827.50
Energy:	\$10.00	
Mass Attendance:	359	

Sept. Envelopes: St. Nicholas School Gift, St. Vincent de Paul

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Fixing the Scales

Most people don't intend on being selfish. The reality of selfishness usually lies in the grey shades of our decision-making. We would never go out of our way to kick a homeless person begging by the highway exit. We would never steal money from our parish collection plate.

But would we drive past the homeless person without even extending a thought or a prayer toward his need? Would we justify stinginess in time, talent, and treasure because of our own comfort? We all have been guilty of transgressions such as these in the past. We will fall again in the future.

Most of the evil in this world can be traced back to a feeling of entitlement that lurks deep within each of us — a frantic concern for our own good that we find difficult to shake. The same instinct that compelled Eve to reach for the fruit that would give her the knowledge of good and evil still compels people to focus on what they are owed, on what they have "earned," on what they have "coming to them." We are so tempted to fix the scales. We are so tempted to keep score.

We would do well to remember that our God is not a God who keeps score. He is not a God who acts entitled or who tacks on extra dues, taking as much as He can get. He is a God who seats the lowly with princes. He is a God who seeks avenues for reconciliation and mercy.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

From The Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are entering the season of Fall and the early arrival of everything pumpkin spice begins to feel and taste about right. It also means that the school year has been well underway and things begin to pick up in the life of the parish. We observe Catechetical Sunday this weekend. The theme of this year is *"Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope"* 1 Peter 3:15.

Catechetical Sunday, which is celebrated on the third Sunday in September, was established to recognize and celebrate the gift that catechists bring to a parish community. It also provides us an opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

The theme, "Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope" 1 Peter 3:15, encourages us to be prepared to share the basis of our faith, the Lord, and the hope he provides. In the same manner, St. Peter encouraged the believers of his time. As Scripture reminds us, the sharing should be done with gentleness and respect. We will acknowledge and bless all who work in faith formation.

Next Sunday at the Bishop's call all the parishes in the diocese will celebrate an Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In honor of the 350th Jubilee for the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bishop David J. Bonnar released his third Pastoral Letter: "Take Heart! Do Not Lose Heart! Behold the Sacred Heart!" The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is enthroned to signify that Christ is he who gives inspiration and direction to each member of the parish. The enthronement is a single act, but it represents a way of life by which each member of the parish is transformed in Christ each day.

May we be open to continue to learn about our faith, that we may go out and share the faith. May we open our hearts to the loving Heart of Jesus, that we may be able to go out share his love with others.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Tom

Saint Nicholas School News

Saint Nicholas School is taking registrations for the 2025-2026 school year. Come and check out what our school has to offer. Students who are attending or would be attending an eligible school can apply for the EdChoice Traditional Scholarship. A list of designated schools can be found on the Ohio Department of Education website under EdChoice Scholarships. EdChoice Expansion Full Scholarships are also available to all families who are at or below 450% of the federal poverty level. A decreasing pro-rated amount dependent on the family's economic status over 450% of the poverty level is then available. Call the school office at 330-755-2128 for more information about our school and scholarship information.

School Mass Wednesday, September 24th at 8:30am.

All are welcome.

Our 8th grade students along with Mrs. Neider and Mr. & Mrs. Harold enjoyed a fun filled day at Camp Frederick on Friday, September 19th. Students engaged in physical activities throughout the day to learn team building skills. Thank you to Mr. Harold for taking the time to chaperone on this trip.

Saint Nicholas School Mission Statement: *Saint Nicholas School of Struthers, Ohio in the Diocese of Youngstown, was founded in 1928 and exists to teach the Catholic Faith. Saint Nicholas School provides a learning environment committed to educating the whole child academically, spiritually and emotionally within a diverse environment in accordance with the Gospel values. We promote high standards in behavior and respect in a nurturing atmosphere that encourages success for all students in kindergarten through eighth grade.*

Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Religious Education

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FACEBOOK: @COSRelEd

Bible Study

Bible Study will continue on Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the conference room of the parish office.

Youth Ministry is back! Beginning on **9-28-2025** we will have Youth Ministry Meetings in the St. Nicholas lower church hall starting at 1:00 pm. All youth of the parish in 7th through 12th grade are welcome to attend.



Centering Prayer Group - meets from **3:30 - 4:30pm** on the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays** of the month in the St. Nicholas Lower Church Chapel. Tuesday, November 11 will be the last meeting of the year. Meetings will be cancelled if St. Nicholas School is closed due to inclement weather.

Chapel Crochet & Knitting Group - meets the **1st Monday** of the month at **6:30 pm** in the **St. Nicholas School library**. All skill levels are welcome. Contact Virginia Bartos at 330-406-0364 for more information.

Quo Vadis AA Meetings - Meetings are held on **Fridays at 8 pm** in the St. Nicholas Lower Church Hall and are open to anyone seeking recovery from alcohol addiction.

Knights of Columbus Council #4471 - Meetings are held on the **first and third Monday** evenings of the month beginning at **6:30 pm** in the St. Nicholas Lower Church.

Mobility on Loan: wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and potty chairs are available for temporary loan, at no cost to the parishioners of Christ Our Savior Parish and the brother knights and their families of Council 4471. Any parishioner having a need for a device or having one to donate, may contact brother knights Joe Wilkos at 330-782-6858, Bob Sepesy at 330-770-9543, or Andy Brincko at 330-782-2400.

(PRACTICING)

CATHOLIC

God and Mammon

Dealing with money is unpleasant.

You might be good at dealing with money (I am not). You might even do it for a living (I do not). You might be careful to use as much of your money as you can for good purposes (I try to, but man, these skyrocketing grocery prices are killing me).

But ultimately, money does not bring out the best in us. We waste it. We manipulate it. We hoard it. We become obsessed by it. We let pursuit of it define our decisions. Money is something akin to — it corrupts by touch, it seems. But unlike witchcraft, you can't avoid money altogether. It's necessary. These dollars and cents keep us alive in this world, for a time. We need them for food, for warmth, for health.

Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones. But the parable reminds us that we can't escape money, just like we can't escape the world and all the barriers forged by this world between man and the happiness his Creator intends for him. We could retreat to the highest, remotest mountaintop, but the human condition would follow us there.

We would still feel doubt. We would still feel pain. We would still feel fear. We would still sin.

And we would still be hungry and cold. We would still need money.

Money will never be something that is easy to handle virtuously. But guess what? Nothing in this world is. And it's probably best that we remember that.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



OUR SICK

Linda Agnew	Ashley Moody
Catherine Armstrong	Wendy Pakalnis
Marie Belloto	Beth Ferrell Pearce
Marilyn Blissenbach	Sebastian Pieton
Ed Bonilla Jr	Sherry Pieton
Sally Branson	Anthony Pignatelli
Linda Dallevale	Doreen Ponigar
Blake Doss	Elizabeth Quarm
Donny	Jeanette Rusu
Melissa Ferro	Richard Shubert
Stan Floryjanski	Robert Skalada
Kathy Grecko	Jack D Slifka
Heather Hanlon	Sgt. Robert Smith
Brandon Hull	Goldie Strong
Chester Leone	Tom Sweder
Mark Lett	Kathy Tomko
Shauntelle Lett	Hannah Tringhese
Michael Lombard	Matt Turner
George S Maczko Jr	Janet Will
Ed Mahoney	Blake Wilson
James Marco	Larry Yates
Maria Meadors	David Yost
Joe Mogulich	Richard Zebrowski

OUR HOMEBOUND

Penny Barone
Christine Peluso Kinsley

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES or ASSISTED LIVING

Darlene Fox	Patricia Watt
Norma Higgins	Regina Yurick
Anna Leenheer	Amelia Zaluski
Phyllis Miglarese	Linda Ziars
Marie Phillips	

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

If you are homebound, unable to attend Mass, and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office at 330-755-9819. We will arrange for someone to come to your home.





for **Christian Tuscano**
& his recurring medical expenses

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025 | 3 - 7pm

St. Nicholas Great Hall in Struthers

50/50 Raffle | Chinese Auction

Tickets: 1 for \$1 • 15 for \$10 • 30 for \$20

Admission: \$10 Adults, \$5 Ages 5 - 10, 5 & Under FREE

For pre-sale dinner ticket info, please contact:

Jeff Janci: 330-519-6822 or

Toni Tuscano: 330-506-6459



Bus Trip To:

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025

Sponsored By: COSP St. Nicholas Church Altar & Rosary

COST: \$40.00

Coffee & Donut 7:30am

St. Nicholas Church Basement

Bus Leaves Church at 8:30am

Leaves Casino at 4:00pm

Seats assigned when checks are received.

First paid, first seated.

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Priscilla 330-755-9966

Bev Pack 330-727-2244 (c) or 330-755-7274 (H)

Christ Our Savior Parish



Columbus Day Raffle

October 5 - October 25, 2025

\$50.00 Winners:

**October 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16,
17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25**

\$100.00 Winners

October 5, 12, 19

\$500.00 Winner

October 13 (Columbus Day)

Winning tickets are returned to the barrel for more chances to win!

Additional tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office or on our website @ cosparish.org

All proceeds will be used for repairs at both churches & the school.



**2025 Faith and Family Festival
September 27, 2025!**

Join us for a joyful celebration of faith, family, and community at the Diocesan Faith and Family Festival! Held every other year, this special event brings together parish families and individuals from across our six-county region for a day of inspiration, fellowship, and fun. Open to all—whether you’re a lifelong Catholic or simply curious about the faith—the festival offers something for everyone: engaging activities, uplifting music, faith-based resources, and opportunities to grow together in Christ’s love. Come experience the joy of the Catholic community in action!

This event is **FREE** and Open to the Public.
Register in advance for a chance to win a DOOR PRIZE!

When: September 27th, 2025
Where: Fred Fuller Park, 601 Middlebury Road, Kent Ohio
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Find more information at:
<https://www.ccdoy.org/2025/07/11/faith-and-family-festival/>

**25TH, 40TH, 50TH AND OVER
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on **Sunday, October 26th, 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Canton**, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th, and over wedding anniversaries in 2025.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with the Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, with the blessing of couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Each couple will receive a personalized certificate. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall. You must make advanced reservations for this event by contacting your parish office and obtaining your pastor’s signature before **September 26th**.

*Men & Women
United for Life Presents*

A RAY OF HOPE:

This talk explores the roots of today’s youth mental health crisis and reveals the profound hope found in reclaiming what it means to be truly human.

Designed for both parents and young adults.

SPEAKER: JIM BECKMAN

When: Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 6PM
Where: St. Matthew Room
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
7345 Westview Dr. Boardman, OH 44512



Ursuline Sisters Mission is thrilled to introduce OktoberVines! Enjoy an evening of community impact, wine and beer tastings, dinner, live music featuring The Cugines, a cash bar, raffles, and a wine pull—all in support of Ursuline Sisters Mission and its programs, including Beatitude House.

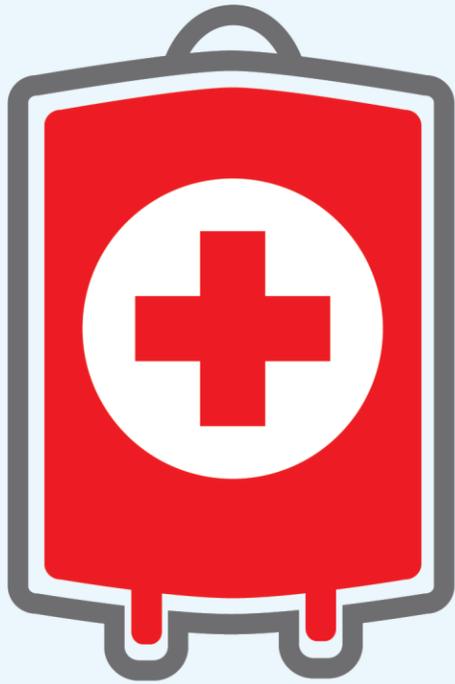
Event Details

Date: Friday, October 17, 2025
Time: 6-10 PM
Location: St. Mary's Assumption Social Center,
356 S. Belle Vista Ave, Youngstown, OH 44509
Tickets: \$75 per person. Reserve yours today
at www.givebutter.com/OktoberVines

What to Expect

Raise your glass to a night filled with:
Wine & Beer Tastings
Dinner
Live Music from The Cugines
Fun Extras: raffles, a wine pull, and a cash bar

Proceeds support our life-changing programs, which help vulnerable people achieve fullness of life and a future of hope.



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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH PIROHY

Pirohy sales resume on September 24

Orders are taken on

Wednesdays 4pm - 6pm and

Thursdays 9am - 10am

@ **234-275-8705**.

Potato - \$8 per dozen (3 dozen limit)

Pick-up on **Friday** from **11am - 1pm**



The COSP Food Pantry at Holy Trinity Church will be **OPEN** from **9:30am - 11am** on the following Mondays:

- ⇒ **September 22**
- ⇒ **October 6**
- ⇒ **October 13**
- ⇒ **October 27**
- ⇒ **November 10**
- ⇒ **November 24**
- ⇒ **December 8**
- ⇒ **December 22**

Suggested Donations for September: Cereal, Sauce, Pasta, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Soup, Pancake Mix, Syrup

Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toilet Paper
Paper Towels

Baby Food, Formula, Diapers, Baby Wipes

Please drop off donations at the parish office or the St. Nicholas lower church.



BINGO

COSP@ St. Nicholas Great Hall

Thursdays at 10am

Bingo Packages
Small: \$30 - Large: \$40

Doors open at 8:30am

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in desperate need of volunteers who can help out at Thursday morning Bingo at the St. Nicholas Great Hall. If you have some free time and would like to help please call Priscilla 330-755-9966 or Bev Pack 330-727-2244 (c) or 330-755-7274 (H) for more information.

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Alzheimer's Disease

A Caregiver's Guide with
Answers to Questions
and a Path to Spiritual Healing

by Robert H. Needham

An essential resource guide for any family coping with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease or other Dementia conditions.

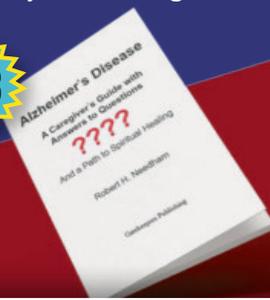
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