

Schedule of Divine Liturgies

Sunday	Feb 28 th	2 nd Sunday of Lent Gregory Palamas (Liturgy of St Basil)	+John Nicora Jr (Dolly Nicora)
Saturday	Mar 06 th	Saturday of the Dead	Parishioners of St Mary
Sunday	Mar 07 th	3 rd Sunday of Lent Veneration of the Holy Cross (Liturgy of St Basil)	+Virginia Lupu (Andrea Vigue)
Sunday	Mar 14 th	4 th Sunday of Lent Veneration of Father John the Ladder (Liturgy of St Basil)	+Bonita Ring (Ellen Hornfeck)

For the month of February

Our Eternal Candle burns for	+ Ed Kastriba (Donna and David Pandullo)
Our Garden Candle burns for	Parishioners of St Mary
Our Altar Candles burn for	Parishioners of St Mary

Parish Announcements:

Last Weeks Collection:	\$ 843.00
Rice Bowl Collection:	\$ 63.00
Bishop Floretin Memorial :	\$ 68.00

Thank You All for your generous donations to both the Rice Bowl and Bishop Floretin Memorial collections.

The Church is cleaned and disinfected after each Liturgy to do our part in keeping our parishioners safe while at St. Mary.

Liturgy Intentions: If you have intentions to remember or honor a loved one, please contact Donna Pandullo at (412) 973-0151 or see Samantha. Open dates remaining for 2021 are: Oct 17, 24 & 31: Nov 07 : Dec 19 and 26.

Candle Intentions: We are offering intentions for the Eternal Candle, the Garden Candle and the Tall Altar Candles. Each will be \$20.00 per month. The intentions will be listed in the bulletin. Please see Donna if you would like to add an intention.

Adult Education:

Adult Education is at 9 AM and every Sunday in the church. Our class focuses on the teachings of the Catholic Church and includes a focus on the Byzantine Tradition. Typically there is a lively discussion of important spiritual matters. Please join us.

Know yourself; know your situation; know your enemy, and victory will yours! Taken from the writings of the ancient world, this wisdom helps us as we live our lives as disciples of Jesus and seek holiness to be more like God during this time of Great Lent. Knowing ourselves is the first step in the process of achieving victory in the spiritual life, that is, obtaining a favorable judgment from the Lord at the Last Judgment. We need Christ's forgiveness, and we know from the healing of the Paralytic that Jesus can forgive us. The text of today's reading tells us that..."the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." We need to seek remission of our sins from Christ according to His plan, which is the Sacramental Mystery of Forgiveness. The first three weeks of Lent is the time of the year when we are to get to know our sins better. Even if a person has been away from Confession for a long period of time, there is still some idea of what his or her sins are. We know what we have confessed in the past and we have the benefit of our encounters with the readings at the Divine Liturgy. The Holy Spirit will help if we ask. Also, the Church has given us some spiritual guidance. Typically, there are three main tendencies toward sin that can affect us: sensuality, vanity and pride. Sensuality is the excessive pursuit of pleasure. Vanity is the excessive concern for what others think about us. Pride involves too much self-esteem. All of these can lead us into sin. Usually, each of us is affected by only one of these three weaknesses, but all of them can be present. They are a good starting point to better understand our sins. One of the best reasons to reflect on our sins is the discovery of another sin that we didn't know about. The ancient Greek philosopher, Socrates, once stated that the unexamined life is not worth living. We should evaluate our thoughts, words and deeds on an ongoing basis. We should ask ourselves questions such as, "Am I giving God all the glory as I live my life?" or "Am I living as a disciple of Jesus Christ in how I treat other people?" Asking God in the Blessed Sacrament after the Divine Liturgy on Sundays is a good way to find answers. It is very desirable to examine ourselves at a planned time each day. A logical time frame for this is before retiring for the evening. Then, the entire day's activities can be thought about and reviewed. It doesn't have to take long. Bring to mind the three major tendencies to sin: sensuality, vanity and pride, and make a comparison with the various events of the day that may have been a bit disappointing. Knowing ourselves and our sins is a good first step in the direction of holiness. If we do a spiritual audit, we are then on our pathway to victory over sin and death because we are then ready for Confession. We will also have a closer relationship with our God, Who loves us. Blessings, Father George

Next week's Scripture: Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:1-6; Gospel of St. Mark 8:34-39

Your fervent and continuing prayers are requested for: Calvin Cramer, Rosemary Gerondites, Teresa Maglicco, Alan Medved, Laurie DuVal, Fr. Matthew Elanjileth, Helen Dragos, Kathleen Gibbs, Andrea Vigue, Joseph O'Gurkis, Jennifer Wolf and Children, Ron Willard, Jason Kritkos, Sr. Caritas Wendt All those serving in Armed Forces and Civil Authorities, along with All First Responders, and all those Affected by the Coronavirus.

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