

Schedule of Divine Liturgies

Sunday	April 11 th	1 st Sunday After Easter Thomas Sunday	+Mary Shinsky (Ellen Hornfeck)
Sunday	April 18 th	3 rd Sunday after Easter Myrrh Bearing Women	+Mihai & +Elena Chis (Mia Cotan)
Sunday	April 25 th	4 th Sunday after Easter Paralytic Sunday	+Joan Karsnak (Donna and David Pandullo)
Sunday	May 02 nd	5 th Sunday after Easter Samaritan Woman	+Felix &+ Rachael Di Bernado (Dolly Nicora)

For the month of April

Our Eternal Candle burns for	+ Tonsetic Family (Pauline Tonsetic)
Our Garden Candle burns for	+ Parishioners of St Mary
Our Altar Candles burn for	+ Karsnak / + Kastriba Families (Donna and David Pandullo)

Parish Announcements:

Last Weeks Collection:	\$ 700.00
Easter Collection:	\$ 430.00
Holy Land Collection:	\$ 65.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 30.00

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 24 and Oct 31

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.

Special Collection: The next Special collection will be on April 25 2021 for the Catholic Home Missions. Please be as generous as possible and as always St Mary thanks you for your Generosity and continued support of the various programs instituted by the Diocese.

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.

Have you ever met a person who has no faith? In our secular society, people who have no interest in religion are quite common. Our Gospel (John 20:19-31) lesson takes up this matter by means of the words spoken between Our Lord and St. Thomas. Now, St. Thomas was a great saint who was martyred for the Faith. However, just after the Resurrection of Christ he had his doubts. St. Thomas stated that unless he could see the wounds in Lord's hands and in His side, he would not believe. The Lord confronted Thomas eight days later by telling him to see the wounds in His hands and to put his fingers in His side. He added, "Do not be faithless, but believing." Again, St. Thomas the Apostle is a great saint and martyr; however, we can learn from his mistake. During Holy Week, we were encouraged to engage in the missionary work of the Church. We heard Christ's words in the Gospel of Matthew pertaining to evangelization. At the same time, our unbelieving society refuses to acknowledge that God even exists. Some insight into this atheism might be helpful. There are actually several forms of atheism. The classical variety is that God definitely does not exist. Although there is more than one explanation for this attitude, the main reason is that if God does not exist, then they don't have to follow His rules. As the German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche stated, if God does not exist, all things are possible. Their problem is that they cannot explain the existence of the material world which cannot create itself. There has to be a first cause for the material things in the universe and that first cause is God. Clearly, this point-of-view of atheists is intellectually bankrupt. A second version of atheism is agnosticism. Agnostics, like atheists, want to be able to do whatever they want to do without God's rules getting in the way; however, they are aware of the flaws in the arguments of atheists, so they state that they do not know if God exists. To them, it is a comfortable position. No God, no rules, no explanations. A third version is that of practical atheism. These atheists shut God out by not involving themselves with Him. They are probably the largest group of the three, involving millions of regular people. They really don't identify themselves in any way, such as being agnostics. They just live life without any faith in God and, as with the other two groups, make up their own rules. Many young people who were raised in the Faith stop living it because of this way of thinking. The problem for us is that we are still under an obligation to reach out to these people and to share our Faith. We are bolstered in our Faith by the history of the Catholic Church, which has preserved the same doctrine, the same basic liturgy and the same leadership for two thousand years. We are strengthened by the many appearances of the Mother of God, especially at Fatima, Portugal in 1917. We are supported by the example of the holy saints of the Church, especially St. Thomas the Apostle, from whom we know that blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

Blessings, Father George

Next week's Scripture: Acts 6:1-7; Gospel of St. Mark 15:43-47, 16:1-8

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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