

Schedule of Divine Liturgies

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 Bernardo (Dolly Nicora)
Sunday	May 09 nd	5 th Sunday after Easter Man Born Blind	+Terr Vigue (Andrea Vigue)

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:	\$ 298.00
Easter	\$ 45.00
Parking Lot	\$ 500.00

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
It is not too early to start thinking about Liturgy Intentions for 2022.

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.

We Have received an extremely generous donation for the Parking Lot Fencing Project. May God Bless Them and Their families. Any Donations would be Greatly Appreciated.

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.

PASTOR'S PULPIT OF THE GOSPEL

Have you ever wondered why the Catholic Church is so unbelievably large? Its 1.3 billion members span the globe; Catholics reside on six of the seven continents. Now, we don't want to misunderstand this fact. The Church is not about seeking quotas, but rather it focuses upon teaching the truth, first and foremost. Yet, the numbers are impressive!

Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles (6:1-7) tells us that seven men were ordained as the first deacons of the Catholic Church. The reason given is that the Apostles, the first Bishops of the Church, needed more time to preach the Word of God. Therefore, men were ordained as deacons to help with the workload. This is a clear sign that soon after the Resurrection of Christ, there was a tremendous growth of the Church. The text of today's reading says exactly that: "the disciples were increasing in number." Elsewhere in Acts, it states that the "Lord added to their numbers day-by-day." Clearly, people were being attracted to Christianity. Why was this happening?

Our Gospel reading from Mark (15:43-16:8) tells us. When the women, who came to anoint the body of Jesus, arrived at the tomb where Jesus was buried, they found that the stone was rolled away. They encountered an angel, who told them that Jesus was not there, because He had risen. In other words, the tomb was empty. This is the central fact of our Faith. The empty tomb is a sure sign of Christ's Resurrection, since a guard had been placed at the tomb to keep everyone out. Word got around quickly. Many in the territory surrounding Jerusalem heard that Jesus' tomb was empty and approached the Apostles about becoming Christians. Since then, the Church has greatly advanced in membership.

We can all be confident that Jesus was telling the truth about Himself. He is the divine Son of God, because of what the Bible reveals about Him, that He forgave sins, that He has always existed as the Son of God and that He will return again at the end of time.

These are clear indications of Christ's divinity and should give us great hope and joy! The capstone of them all, however, is His resurrection, which explains why the Church is so well-populated. It also explains why we all need to proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Christ is Risen!

Blessings, Father George

Next week's Scripture: Acts 9:32-42; the Gospel of St. John 5:1-15

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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