

Schedule of Divine Liturgies

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 th	6 th Sunday after Easter Man Born Blind MOTHERS DAY	+Terry Vigue (Andrea Vigue)
Sunday	May 16 th	7 th Sunday after Easter First Ecumenical Council	+Margaret & +Dan Verdes (Pauline Tonsetic)

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: \$ 275.00
Fence Project : \$ 20.00

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. All Dates are taken for 2021. Accepting dates 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 today 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 several generous donation for the Parking Lot Fencing Project. May God Bless Them and Their families. Any Donations would be Greatly Appreciated. So far the lot has been surveyed and awaiting hard copy of survey so it could be forwarded to city for their approval.

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

We can rely on the promises of Christ. One of them is eternal life and our faith can lead us there. The theme of this week's Scripture is the work of the Lord in healing those who are sick. Indeed, Christ is the Great Healer! The Book of the Acts (9:32-42) tells us that St. Peter heals a man named Aeneas and brings a woman named Tabitha back to life through the power of Christ. St. Peter did so as a man of faith. In the Gospel of St. John (5:1-15), Christ heals a man who is paralyzed and who had waited for thirty-eight years with expectant hope that God would cure him. The paralytic endured great suffering; after all that time, he did not give up. What faith this paralytic must have had! Later, Jesus meets the paralytic in the Temple and tells him to sin no more. The man's physical cure was a sign that his sins were forgiven; the true evil is sin, not sickness. Christ, here, is focusing upon our entrance into eternal life. For those among us who suffer some form of illness, we can draw upon our faith. Pope Francis has taught us that: "There is not a cross, big or small, in our life, which the Lord does not share with us." Out of faith, we offer our suffering in union with the Cross as a means to holiness. What is keeping us from the promise of God that we will enjoy His Kingdom? What will help us to get there? Our faith provides a pathway. With faith, Peter healed Aeneas and Tabitha by the power of Christ. With faith, the paralytic obeyed Jesus and carried his mat, contrary to the Jewish law regarding the Sabbath of his time. Our faith informs us of the problem of sin so we can work to root it out of our lives. Sin is the greatest barrier standing in the way of Eternal Life. The Old Testament calls sin missing the mark so that we can't share in the prize. It is like an archery contest; if a person's arrow doesn't hit the circles on the target, there is no reward. Faithfully praying to the Holy Spirit for help in avoiding sin helps us to stay on course. Our faith and our opposition to sin should be matched by the pursuit of humility. Christ, Himself, tells us to learn from His humility. In our Gospel lesson, the Lord disappears into the crowd after He heals the paralytic. He withdraws to teach us to avoid worldly praise. We need to remember who we are in relationship with the Almighty; He is God, and we are not! The fulfillment of God's promise of eternal life is achieved when we have faith, avoid sin and pursue humility with the help of the Holy Spirit. The late-Francis Cardinal George of Chicago once stated that God is always with us, in good times and in bad, in darkness and in light, so long as we remain one in Him. And if we remain in Him, we will enter into His heavenly kingdom. Blessings, Father George

Next week's Scripture: Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30; The Gospel of St. John 4:5-42

Your fervent and continuing prayers are requested for: Calvin Cramer, Teresa Maglicco , Frank 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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