



**May 7, 2017**  
**SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN**  
Liturgical Schedule

**May 6 (Sat) Divine Liturgy** **5:00pm**  
*+Alfred Crocker req by Steve & Judi Muchoney*

**May 7 (Sun) Sunday of the Paralytic Man**  
**Divine Liturgy** **10:30am**

**May 10 (Wed) Divine Liturgy** **8:30am**  
**MID-PENTECOST**

**May 12 (Fri) Divine Liturgy** **8:30am**

**May 13 (Sat) Divine Liturgy** **5:00pm**  
*+Clarence Badar req by Mickey & Arlene Dzura*

**May 14 (Sun) Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**  
**Divine Liturgy** **10:30am**  
*Living & Deceased Mothers of our Parish*



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of May 7 thru May 13 for +Ann Frenzel.

*Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.*



James Abraham, Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Rosella Busko, Marian Campbell, Ted Druga, John Fekete, Carl Magdic, Fran Mogush, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko, Maria Rusinko, Ed Suzina, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Cecelia Stephen, Margaret Weber, John Voron Sr.

**Our Tithe to our Church**  
**April 30 , 2017 — S 1,469.00**

**ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES**



If you or someone in our parish family is graduating from high school or college this year, would you kindly call the parish office or send a text or e-mail with the following information: the name of the graduate, the school from which they are graduating, the college they plan to attend and the area of study in which they will focus, or the type of work or other endeavors that they plan to pursue after graduation.

Thank you for your kind cooperation in this.

**A PARTY!!!**

Yes, you are invited to a party! And it's free!!!

*When? Saturday, 13 May 9:00 am --- ???*

*Where? Church Basement*

*Why? Spring Clean-up*



Okay, so it is a bit of misleading advertising. The basement beneath our church is in need of a thorough cleaning. We will have a large dumpster in the back parking lot, and we need some strong and willing muscles (okay, all you young guys ... a chance to show off all your pecs! There will be photos taken!!!).

And, if you cannot make it on that day or time, you may be willing to come at another time near that date – the dumpster will be here for a short while. Please call or text the time when you are willing to assist.

And thank you in advance.



## CONGRATULATIONS!



We offer the hearty congratulations of our Parish Family to one of our young men, Jacob Frye, who has recently been accepted into the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. Jacob has been a long-time altar server at

St Stephen Church, and he has just completed his first year of studies at the University of Pittsburgh.

We wish you well, Jacob, as you begin this new venture in your life. It is the realization of a long hoped-for dream. You will certainly have many challenges ahead of you, but we trust that you will measure up to all of them. Our prayers and best wishes are with you.

## STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

The National Association of Letter Carriers will be collecting non-perishable food items on Saturday, May 13, 2017, for distribution to local food banks in the community. Please place food donations by/in your mailbox. Your Letter Carrier or a designated volunteer will pick up your donation for distribution to a local food bank.



Why is your help important:

### **49 million, or 1 in 7 Americans, are food insecure.**

Food insecurity means living at risk of hunger and not knowing where their next meal is coming from.

### **Nearly 12 million, or 1 in 5 children, are living in a food insecure household.**

Hungry children cannot thrive—their physical, intellectual, and emotional developments are limited.

**7 million seniors (age 60+)** face choices between paying rent, utilities and having enough nutritious food.

Thank you !

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## THE PARALYTIC MAN

*Out of love for us  
Christ appeared upon the earth,  
and the sick man took up his pallet and walked,  
in spite of the wicked Scribes  
who would not see the miracle worked by the Lord,  
and in their malice  
they envied Him who freed our souls from chains.*

We all look ... and sometimes we see ...

Our eyes let us look ... but it is the heart which allows us to see.

When Jesus walked this earth, he not only looked at the people around him ... he also *saw* their deeper needs and longings ... he saw from heart to heart.

When he encountered this paralyzed man in today's Gospel reading, he saw into his heart and asked the real question: *Do you want to be healed?* Many times we become comfortable in our illness and infirmity. We come to expect the pity and allow (even presume) others to care for us. In a rather perverse way, we give up our own responsibility and let others make the decisions for us.

Thus, the man had to answer for himself. No one could speak for him. He would now have to take responsibility for his own life: *Pick up your mat and walk. Do not sin any more so that nothing worse may happen to you.*

On the darker side ... there is the cynicism of the Scribes in today's Gospel reading that blocks their vision ... and so they cannot see goodness and love. And that same cynicism often afflicts us ... so that we too are blinded.

But now, as we continue the celebration of the Paschal season, we celebrate the gift of life that is given to us ... New Life in the risen Lord.