



May 2, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Parish Schedule

May 1 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Michael Sabo req by Mary Heckel & Magda Mazzoni

May 2 (Sun) SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Thomas, Catherine & Jack Wesdock
req by Julee Lindberg Family

May 8 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Richard Heckel req by Mary Heckel

May 9 (Sun) SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND
MOTHER'S DAY
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Thomas, Catherine & Jack Wesdock
req by Julee Lindberg Family

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.



Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, George Bodnar ,
Jude Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick,
Kevin Ianni, Ted Race, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi,
Joseph Rusinko Sr.

We greet each other during the next forty days with our Paschal greeting:

CHRIST IS RISEN ! (English) INDEED HE IS RISEN !
CHRISTOS VOSKRESE ! (Slavonic) VOISTINNU VOSKRESE !
CHRISTOS ANESTI ! (Greek) ALITHOS ANESTI !



The 5% Factor ...

One day God was looking down at Earth and saw all of the rascally behavior that was going on. So God called one of the angels and sent the angel to Earth for a time. When she returned, she told God, "Yes, it is bad on Earth; 95% are misbehaving and only 5% are not."

God thought for a moment and said, "Maybe I had better send down a second angel to get another opinion." So God called another angel and sent him to Earth for a time too. When the angel returned he went to God and said, "Yes, it's true. The Earth is in decline; 95% are misbehaving, but 5% are being good."

God was not pleased. So He decided to e-mail the 5% who were being good, because He wanted to encourage them ... give them a little something to help them keep going.

Do you know what the e-mail said?

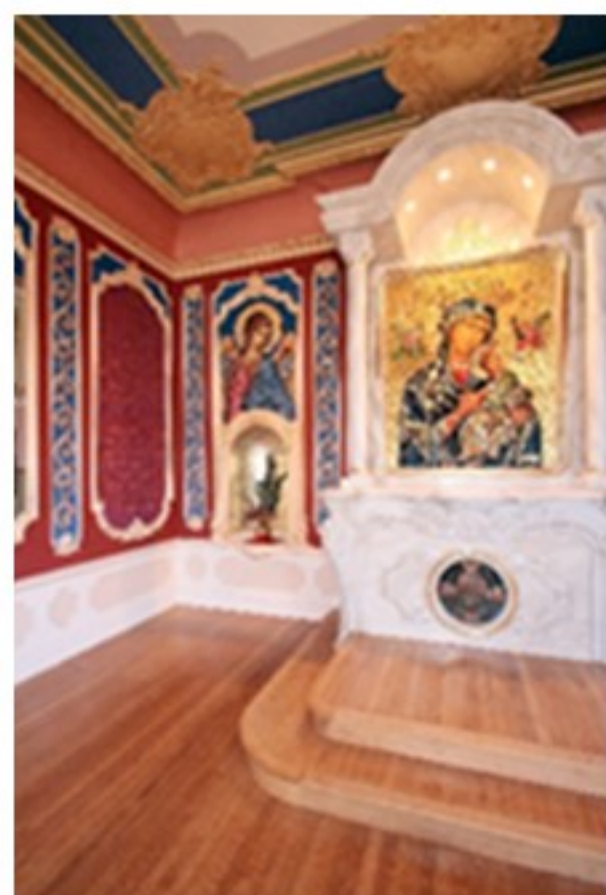
Okay, just wondering, I didn't get one either.

Our Tithe to our Parish - April 18, 2021 - \$1,571.00

To all those who have been so faithful in your donations, especially during these trying times, we offer a huge Thank You! Our parishioners have been very conscious in the support of our church that allows us to continue to meet our expenses and even the extra items that come up.

The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week May 2 thru May 8 for +Eugene Heinack req by Dennis & Denise Daw.





Mount Macrina House of Prayer
Virtual Online Zoom Programs

For more information or to register, call 724-438-7149 or
Email: hpmsm@verizon.net.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL TO RECEIVE YOUR LINK AS THE PROGRAMS WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGH ZOOM.
Please share this information with anyone who may be interested.

Women's Tuesday Evening Reflection:
Do Whatever She Tells You: Becoming a Disciple with Mary
May 11 — 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Presented by Ann M. Koshute, MTS
Offering: \$10 Register by May 6

Men's Thursday Evening of Reflection:
Saint Joseph: Pillar for Families in the 21st Century
May 13—6:30pm - 7:30pm
Presented by Father Jim Davidson and Deacon Dennis Prestash
Offering: \$10 Register by May 10

Saturday Morning Reflection:
The Women of the Passion and the Resurrection
May 15— 10am - 11:30am
Presented by Helenanne Hochendoner, MAT
Offering: \$15 Register by May 11

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Regularly we hear that we are to pray for “vocations”. And when we hear this, we generally think of vocations to the ordained priesthood and to consecrated religious life.

While this is true ... it is not complete. We are *all* called to share in the task or mission of spreading the Gospel message. Yes, we do need ordained priests and we need the witness of religious sisters and brothers. And, we also need to realize that *all baptized Christians* are called to spread the Good News that we believe has been revealed in Jesus Christ.



The image of the Samaritan Woman from today's Gospel offers us a good model. She met Jesus right in the midst of her ordinary daily life ... at midday ... at a common well looking for a drink of water ... in the midst of an ordinary conversation.

In the course of their conversation, she came to realize that this was no ordinary person to whom she was talking. She came to believe that He was indeed someone sent by God. She put her *faith* and *trust* in him. Her life was changed because she met him.

But she did not keep her faith to herself! Her religion, her relationship with God was not something private. It was not just something between God and herself.

No, the first thing she did was to hurry into town and let all her friends know about her discovery. And because of her excitement about her faith ... others then came to believe also.

She was indeed an *evangelizer* ... She did not keep her faith to herself ... She called others to believe through her own witness.

Can you imagine what our parishes would be like if each of us invited just one other person to come to church with us !

There are many people around us who seem to be living without a church life. Perhaps they just need someone to invite them ... to share with them what their own faith means.

Perhaps they are waiting for you ...