



May 19, 2019

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Liturgical Schedule

May 18 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm

Health & Well-Being of Susan Sabol

**May 19 (Sun) Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**

Health and well-being of Michael Dzura

May 21 (Tue) Parish Advisory Council meeting 6:30pm

May 25 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm

+William Bogdan req by Ray & Ruth Seech

**May 26 (Sun) Sunday of the Man Born Blind
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**

+William Timko req by wife Eleanor

Our Tithe to our Parish - May 12, 2019 - \$1,380.00

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, Jude Bodnar,
Marion Campbell, Steve Fekete, Kevin Ianni, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi,
Joseph Rusinko Sr, Sue Sabol, Ruth Seech, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis,
Debbie Vasko



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 19 thru May 25 for a private intention.

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!**

Please Note: All cell phones should either be left at home or safely put away in your vehicle. At minimum, they must be turned off before entering the church.

Parents: it is your responsibility to see that your children conform to this directive. No exceptions!

Sincere Condolences



We offer our sincere condolences to Vince and Nick Voron on the occasion of the falling asleep in the Lord of their brother, **John Voron**. John's funeral took place at the James Shirley Funeral Home on Saturday, 18 May 2019. May the Lord God grant comfort to his family, and may he grant a peaceful repose and eternal memory to his servant John. *Eternal Memory! Vičnaja Pamjat'!*

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Regularly we hear that we are to pray for "vocations". And when we hear this, we generally think of vocations to the ordained priesthood, the diaconate 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, deacons 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.

CONFESSIONS OF A "MASS TOURIST"

During this recent Lenten season, in England a retired television football announcer decided upon a unique Lenten experience. As a practicing Roman Catholic, he decided to do something ambitious and go to church each day for the Roman Mass. But, he decided that each day he would attend a *different* parish in and around London. All in all, he attended 46 different churches.

Some of his reflections:

It was not always easy to discover the *times* of the Services. Very often telephone calls were not answered. Schedule changes were posted on church doors, *after* his arrival, etc.



No matter how large or small the church, he learned that so much did depend on the priest in the parish. He found about one-third were great priests (and a handful of them exceptional and very brilliant); around one-third were fine; and another third, for him, were pretty hopeless, with a handful of them grumpy to the point of nastiness. As he said, he was not there to judge; but these were simply his experiences and impressions.

"Stony-faced priests talking about the great joy of the Gospel, just don't make it," he notes. And many of the churches he attended were quite small and most weekday congregations were just a handful, a dozen or so people, and often times fewer. But the spirit among the people was so different. This made a great impression also. A little bit of warmth and common humanity goes a long way towards welcoming the stranger.

How about us? What would he find in our congregation? Let's all think about this the next time we come to church ...

ALL YOU WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED ...

We welcome into full Communion in our parish the servant of God, **Julia Noel Taramelli**, the infant daughter of Michael and Michelle Taramelli, who was Baptized, Chrismated and Communicated in our parish last week. May she grow in faith, in love and in spiritual understanding, and may we all be Christian witnesses to her as well as to all who come into our church.

