



May 30, 2021

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Parish Schedule

May 29 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm

+Susan Sabol req by husband Jack

May 30 (Sun) SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

Divine Liturgy 10:30am

+Grace Schwarzaelder req by the Lindberg Family

June 5 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm

+Eugene Heinack req by Michael & Arlene Dzura

June 6 (Sun) SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENETCOST

Divine Liturgy 10:30am

+Michael Sabo req by Mary Heckel

Our Tithe to our Parish - May 23, 2021 - \$3,484.00

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 30 thru June 5 for +William Timko req by wife Eleanor.

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.

**MOUNT ST. MACRINA
HOUSE OF PRAYER
ONLINE PROGRAMS**

Tuesday Morning Reading Series:

A Tree Full of Angels: Seeing the Holy in the Ordinary
(By Macrina Wiederkehr) 10:00am-11:30am

June 1,8,15 and 22 Presented by Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick, OSBM
Offering: \$5 per session or \$15 for all four sessions.

Young Adult Weekend Retreat (men and women ages 18 to 35)

7 p.m. Friday, June 11 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 13

With Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick, OSBM and team.

Offering: \$50. Register by June 7.

HELPING HANDS DAY AT MOUNT MACRINA



Each year, at the beginning of the summer, there is a day of cleaning up the debris from the winter, weeding and clearing the flower beds, trimming trees and shrubs, planting flowers and sprucing up the grounds. There is also inside work for those who prefer this type of labor.

This is called Helping Hands Day. This year it takes place on Saturday, 5, June 2021, beginning at 10:00am and continuing into the afternoon. Lunch is also provided for the participants.

Please consider offering a few hours of your help for this venture. It would be nice to see our parish reach out beyond our own borders and help other parts of the Church in their need.

WHY IS THE POPPY A SYMBOL OF MEMORIAL DAY?



In the war-torn battlefields of Europe, the common red field poppy (*Papaver rhoeas*) was one of the first plants to reappear. Its seeds scattered in the wind and sat dormant in the ground, only germinating when the ground was disturbed—as it was by the very brutal fighting of World War 1.

John McCrae, a Canadian soldier and physician, witnessed the war first hand and was inspired to write the now-famous poem “In Flanders Fields” in 1915.

(See below for the poem.) He saw the poppies scattered throughout the battlefield surrounding his artillery position in Belgium.

“In Flanders Fields”

by John McCrae, May 1915

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

The Byzantine Church, by a distinguished and very illustrious feast, honors the memory of those immortal flowers which the whole earth brings forth from that soil which is continuously refreshed by the flowing streams of the Holy Spirit ...

(From a 6th century Sermon by the Deacon Constantine)

This eighth Sunday after Pascha ... the first Sunday after Pentecost ... is dedicated to the memory of All Saints ... that is, those whose lives are the fruit of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In addition to all the saints listed on our church calendar ... every day has at least one ... and usually quite a few more ... saints listed to be remembered on that day. In addition, there are all the local and regional saints who are not listed on our general calendar ... as well as the countless saints who are unknown to us ... but known to God alone!

The image in the above sermon from the sixth century ... calls the saints the "flowers" which spring forth from the soil that is watered by the Holy Spirit.



Indeed, the saints are "flowers" ... unique in the beauty and fragrance ... that bring joy to all who behold them. And much like the flowers of the earth ... the saints are at times very much in the public eye and well-known. At other times, they are like flowers that are seen by only a few people who are around them ... and yet their beauty is nonetheless just as great. At still other times, there are saints who are like flowers that are not even noticed by anyone at all ... they are simply there where God puts them ... yet this does not diminish their beauty.

We are each called to let our lives be "watered" by the Holy Spirit ... that we too may flower into the person that God sees that we can be.