

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, May 14 **5:00 PM +George & Anna Danscak by Danscak Family**
Sunday, May 15 **9:00 AM +Veronica Morgan by Srsic & Lutte Family**

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Web Liturgy Intention for Week of May 15, 2022 sponsored by
Kristie Cosgrove in Memory of +Frances Joann Cancelliere

Sanctuary Candle is lit from May 8 – May 21

In Memory of +Michael & Julia Suray by Carol Beavers & Michael A. Suray

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

Saturday, May 21 **5:00 PM +Leona Bodnar by Agnes Borsh**
Sunday, May 22 **9:00 AM +William & Doris Sauer by Andy & Sue Fedoris**

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN ME:

Regular Offertory	\$4,059.00
Maintenance Fund	621.00
Holy Day	47.00
Easter	500.00
Seminary	202.00
Candles	126.73
Loose Cash	40.00
Cemetery	210.00
TOTAL	\$5,805.73

Parking Lot: \$85

Live Stream Donations:

- \$50 Edward & Judith Kisailus (NY)**
- \$25 Leonard & Felicia Simko**

During these challenging times we thank you for your kindness and generosity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS

AT HOME: Richard Lesko, *Ronald & Arletta Lutka*, Margie Seman, *Elizabeth Pristas*, Teri Phares, Raymond Petro, Jr., Luke Pasternak, Marissa Stout, Tara Seman, Michael Matus, Patrick Singer, Joan Bodnar, Mary Ann Urban, Carole Srsic, Pauline Johnson, *Ann Havrilscak*, Aaron Spang, Janet Ducar, Mary Pavasko, Suzie (Wargo) Bodziach, Betty Martin, Teresa Sekel, Lynne Black, Patty Schneider, Regina Kraus, Elaine Nassif, Jeannie Pasternak, Janet Myers, Ethel Wahal, Joanne Smoley

Italicized names indicate Parish Shut-ins. Other names are submitted prayer requests.

NURSING HOMES/REHABILITATION CENTERS/ASSISTED LIVING

Elsie Urban, Len Stagon, Dorothy Hritz, Eleanor Chekan, Sue Goda

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 15 Julie Hilzendeger
- 16 William Ondo, Sr.
- 16 Andrew & Suzanne Fedoris (Anniversary)
- 17 Pamela O'Hare
- 17 Jacob Cannon
- 19 Mary Ann Varhola
- 20 Sandy Hornak

May God grant to His servant peace, health and happiness for many years!

In person Attendance: *Saturday, May 7: 46; Sunday, May 8: 80*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, May 7: 36 (WS); 59 (FB)*
Sunday, May 8: 66 (WS); 51 (FB)

ETERNAL MEMORY

On May 6, 2022, **+Stephen Kish** passed from this life to the next. May he rest in the bosom of Abraham, in the abode of the saints, where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning. *May the Lord God remember his departed servant +Stephen in His Kingdom forever.*

On May 12, 2022, **+Fr. Robert Jones**, pastor of St. Mary Church, Weirton, WV and St. John the Baptist Church, Avella, PA passed from this life to the next. May he rest in the bosom of Abraham, in the abode of the saints, where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning. *May the Lord God remember his departed priest servant +Robert in His Kingdom forever.*

COOKIE THANK YOU

The family of Fr. Bob Karl would like to express their sincere thanks to all who donated cookies for the day of visitation as well as for the funeral luncheon. They also thank you for the many words of comfort and acts of kindness during this time. May God bless you abundantly.

BREADED PORK CHOP DINNER

Our parish will serve a take-out only breaded pork chop dinner on **Saturday, May 14 from 4 – 7 PM and on Sunday, May 15 from 10 AM – 1 PM. Price is \$12.00 per dinner.** The dinner includes: Breaded pork chop, homemade stuffing, veggie, roll and butter. In addition we will be selling quarts of haluski, quarts of soup, our kolache, and various baked goods.

FLEA MARKET

We will be holding another Flea Market on June 3 & 4, 2022, 8 AM – 1 PM. Please put aside any items you no longer want or need for our flea market.

As in the past, we cannot accept TV's, computers, shoes and clothes. **Deadline to drop off items is May 27.** Arrangements can be made to pick up larger items. Please consider also helping to mark and sell the items in May.

We will sort out and price the donated items May 17, 18, 19, 20 at 6 pm each day. Thanks for your donations and help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| June 3/4 | Flea Market |
| June 11/12 | Flea Market & Dinner |
| June 26 | Parish Anniversary Dinner |
| June 26 | Eastwinds Symphonic Band Concert – 2 PM |

CANDLE OFFERING

Our candle supplier informed us that the cost of wax has increased 37% this past year. Due to this increase, we have to increase our suggested offering for candles. ***Effective May 1, 2022 the suggested offering for candles will be \$3.00.*** Thank you for your understanding with this increase.

ELECTION DAY HOAGIE PICK UP

Pick up will be at Cathedral Office May 17, 9 AM – 1:30 PM.



Attentive to the Word

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Acts 11: 19-26 & 29-30

John 4: 5-42

She has a history. Things done and left undone, some good some not so good. Guilt and regrets. Fears. Wounds and sorrows. Secrets too. She is a woman with a past. Study the history of this text, read the commentaries, listen to the interpretations and you will learn that her past is generally seen as one of promiscuity. The evidence? Five spouses and now living unmarried with a sixth man. Looked at but not seen. Labeled yet nameless. She remains unknown to everyone. Everyone, that is, except Jesus.

How easily we forget that women of her day had very little choice or control over their own lives. If she is divorced it is because the men divorced her. She had no right of divorce. That was exclusively the man's right. Maybe it was a just divorce but often it was not. If she's not divorced then she has suffered the death of five husbands. Five times left alone, five times nameless, faceless, and of no value, five times starting over. Maybe some divorced her. Maybe some died. We don't know. Either one, divorce or death, is a tragedy for her life.

So let's not be too quick to judge. We don't know the details of her past. Maybe we don't need to. Maybe it is enough that she mirrors for us our own lives. We too are people with a past, people with a history. We are all Samaritan women.

People like her, people like us, people with a past, often live in fear of being found out. It is not just the fear that another will know the truth, the facts, about us but that they will do so without ever really seeing us and without ever really knowing us. We all thirst to be seen and to be known at a deep intimate level. We all want to pour our lives out to one who knows us, to let them drink from the depths of our very being. That is exactly what Jesus is asking of this woman with a past when he says, "Give me a drink." It is the invitation to let herself be known. To be known is to be loved and to be loved is to be known.

To be found out, however, without being known leaves us dry and desolate. It leaves us to live a dehydrated life thirsting for something more, something different, but always returning to the same old wells.

We all go down to some well. For some, like the Samaritan woman, it is the marriage well. For others it is the well of perfectionism. Some go to the well of hiding and isolation. Others will draw from the well of power and control. Too many will drink from the wells of addiction. Many live at the well of busyness and denial.

We could each name the wells from which we drink. Day after day, month after month, year after year we go to the same well to drink. We arrive hoping our thirst will be quenched. We leave as thirsty as when we arrived only to return the next day. For too long we have drunk from the well that never satisfies, the well that can never satisfy. Husband after husband this is the well to which the Samaritan woman has returned.

There is another well, however. It is the well of Jesus Christ. It is the well that washes us clean of our past. This is the well from which new life and new possibilities spring forth. It is the well that frees us from the patterns and habits that keep us living as thirsty people.

That is the well the Samaritan women in today's gospel found. She intended to go to the same old well she had gone to for years, the well that her ancestors and their flocks drank from. Today is different. Jesus holds before her two realities of her life; the reality of what is and the reality of what might be. He brings her past to the light of the noon day. "You have had five husbands," he says, "and the one you have now is not your husband." It is not a statement of condemnation but simply a statement of what is. He tells her everything she has ever done. She has been found out.

But it doesn't end there. Jesus is more interested in her future than her past. He wants to satisfy her thirst more than judge her history. Jesus knows her. He looks beyond her past and sees a woman dying of thirst; a woman thirsting to be loved, to be seen, to be accepted, to be included, to be forgiven, to be known. Her thirst will never be quenched by the external wells of life. Nor will ours. Jesus says so.

"Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty." This is the living water of new life, new possibilities, and freedom from the past. This living water is Jesus' own life. It became in the Samaritan woman "a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." She discovered within herself the interior well and left her water jar behind. She had now become the well in which Christ's life flows.

It's not enough, however, to hear her story or even believe her testimony. Until we come to the well of Christ's life within us we will continue returning to the dry wells of our life. We will continue to live thirsty. We will continue to live in fear of being found out. So I wonder, from what wells do you drink? How much longer will you carry your water jars? There is another well, one that promises life, one by which we are known and loved. Come to a new well. Come to the well of Christ's life, Christ's love, Christ's presence that is already in you. Come to the well that is Christ himself and then drink deeply. Drink deeply until you become the one you have drunk.

Mission Statement

Saint John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral is a member of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh who through the Holy Spirit is called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a community and family, we grow in faith and in the image and likeness of God by dedicating ourselves to welcoming, celebrating and caring for all of God's people.

Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist): Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish family. Pre-baptism instructions are required. Contact Fr. Andrew to schedule.

Mystery of Crowning: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish family. Must meet with Fr. Andrew before setting date and reserving your banquet hall. Pre-Cana program is required and three sessions with Fr. Andrew. The ceremony will be celebrated according to the prescription of the liturgical book of the Byzantine rite.

Mystery of Reconciliation: Celebrated Saturdays, 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM and upon request.

Mystery of Anointing: Celebrated upon request. Ideally celebrated in Church the Sunday before undergoing any surgical or other medical procedure.

Visitation of the Sick: The parishioners confined to their homes or nursing homes due to health reasons are visited monthly. Also, persons who are hospitalized are visited when Fr. Andrew is notified. It especially is important that a family member contact Fr. Andrew whenever a loved-one is hospitalized.

Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Andrew before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

Parish Membership: We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Cathedral Parish. Only those who are registered are considered members of the Parish. When one registers to become a parish member they assume the responsibility of rendering stewardship of time, talent and treasure to this parish family. Worship at this parish is always expected. Registration is done only through the pastor by appointment. The Parish Office should be notified as soon as possible of any change of address within the Parish as well as one's leaving.

Godparent/Sponsor Letters: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish.

Rectory Office Hours: Judy is in the parish office Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 2 PM. Father Andrew is available on other days and times by appointment.