

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

**Schedule of Divine Services**

Saturday, May 13      **5:00 PM Our Living & Deceased Mothers**  
Sunday, May 14      **9:00 AM Our Living & Deceased Mothers**

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Web Liturgy for Week of May 14 2023 sponsored by  
**Bernard and Janet Ducar**

*Sanctuary Candle* is lit from May 7 – May 20  
**+George Havrilcsak by Ann Havrilcsak**

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**

Wednesday, May 17      **7:00 PM Health & Welfare of Mark Adams by Mary Ann Rozanc, Richard Sawczak & David Sawczak**  
Thursday, May 18      **9:00 AM +Fr. Robert Karl by Anna Jane Petty**

**SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

Saturday, May 20      **5:00 PM +Richard Fialkovich by David & Denise Fialkovich**  
Sunday, May 21      **9:00 AM +Paul & +Helen (Macko) Michalco by Rebecca Michalco**

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

Regular Offertory	\$4,294.00
Maintenance Fund	776.00
Holy Day	80.00
Easter	100.00
Seminary	902.00
Loose Cash	135.00
Candles	44.00
Cemetery	175.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,506.00</b>

*During these challenging times we thank you for your kindness and generosity.  
Please consider remembering St. John Cathedral in your will  
as a lasting legacy for future generations!*

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS**

**AT HOME:** *Ronald & Arletta Lutka*, Margie Seman, 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*, Patty Schneider, Jeannie Pasternak, Janet Myers, Ethel Wahal.

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

## **NURSING HOMES/REHABILITATION CENTERS/ASSISTED LIVING**

Elsie Urban, Eleanor Chekan, Sue Goda

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

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

**In person Attendance:** *Saturday, May 6: 31; Sunday, May 7: 203*

**Live Stream Viewing:** *Saturday, May 6: 26 (WS); 21 (FB)*  
*Sunday, May 7: 57 (WS); 55 (FB)*

## **MANY YEARS**

Our Parish Family extends its prayer best wishes to **Michael Hilzendeger** who celebrates his First Reconciliation and receives his First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 14, 2023. *May God grant to Michael peace, health and happiness for many years!*

## **Special Donations in Memory of +Donald Bajus**

**\$200 by Dwight & Marilyn Lieb; \$50 by Cheryl Marko; \$225 by Jack Varhola, Staci & Ron Szybowicz**

## **Special Donations in Honor of Father Thomas Dansak**

**\$100 by Cheryl & John Cupps; \$25 by Michael & Susan Pelekanos**

## **Live Stream Donations**

- \$50 Paul & Doris Pangratz**
- \$50 Leonard & Felicia Simko**

## RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

With the World Health Organization declaring an end to the emergency phase of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we have been directed to return to the traditional method of distributing Holy Communion. Effective the weekend of June 4, 2023 we will resume distributing the Eucharist through the use of one spoon. **Just a reminder of the proper way to receive Holy Communion: open your mouth widely, tilt your head slightly back and the Eucharist will be placed into your mouth. Please do not close your mouth upon the spoon.**

## BREADED CHICKEN DINNER

Our parish will serve a take-out only Breaded Chicken dinner on **Saturday, May 20 from 3 – 6 PM and on Sunday, May 21 from 10 AM – 1 PM. Price is \$12.00 per dinner.** The dinner includes: Breaded Chicken breast, stuffing, veggie, roll and butter. In addition we will be selling quarts of haluski, quarts of soup, our kolache, and various baked goods. *We are in need of baked goods to sell at our bake sale. They can be dropped off between 8 AM – Noon on Friday, May 19 or Saturday from noon – 3 PM.*

## “KATHEDRAL KITCHEN”

We have Stuffed Cabbage: ½ dozen: \$18; dozen: \$30; quarts of *Halushki, Chili & Beef Vegetable, Beef Noodle, Chicken noodle, Turkey, Stuffed Cabbage, Meatless: Mushroom, Vegetarian Vegetable soups* for \$7. Pirohi \$10/dozen. If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee, Diane Pochron or Fr. Andrew. **Bold denotes meatless.**

## CATHEDRAL COOKBOOK

It has been suggested, and people have volunteered to organize, another Cathedral Cookbook. We are looking for submission of recipes to publish in our cookbook. Please consider sharing some of your favorite recipes. We would prefer electronic submissions, but paper copies will also be accepted and formatted. If you would like to be a part of this project, please inform Fr. Andrew.

## UPCOMING CATHEDRAL EVENTS

June 2/3	Rummage Sale
August 13	Parish Picnic
August 13	Outdoor concert by East Winds Symphonic Band at the Cathedral

## RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS

We will be holding another Rummage Sale on June 2 & 3, 2023. 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. Small boxes may be left in the church vestibules. Arrangements can be made to pick up larger items. Please consider also helping to mark and sell the items in May/June. Thanks for your donations.



# Attentive to the Word

*Sunday of the Man Born Blind*

*Acts 16: 16-34*

*John 9: 1-38*

At Baptism, Jesus comes to live in our hearts, and we begin to share in the life of God. Heaven is opened to us, and we are made capable of understanding divine realities. Like the blind man healed by Jesus, we cross from darkness to light. But just as that man progressed from knowing his healer simply as "the man called Jesus" to crying out, "Lord, I believe" (John 9: 11, 38), we too need to grow in Christ. Every day, God gives us opportunities to hold on to Jesus in faith and deepen our belief that he really is God incarnate, capable of destroying all sin and darkness within us.

As we deal with the challenges of life in this world by remaining close to Jesus, we give him the chance to show himself worthy of our trust. Our eyes are opened more fully to his power and his compassion. Our hearts are softened to trust that his commandments are meant for our protection and growth. Our memories are filled with increasing evidence of his faithfulness and provision. Thus, bearing trials patiently and faithfully responding to God's grace is a natural and necessary part of coming to maturity in Christ.

Catherine Marshall, in her book *Meeting God at Every Turn*, wrote: "Christians do not arrive at any goodness or maturity all at once; our life is always a walk. Even on the straight stretches, for me there had often been such heavy fog that I had to go forward believing that Jesus was with me leading the way.... I saw that whenever I had come to Jesus stripped of pretensions with a needy spirit, ready to listen to him and to receive what he had for me, he had met me at my point of need .... With him, a seemingly dark and desolate future becomes a joyous new life."

Let us decide today to make the most of every opportunity we are given to grow in the knowledge of God. Let us respond quickly to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, so that the joy and peace of Jesus grow deeper in us today.

## **FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**

Most of us are familiar with the conveniences that modern appliances provide. We'd be lost without our dishwashers, microwave ovens and remote controls. Consequently, most of us are also familiar with the consequences of having too many appliances plugged into one circuit - we blow a fuse.

The same thing happens in our personal lives as well. Consider the heavy demands that are made on our personal circuits every day. Consider the energy it takes to cope with all of life's unexpected problems, pressures, deadlines, and demands. We become overloaded and we blow a fuse! Emotions, tempers, unkind words, and discouragement get the best of us.

Our Lord, however, gives us something else to plug into, other than our own strength. He gives us the Holy Spirit. It was by the power of the Holy Spirit that the apostles were able to go forth from the confines of the locked room and face all the fears and pressures of the world from which they were hiding. The same Holy Spirit is available to us through the Church, through prayer, and through the Sacraments. Moreover, the Holy Spirit comes to each of us in a special way on Pentecost Sunday.

Our Lord's Ascension into Heaven this week begins a time of anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit. With the Paschal season now having formally come to a conclusion, we turn our hearts with eager expectation to the descent of the Holy Spirit upon us - to bless us, guide us, refresh us, and recharge us.

## **MOTHER'S DAY**

A mother's love is universal. There are some beautiful things from the human experience that touch the human heart like a fresh snowfall, a baby's smile, a sunrise, a sunset, a mother's love. She not only loves you; but she also loves your significant other, your children, your friends, all children. They are not adopted children, or step children, or foster children; to a mother, they are only children. A mother's love is nourishment. A woman cannot help the fact that she is, by nature, the defender of children, the protector of the human race. For nearly a year, she herself is the safe haven. For the rest of her life she is a caregiver. She cooks for, cleans, comforts, caresses, cherishes, and cures the ills of children. Recently I watched my sister pat her son's hair as only a mother can, as only a teenage son would allow. A mother's love is personal. I recently read where someone said everyone is entitled to keep one secret without having to share it with anyone. I believe everyone is also entitled to sharing one secret connection with their mother. Having shared a body for nearly a year, a mother and her child are connected as no other two humans can be. Even if she has a dozen or more children, a mother shares an intimate bond with each - a secret connection only these two know. A mother's love is unconditional. Yes, I know it doesn't always appear to be so. A mother's love can be demanding, difficult; she can push, pull, prod; she can think it the only way to rear her child; she can want the best that feels like the worst. Her child, no matter their age, can be demanding, difficult; they can only react; they are always eight years old in their mother's house. We trust, when all is said and done, she loves us. It's a tricky proposition for one simple reason. A mother's love is imperfect. She knows it and she tells it. Only God is perfect. She teaches her children their prayers, their lessons, their morality. She knows both sides of the teeter-totter, as it were. After all, she had a mother before she was a mother. A mother's love is eternal. In Isaiah we read: "Will a woman forget her child, so as not to have mercy on the offspring of her womb?" (49:15) Sometimes a mother forgets - really forgets. She retreats into the past or into a foggy present. Ultimately a mother passes and we feel orphaned. But a mother waits in eternity with God where she tells Him, "There's the one you gave to me to love."

*By Fr. Steve Wahal*

## 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.