

**ST. MARY'S
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

April 28, 2024

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Donald Danko by Bingo Workers

MON. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

TUE. 10:30 a.m. +Elizabeth Marko by Stella Camuso

WED. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

THU. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

FRI. 10:30 a.m. +Tom Hritzo by Don & Robin Tranovich



SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

May 5, 2024

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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SUN. 10:30 a.m. +John & Joyce Haydu by Nancy & Grand-children

The joyful message of the Resurrection was heard by the women disciples from an angel, and being freed from the ancestral curse, they boasted to the Apostles: Death is despoiled; Christ our God is risen, giving great mercy to the world.

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!



THEY SOW FIELDS
AND PLANT
VINEYARDS
AND GET A
FRUITFUL YIELD.

—Psalm 107:37

The parish family of St. Mary's joyfully invites you
to celebrate the first pastoral assignment of

REVEREND FATHER JOHN WELCH

and the 49th priestly anniversary and retirement of

VERY REVEREND RICHARD LAMBERT

at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church,

356 South Belle Vista Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44509

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Con-celebrated Divine Liturgy — 4:30 p.m.

(reservations not required)

Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres — immediately following Liturgy
at the adjacent Assumption Social Center

Buffet Dinner — 6:30 p.m.

Please reserve your seats on the sign-up sheets
in the vestibule and side entrance of the church
by **Sunday, May 12, 2024**

SAMARITAN WOMAN

The woman who came to the well represents the Church, not as already made upright but as still needing redemption. She comes in ignorance and finds Christ. It is part of the pre-figuration that she should come of an alien people, for the Church would be drawn from nations that were strangers to Israel. Let us recognize ourselves in this woman and, through her, thank God in our own behalf. For she was a shadow, not reality, or rather, she herself passed from shadow to reality when she believed in Christ and showed us the way.

The woman had brought her own water jar with her and was surprised therefore at Christ's request, for Jews did not use the utensils of foreigners. But He who asked for drink was really thirsting for the woman's faith.

Christ thus asks for water and promises water. He is in need and wants to receive; He is rich and wants to quench the thirst of others. "If you only knew God's gift," He says. God's gift is the Holy spirit. But Christ is still speaking in a veiled fashion and only gradually makes His way into the woman's heart. He is teaching her, but how gently and kindly. "If you only knew God's gift and realized who asks you for a drink, you would perhaps be asking Him instead, and He would be giving you living water." What water is this but the water the psalmist speaks of: "in you is the fountain of life?" Christ was promising therefore the quenching of thirst which the Holy Spirit brings.

DAILY PROMISES

- Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind:
- To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something good in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and try to make your optimism come true.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past, and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times, and to give every living creature you meet a smile. To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others. To be too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

SO LITTLE TIME

It's such a short and fragile life we live upon this earth. With daily hopes and daily prayers and dreams of changing worth; so quickly lost or torn by shreds by sinful deeds we do. And just as quick to fill with joys in days that God renews. A wisp of time to live and love, that passes much too fast. With ever growing need for loves we cherished in the past; and so little time to find the ways that lead to Christian goals and earn us blessings of the Lord and sanctity of the soul.

A BLESSING PRAYER FOR A JOURNEY

Blessed are you, Lord my God, for you have created a wide and wonderful world in which I may travel. Be my ever-near companion, O Holy Guide of Travelers, and each time that I journey spread the road before me with beauty and adventure. May all the highways ahead of me be free from harm and evil. May I be accompanied by your holy spirits, your angelic messengers, as were the holy ones of days past...May the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, be upon me whenever I venture out on a journey and bring me home again in safety and peace. For thine is the Kingdom Power and glory; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Now & ever and forevermore. Amen.