

**ST. MARY'S
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SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Peter N. Dubos by Son, Bill

MON. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

**TUE. 10:30 a.m. +Elizabeth Turjanica by Daughter,
MaryAnn**

WED. MID-PENTECOST

10:30 a.m. +Ann Leson by Lillian Knapik

THU. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

FRI. 10:30 am. No Liturgy



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SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

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

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; for the Lord has shown the might of His arm. By His death the Lord has trampled death; He has become the first born of the dead; He has delivered us from the depths of Hades and has granted great mercy to the world.

CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!

VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!

FELTA'MADT KRISZTUS!

VALO'BAN FELTA MADT!

CHURCH DONATIONS April 23 2023

Candles \$ 60.00

Offertory.....\$680.00

BCW ...NEWS

If you do not want to receive the BCW and have not been sending in your donation, please let us know so we can remove your name.

**ANNUAL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE ST. MICHAEL'S
....Robinson RD.. will be held May 4th from 4:00 -7:00 p.m., May 5th
9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. and May 6th from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m (BAG DAY)**

MOTHER TERESA

**No Greater Love...A film showing at Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Center presented by Knights of Columbus TODAY, April
30th at 1:00 p.m. This movie is a tribute to a Spiritual icon, a
powerful witness of authentic Christian Charity, and a guidepost for
all who seek hope in our turbulent times. Plan to attend with your
family. Contact Tom Bobby 330 270 1353 if you have any questions.**

**CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE: THE FORETASTE OF HEAVEN,
PLUMBING THE DEPTHS OF SACRAMENTAL MYSTERY OF
HOLY MATRIMONY.**

**St. Mary's Byz. Catholic Church, 506 E. Main St., Marblehead, Ohio,
Sat. May 20, 2023 Conference 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m., Continental
Breakfast and Lunch included..\$25.00.Call 419-626-0375 to register.
ALL Are Welcome Married, Unmarried & Young Adults.**

***CHRIST IS RISEN!
INDEED HE IS RISEN!***

HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC

CHRIST IS RISEN! Today we commemorate the Healing of the Paralytic. We remember this event that not only transformed the life of the paralytic physically but spiritually as he was led to a conversion and to a virtuous life. Moreover, we celebrate this event as it exemplifies Jesus' divine power to give life.

As we remember this event detailed in the Gospel of John, does it cause a transformation similar to that of the paralytic in our lives? Granted, we may not need to be lifted from a bed where we lay physically paralyzed, but spiritually can we make such a boast that we do not need the Lord's divine power? Are we able, a mere three weeks after His glorious Resurrection to carry His light that was passed to each of us and walk in His brilliance? My guess is that each of us, to some degree, whether we are willing to admit to ourselves or not, is waiting for the water to be stirred in our life that brings about that healing of body and soul and sets us on a righteous path.

The water though has already been stirred! Let us not forget that at our baptism we were baptized into Christ through our immersion into the water of the font. We were freed from the paralysis of sin and given life in Christ. Similarly, then, we should today celebrate our spiritual transformation along with the Paralytic and as Jesus said, "*Sin no more.*"

MID-PENTECOST

In the middle of their feast, quench the thirst of my soul with streams of devotion. For you, O Savior, have exclaimed to all: Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. O Christ our God, Fountain of Life, glory to you!

IMAGE OF GOOD SHEPHERD

Christ crossed the river of death and the grave so that you and I as believers, whose sins have been forgiven, may not have to cross the river alone.

The story is told of a shepherd who tried to induce his sheep to cross a swiftly flowing stream. Sheep are naturally afraid of rapidly flowing water, and he could not get them to cross. Then picking up a lamb and stepping with it into the river, he bore it carefully and tenderly to the opposite side.

When the mother sheep saw her lamb had gone, she forgot her fear and stepped into the rushing current and was soon safely on the other side. All the rest of the flock followed her lead.

Thus, we follow our Leader, Christ, and those of our loved ones whom He has already carried safely over to the other side into the Promised Land, into Heaven.

A CHRISTIAN IS LIKE.....

A Christian is like a good watch: he has an open face, busy hands, is made of pure gold, is well-regulated, and is full of good works.

A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps.

The pessimist see problems as difficulties and complains, "Ow!" The optimist accepts problems as challenges and exclaims, "Wow!"

In the presence of hope...faith is born. In the presence of faith...love becomes a possibility! In the presence of love...miracles happen!