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SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

- SAT. 5:00 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
- SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Rita Strohmeyer by Cathy Parker
- MON. 11:00 a.m. +Helen Rinko by Mr. Mrs. Richard Keshock
- TUE. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy
- WED. 11:00 a.m. +Michael & Mary Roman by Jim, Mike Jr. & Marianne
- THU. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy
- FRI. 11:00 a.m. Health & Blessings of Rosary Society Members

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SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

- SAT. 5:00 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
- SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Joseph Gerek by wife, Ann & Family

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St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

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- April 29 9:00 a.m. +Steven Ilko Jr. by Jeanne & Michael Essad

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- May 6 9:00 a.m. +Michael Kovach Sr. by sister, Jean Kana & Family



HOW JESUS DEALT WITH PREJUDICE



It would be difficult to find a more devastating force in history than the form of prejudice known as elitism. People fancy themselves to be a privileged group and conclude that all others are unworthy of consideration. Even if certain people have good reason to believe they are special in God's eyes, others are special too, in their own way. Unbridled elitism leads to rejection and even persecution of others, simply because they are different. One fierce prejudice in Jesus' day pitted Jews against Samaritans. The roots of this unhappily mutual aversion lay deep in history and has been aggravated over the centuries by atrocities on both sides. Emotion had conquered reason. How to deal with It? Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman suggests an answer. When he asked her for a drink of cool water, she just couldn't believe it. "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan and a woman, for a drink?" There was a double prejudice here: Jew-Samaritan, male-female.

Jesus could have reacted to her hostility by snapping back. This would have solved nothing. Instead, He kept his cool, controlled his emotions and offered to give her a "water" far more precious than that which the well contained. His acceptance of her as a person changed everything. Little by little her suspicions were allayed, and soon she was addressing Him as "Sir." This was just the beginning of a process of total reconciliation that won over her whole village. When the disciples returned from their shopping trip, they "were amazed that he was talking with a woman." Another irrational prejudice! Jesus fought this wretched attitude throughout His ministry. He scandalized people by embracing those whom elitism wrote off as irrevocably damned. "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them!" The "better people" had classified as sinners all those who did not measure up to the criteria of righteousness, and Jesus' all-embracing table fellowship infuriated them. The effrontery of this Galilean, this peasant, this untrained layman! Jesus himself was the victim of elitist prejudice. His first followers were slow to follow his example. They had their own prejudices, and overcoming them to the extent of welcoming gentiles into the community was a painful process. But eventually they did learn. Within the communities there were other prejudices to overcome, like that of the affluent against the poor. The letter of James roundly denounces this conduct as unsuitable for Christians. Paul enunciated the basic principle of unprejudiced Christian behavior when he wrote "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; *For you are all one in Christ Jesus*".

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!
FELTA'MADT KRISZTUS! VALO' BAN FELTA' MADT!

St. Mary's...4/22/2018
Offertory.....\$890.00

St. George....4/22/2018
Offertory....\$411.00

SOCIAL GAMES



Games are played every Wednesday and Sunday at 6:45 p.m. You do not want to miss out on all the **Great Prizes** we have to offer.

ALSO....We have been very busy with some of the other halls closing and we can certainly use a little extra help. Please consider coming on a Wed. or Sunday for a few hours to help your hard working and dedicated fellow-parishioners.

CHURCH HISTORY

This week we are looking for anyone related to, or friends with **SAXON FAMILY..George & Mary (Porinchak) Saxon & son, John. Also George & Susan J. (Cholak) Saxon & daughter, Dorothy (Saxon) Dallessandro & Maria (Saxon) McCulloch.** Please call Dave Ragan at 614-370-0221 or Linda 792-1578.

BINGO CARD PARTY TODAY

Will be held by The Ladies Guild of SS Peter & Paul Church, 180 Belvedere, Warren. Doors open 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. a Box lunch, prizes, & raffles. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$6.00.

ST. MICHAEL THIRD ANNUAL SLAVIC FEST

Is planned for May 20th from 11:00 a.m -6:00 p.m at St. Michael Social Center, 2140 Highland, Rd, Hermitage. Homemade Holupki, Pirohi Haluski, Palchinki, Baked Goods, Raffles, & Live Bands. Admission \$1.00. Come join in the **FESTIVITIES.**

CARPATHO-RUSYN SOCIETY NEWS

A Presentation on "**Wooden Churches of Rusyn Areas**" in Eastern Europe will be held **TODAY at 1:30 p.m** at The Butler Art Institute on Wick Avenue. Speaker is Dr. Michele Parvensky Ph.D. Admission & Parking FREE. Call Bob Democko for more info. 330 719-4418.

SUNDAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS/TODAY

"Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit" - Pope Francis