

**ST. MARY'S  
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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

- SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners**  
**SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Andrew & Martha Ilko by Tomaino Family**
- MON. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy**
- TUE. BEHEADING OF JOHN BAPTIST Page 355**  
**10:30 a.m. +Mary Jane Lesnak by Jimmy Passarelli**
- WED. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy**
- THU. 10:30 a.m. +Gene Wibly by Linda Wibly**
- FRI. 10:30 am. No Liturgy**



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sept. 3, 2023**

- SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners**  
**SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Ivan Lambert by Son, Fr. Richard**

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*The memory of the righteous is celebrated with praise, but for you, O Forerunner, the Lord's testimony is enough. You were shown to be more honorable than the prophets since you were deemed worthy to baptize in the waters the Lord you had proclaimed. Therefore, you fought for the truth, and with joy proclaimed the good news to those in Hades, that God has appeared in the flesh to take away the sins of the world and to grant us great mercy.*

*Aug. 20,2023*  
*Candles \$49.00 Holy Day \$145.00*  
*Offertory...\$905..00*

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**We would like to congratulate John Welch & Tim Farris on being ordained to Diaconate Today. Our Prayers and Best wishes to them both.**

### **89th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE...UNIONTOWN**

The Sisters of St. Basil warmly invite you to the Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help...Sept. 3 & 4 2023. Since 1934, Her Shrine at Mt. St. Macrina has been a favored destination for The thousands of Pilgrims who come to venerate her Icon. Praying before this sacred image, they place all their needs, their hopes, their sorrows and their joys into her hands.

**SCHEDULE... Sunday..7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Liturgies. 7:00 p.m. Candlelight procession... Monday 9:30 a.m. Liturgy Plan to join in this celebration to honor Our Lady of Perpetual Help.**

### **SECOND ANNUAL SUPER BINGO**

**Will be held in our Center Sept. 9th Doors open 2:00 p.m. Tickets \$45.00 which includes Spaghetti Dinner. Purchase tickets Sunday at Bingo or Call the office 792 1578 between 9:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri. And purchase at the Hall**

### **3 TIER CHINESE AUCTION SUNDAY SEPT. 10TH**

**at St. Michael's Hall...405 Robinson Rd.. Campbell. \$7.00 admission which includes 25 Tier tickets and lunch. Doors open NOON ..drawing 2:00 p.m. Over 100 PRIZES, GIFT CERTIFICATES, AND THEME BASKETS.**

***FOR EVERY MINUTE YOU ARE ANGRY YOU LOSE SIXTY SECONDS OF HAPPINESS.***

## THE FEAST OF THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, who ordered the massacre of the children of Bethlehem, dismissed his first wife and unlawfully cohabited with Herodias, the wife of his brother, Philip. St. John the Forerunner publicly rebuked Herod for the scandal; and for this he had to pay with his life. Herodias took revenge on him in a foul manner, by inducing Herod to have him beheaded. A pious legend relates that the severed head of John the Baptist even on the platter spoke, saying: "You cannot have your brother's wife." As a result Herodias was believed to have pierced John's tongue with a needle. Fearing, lest he rise from the dead and his head join his body, she buried the head on the premises of the palace.

The disciple of St. John took his body and buried it in Sebaste, in Samaria. Testimony concerning this feast dates from the fifth century. From the earliest times the Eastern Church has observed this as a holy day in honor of the suffering and death of the saintly Forerunner.

### APOSTOLATE OF GOOD EXAMPLE

We live in a pluralistic society, one that is made up of Catholics, Protestants, Jews, and non-believers. Our neighbors are not going to ask to check our theology manuals to find what we believe and what we stand for. They will know that by the way we live. If our example is bright and shining, if we show a sense of justice and decency, if our charity abounds, then they will see the glory of God reflected in us.

On the other hand, if our example is a shabby display of selfishness, pettiness, and sensuality, then our lives will not reflect the glory of God. We shall than be judged by our neighbors for what we are. The Apostolate of Good Example is one that all of us can join. There are no dues, no meetings, and no programs. There is just the day to day effort to lead others, by our good example, to glorify God.

### ASK GOD

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No. I give you blessings. Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things I might enjoy in life. God said No. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.

I ask God to help me *LOVE* others, as much as God loves me. God said...Ahhhhh, finally you have the idea.

### RETURN IN KIND

We are naturally inclined to blame fortune or life when things are not shaping themselves well for us. This usually, however, is an unconscious process of nature to help us to retain our self-respect and self-worth. The real truth in most cases is that we are reaping the harvest of our own seeding and planting. We are getting back that which we are daily giving. *"If you would be loved.... love."*

### LETTING GO

Maybe we can let go of our grudges: Let go of the idea that you are either not such a bad person and therefore not-so-much in need of confession, absolution, and God's mercy or such a bad person that you don't know where to start...and you reason....God can't possibly forgive me anyway.

Maybe we can let go of anything that prevents us from accepting God's extraordinary mercy and inexplicable delight in us. Let's just "chill" and let go and let God.