

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

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**July 2, 2023**

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

- SAT. 4:30 p.m. +Martha Ilko by Nancy Mashiska & Haydu Family Pg. 141**  
**SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners**
- MON. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy**  
**TUE. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy**  
**WED. 10:30 a.m. +Charles Turjanica by Sister, Mary Ann**  
**THU. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy**  
**FRI. 10:30 am. Health & Blessings Jeannette Coyne by Sister Mary Theresa**



**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 9, 2023**

- SAT. 4:30 p.m. +Andrew & Mary Waback by Daughters, Marilyn & Nancy**  
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*O Faithful, let us praise and adore the Word eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He chose to ascend the cross in the flesh and to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.*

**CHURCH DONATIONS June 25, 2023**

**Holy Day...\$37.00 Candles \$25.00**

**Monthly Dues..\$20.00**

**Maintenance \$ 146.00**

**Offertory..... \$2,260.00**

**CONGRATULATIONS...ST. BRENDAN CHURCH**

**Our prayers are offered to the members of our neighboring Parish  
as they mark 100 Years of giving Glory to God!**

**SOCIAL GAMES**

**Games are played every Sunday...Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Games begin  
at 6:30 p.m. Don't miss out on our Great Prizes and a FUN NITE out  
with Family & Friends.**

**SUPER BINGO**

**We will also hold a Super Bingo in our Center on Sept. 9, 2023.  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR...You do not want to miss out.!**

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

**Will be held Sept. 10, 2023 at St. Elias Church, Pittsburgh, PA.  
Couples celebrating significant anniversaries of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35,  
40, 45, 50, or additional will be honored. Please call our office to let  
us know by July 21st so they can send out the invitations.**

**GCU BYZANTINE FAMILY DAY**

**Will be held at Kennywood Park July 27th 11:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m.  
....RIDE ALL DAY. \$28.00 age 4 and up.**

**Contact GCU 1 800 722-4428 for tickets**

**CHURCH PICNIC**

**Mark your calendars...Feast of Dormition is Aug. 15th. Liturgy will  
be held Monday., Aug. 14th at 4:30 p.m. and dinner to follow.**



### PRAYER ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

Lord, God, like the Israelites of old, our ancestors in the faith, of our country has struggled long and hard to be free and to keep its freedom as a nation. It too has met with success and failures in trying to achieve its goals. Let me take this holiday celebration to ponder the strengths and weakness of my country. Make me resolve always to do my part to keep it strong and strive constantly to eliminate its weaknesses; in the social, political, economic, and religious field. Teach me to meditate on the teachings of Your Son, who brought us a message of peace and freedom and instructed us to live as brothers and sisters. His message took form in the vision of our founders as they fashioned a nation where people might live as one. May this message live on in our midst as a task for people today and a promise for tomorrow. Thank You for your past blessings and for all that, with your help, we will achieve in the future. Amen.

### ONE NATION UNDER GOD

We could spend days, weeks, maybe even months weeding through the thoughts of why America is on such a downward moral spiral. But nothing from a human perspective adequately explains the sense of hopelessness that prevails our society.



America is wounded. We know this. How badly? No one knows for sure. Is the condition reversible? Only God knows. Our country was founded on the principles of God. Regardless of individual religious belief, our founding fathers agreed America was to be one nation under God. However, somewhere along the line of history, we began to drift. Materialism, greed, humanism, and an agnostic view of God diverted the spiritual direction of our country.

Anytime a nation turns away from God, it suffers the consequences of that decision. America has been blessed more than any other nation, but now the deep lines of spiritual erosion are surfacing.

Now is not the time for apathy. Now is the time for us to pray for our country, its leaders, and its future. Pray for God to make you sensitive to sin and show you how you can live holy for Him. Remember, God is ultimately in control, so pray with a hopeful, victorious spirit for our country. In the end, He will perfectly complete all He has begun.

### BUILDING A LIFE

**It has been said that one of the best rules for everyday life is to try always;**

**To be a little kinder than is necessary.**

**To be a little more self-forgetful than we are required to be,**

**To be a little more patient than is expected.**

**The more of these qualities we build into our lives, the diviner and lovelier our lives will be.**

***GOD BLESS AMERICA! DEAR GOD MAKE US WORTHY!***

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!!***