

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2025 ST. MARY'S WILL CELEBRATE OUR 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY (JULY 4, 1900)**

**MORE INFORMATION TO COME ON THE CELEBRATION**

**LENTEN FUND RAISER...SISTERS OF ST. MT. MACRINA**

We will once again be asking for donations throughout Lent for our Sisters. There will be envelopes at the side entrance and in the vestibule.

These donations will be matched by GCU. Thank you for your continued support

**ETERNAL MEMORY**

*Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servant, +Father Simeon Sibenik, who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.*

**Spiritual Retreat**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29 – THE FRUIT OF SILENCE: THE JESUS PRAYER AS A FOUNDATION TO THE ART OF SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT**

Sts. Peter and Paul in Warren will host a one-day retreat on the above-mentioned date from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM in the church Social Hall. The topic of the Retreat will be on the book: *The Fruit of Silence: The Jesus Prayer as a Foundation to the Art of Spiritual Life*. Deacon Edward Kleinguetl will be the retreat master. A book is not necessary for the retreat.

If interested, please contact Fr. Miron directly @ (216) 538-0418

**Special Thank you**

to John Stride's Tree Service and Stump Removal for donating their time at our St. Mary's Church

**Schedule of Divine Services: March 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2025**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST....**

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**SAT. 4:30 p.m. THIRD All Souls Commemoration**

**SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health and Blessings of Parishioners**

**Mon. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy**

**ANNUNCIATION OF THEOTOKOS**

**Tue. 10:30 a.m. In loving memory of John & Mary Hudak**

**by Joni Edgar & Family**

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**Wed. 12:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy...Mid-Lent + Harold Turjanica by Daughter, Mary Ann**

**Thu. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy**

**Fri. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy (Funeral for Fr. Simeon) (Warren)**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**

**March 30, 2025**

**JOHN CLIMACUS VENERABLE**

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**SAT. 4:30 p.m. FOURTH All Souls Commemoration**

**SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health and Blessings of Parishioners**

*Save your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to Your Church over evil and protect Your people by Your cross.*



### **VENERATION OF THE CROSS**

The commemoration and ceremonies of the Third Sunday of Lent are closely parallel to the feasts of the Veneration of the Cross (September 14) and the Procession of the Cross (August 1). Not only does the Sunday of the Holy Cross prepare us for commemoration of the Crucifixion, but it also reminds us that the whole of Lent is a period when we are crucified with Christ.

As we have “crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (Galatians 5:24), and will have mortified ourselves during these forty days of the Fast, the precious and life-giving Cross is now placed before us to refresh our souls and encourage us who may be filled with a sense of bitterness, resentment, and depression. The Cross reminds us of the Passion of our Lord, and by presenting to us His example, it encourages us to follow Him in struggle and sacrifice, being refreshed, assured, and comforted. In other words, we must experience what the Lord experienced during His Passion - being humiliated in a shameful manner. The Cross teaches us that through pain and suffering we shall see the fulfillment of our hopes: the heavenly inheritance and eternal glory.

Moreover, as the Holy Cross is called the Tree of Life, it is placed in the middle of the Fast, as the ancient tree of life was placed in the middle of the garden of Eden. By this, our Holy Fathers wished to remind us of Adam’s gluttony as well as the fact that through this Tree has condemnation been abolished. Therefore, if we bind ourselves to the Holy Cross, we shall never encounter death but shall inherit life eternal

## ***MARCH-APRIL EVENTS!*** ***MARK YOUR CALENDERS***

**New Night for Bingo**  
**Sunday night Bingo has move to Wednesdays**  
**New Games as well as new computer bingo (paper bingo will still be available)**

**Firefighter’s Banquet (Private Party) March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Wild Game Dinner (Social Hall)**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please call Linda in the office for ticket information 330-792-1578**

**Bridal Expo (Social Hall)**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, please call Linda in the office for information 330-792-1578**

***If you have an event and would like to use the Social Hall. Please call Linda at the church office at 330-792-1578. Our date book is filling up quickly***