

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

VERY REV. RICHARD I. LAMBERT

356 S. BelleVista Ave.

Youngstown, Ohio 44509

Rectory 330-799-8163

Social Center 330-792-1578

May 7, 2023

Page 186

SUNDAY OF SAMARITAN WOMAN ...MID-PENTECOST

SAT.	4:30 p.m.	Health & Blessings of Parishioners
SUN.	10:30 a.m.	+John & Joyce Haydu by Daughter Nancy & Grandchildren
MON.	10:30 a.m.	+Frank Muransky by Son, David
TUE.	10:30 a.m.	+Louis & Margaret Wallace by Daughter, Karen
WED.	10:30 a.m.	No Liturgy
THU.	10:30 a.m.	No Liturgy
FRI.	10:30 am.	No Liturgy



May 14, 2023

Page 189

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND..MOTHER'S DAY

SAT.	4:30 p.m.	Living & Deceased Mothers
SUN.	10:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased Mothers

WHEN THE SAMARITAN WOMAN CAME TO THE WELL WITH FAITH, SHE BEHELD YOU, O WATER OF WISDOM. SHE IS FAMED IN SONG, FOR SHE DRANK DEEPLY AND INHERITED THE KINGDOM FROM ON HIGH

CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!

VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!

FELTA'MADT KRISZTUS!

VALO'BAN FELTA MADT!

CHURCH DONATIONS April 30, 2023
Candles \$ 37.00 Palm Sunday \$100.00
Maintenance \$55.00
Offertory.....2,505.00.00

BCW ...NEWS

Please contact the office 792-1578 if you wish to subscribe to our Diocesan Newspaper. Also if you wish to cancel your paper please call the office.

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 will hold a Conference 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m., Continental Breakfast and Lunch included..\$donation 25.00. Call 419-626-0375 to register. ALL Are Welcome Married, Unmarried & Young Adults.

LENTEN DONATIONS ...SISTERS OF ST. BASIL

We mentioned in an earlier bulletin that your donations were \$770.00. We just received matching funds from GCU and have mailed a check for \$1,540.00 to our Sisters. Thank your again for your generosity.

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S...

Judie Johnson who made her Profession of Faith after Liturgy last Sunday. God Bless you!

CHRIST IS RISEN!
INDEED HE IS RISEN!

THE SAMARITAN WOMAN.....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 and themselves to be a privileged group and conclude that all others 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 their 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 to overcome, like that of the affluent against the poor. The letter of James roundly denounces this conduct as unsuitable for 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."

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

The Lord said to the Jews coming to Him: "I am the bread of Life. Your fathers' ate the manna in the desert and have died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that if anyone eat of it he will not die. I am the Living bread that has come down from heaven. If anyone eat of this bread he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews on that account argued with one another saying, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" Jesus therefore said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you shall not have life in you. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood, has everlasting life and I will raise you up on the last day."

Trust in God's words and goodness; believe in all that He has revealed.

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

The Life you live day by day is the religion you truly possess