

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

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SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Dennis Walker by Jim & MaryJane Pizzola

MON. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

TUE. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

WED. 10:30 a.m. +Tom & Helen Novak by Son, Mike & MaryNovak

THU. 10:30 a.m. +George & Mary Alyce Kinnick by Fr. Richard

FRI. 10:30 am. No Liturgy



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**SAT. 4:30 p.m. +Andrew, Kenneth, & Phyllis Waback by Marilyn Bailey
& Nancy Zone**

SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

*O Christ our God, You are above all praise. You have established our
Fathers as beacons on the earth, leading us all to the true faith through them.
O most merciful Lord, Glory to You!*

CHURCH DONATIONS Oct 8, 2023
Candles \$ 16.00 Monthly Dues \$50.00
Diocesan Charities
Offertory..... \$ 846.00

PLEASE SAY YOUR NAME

Deacon John Welch, who has been appointed to serve here at St. Mary's will be distributing Communion and this will help him to know the names of our Parishioners.

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!!

CONGRATULATIONS... FIRST PLACE !!

We would like to THANK all our Friend's of St. Mary's that attend our Bingo sessions as well as those that come to our Hall every Sunday and donate their time and efforts to help support our Church. Because of all of you we were voted BEST OF THE BEST in the Vindicators Readers Choice. God bless you all!

FALL RAFFLE.....VETERAN'S OUTREACH

Union Iron Workers are sponsoring a FALL RAFFLE. Nov. 11th, benefitting VETERAN'S OUTREACH at Youngstown Harley Davidson, Austintown. \$10.00 DONATION..Call Mike Sklepko 330 792-4365 for tickets.

TO BE HAPPY

To live and be happy...to make others happy, these are great achievements that the humblest may accomplish. To make our little corner of the world a little better for our having lived in it. To foster the spirit of human brotherhood, is a life work well performed. No greater happiness can be found than that which comes from the sweet content of right thinking, right living, and a good conscience.

FORGIVING

Forgiveness; everybody agrees it's needed, but nobody wants to give it. We hedge it about with limitations, restrictions, circumstances. Everything and everyone restricts it.

At best forgiveness may be perceived as a duty, at worst it's ignored.

But duty is only part of the story, forgiveness is also a human necessity. Could you forgive and, just as importantly, what if you're not forgiven? The parent who has been or is, an alcoholic, who has left minds and hearts scarred. The unfaithful spouse who tries to bridge the gap of distrust and the deep and abiding hurt caused by unfaithfulness. The family members who come to pray over the parents grave, but never darken each other's doors. The need to offer and to receive forgiveness takes as many individual shapes and forms as there are people.

FORGIVENESS does not mean to give in. It means to let go. Whether or not you think someone deserves forgiveness, you deserve to be free. Free from hurt, anger and bitterness, free for peace, love and forgiveness.

FORGIVENESS heals the wound, forgetting heals the scar left behind. Forgiving takes great courage and strength.

REAL PRAYER

Prayer is a direction of life, a focusing of one's most personal and deepest attention toward God. The purpose is to love God and learn to know Him so well that our wills, our actions, will be more and more aligned with his, until even our subconscious reactions and purpose will have the mark of His love, His life about them. Prayer is no longer an "activity" It becomes the continuing language of that relationship God designed to fulfill a human life.

ANSWERS

Answers to prayers come in various ways, sometimes in minutes, sometimes in days, and some take years to fully unfold the harvest of love and blessings they hold.

Answers to prayers come in various forms, sometimes in sunlight, sometimes through storms. And some blossom late, but each one will flower ...have faith and wait!

BENEFITS OF GROWING OLDER

More time for good memories, less time for nostalgia.

More time for satisfaction with what we've achieved, with less time to worry about what we haven't done.

More time to spend with great books, as we waste less time keeping up with fads.

More time for walking in peace, with less time spent running in place.

More time to get to know ourselves, as we spend less time wondering what everyone else thinks about us.

While you may morn more as you grow older, be sure there's never less time to dance with joy.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven... a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to morn, and a time to dance."

COMPLETE TRUST IN GOD

Do not look forward to the trials and crosses of this life with dread and fear. Rather, look to them with full confidence that, as they arise, God, to Whom you belong, will deliver you from them.

He has guided and guarded you thus far in life. Do you but hold fast to His dear hand, and He will lead you safely through all trials. Whenever you cannot stand, He will carry you lovingly in His arms.

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same Eternal Father who cares for you today will take good care of you tomorrow and every day of your life. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you the unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace then and put aside all useless thoughts, vain deeds, and anxious imaginations.