

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

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Oct. 8, 2023

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Tom & Marge Hritz by Children

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MON. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

TUE. 10:30 a.m. +Jeannette Coyne by Sister Mary Theresa

WED. 10:30 a.m. +Dr. Michael Hnat by MaryAnn Hines

THU. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

FRI. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy



SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Oct. 15, 2023

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Dennis Walker by Jim & Mary Jane Pizzola

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*When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, You destroyed Hades by the
brilliance of Your Divinity; and when you raised the dead from the depths of the
earth, all the heavenly powers cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to
You.*

CHURCH DONATIONS Oct 1, 2023
Candles \$ 64.00 Monthly Dues \$72.00
Offertory..... \$ 2,907.00

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!!

SUPER BINGO.....LAST CALL

Our **SECOND SUPER BINGO** ...will be held **SAT. Oct. 14**...Doors open at 2:00 p.m Price is \$45.00 which includes a Spaghetti Dinner. To purchase tickets call the office 792 1578 Mon -Fri 9-5 p.m.

You do not want to miss out.!

I thank Thee, Lord, for Autumn days when there is stillness in the air and blazing color paints the hills in splendor beauty everywhere. I thank Thee, Lord, for winding lanes that stretch out far and wide; there is a hint of early frost upon the rolling countryside. I thank Thee, Lord, for streams so clear that looking down I see the sand, and forest creatures scurry forth almost upon the spot I stand. I thank Thee, Lord, for skies of blue, for purple grapes upon the vine, for golden corn within the field on which I rest these eyes of mine. There is no beauty in the world in which You have not had a part; I thank Thee, Lord, for everything and it is Autumn in my heart.

LESSON FROM AUTUMN

A Christian, trying sincerely to live a holy life, is magnetized toward Christ. He is drawn toward Him relentlessly, like a tree on a river bank. He reads the Scriptures and listens carefully to sermons to acquire the mind of Christ. Eventually he thinks like Christ and applies His teachings to himself and the world about him.

"My Lord and my all" Summarizes his life.

Take time off this month to look at the trees, the elms, the oaks, chestnuts, maples as Autumn sets in. If possible, stop by a river bank and see an image of yourself as you ought to be...a tree drawn inexorably toward the source of its sustenance, the life-giving river waters. For the just man "is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither."

Christ is our fountain of life, the beginning and the end; in Him we live and move and have our being.

PRESENCE OF GOD

I greet the morning with a prayer of thanks for those things I must do today. If the day is cloudy and the sun obscured, I am not depressed. I know that the presence of God is with me as I perform my duties.

His presence helps me to find the opportunities contained in this, my day.

He helps me to be gentle, kind, and courteous in my associations with others.

He brings a ready smile to my lips and instills love in my heart.

He helps me to experience a day filled with happiness.

I can find happiness in whatever I am doing, whether I am a farmer in his field, a businessman at a desk, or a mother caring for her child.

Happiness is the joy accomplishment, no matter what the task.

Happiness is, with God's help, overcoming the obstacles I may encounter this day.

Dear Father, I thank you for this day, and the abundance of happiness it holds in store for me.

PRAYER IS POWERFUL

Prayer is the most powerful tool we wield as human beings.

You can accomplish more with prayer than you could with a million men and women or a billion dollars. This should not be surprising. Prayer is the way we talk to God, the Creator of the universe and of all things.

I suggest that one begin his morning by dedicating the entire day to Our Lord.

There need not be any ribbon cuttings or fancy speeches. All you're doing is thanking God that you woke up. A short prayer that praises God, thanks Him for a new day, and dedicate the day to Him which will warm his heart: "Good morning, Lord. I praise Your Holy Name and offer you this day in love and thanksgiving."

IN TOUCH WITH CHRIST

Christ remains primary in your life when He enjoys the first place in your mind and heart. Thus you must continuously unite yourself to Him in prayer, for without prayer religious life has no meaning. It has lost contact with its source, it has emptied itself of substance, and it no longer can fulfill its goal.

Without prayer, there can be no joy, no hope, no peace. For prayer is what keeps us *in touch with Christ*.

My Life is brief, a brief thing, I am here for a little stay, and while I stay I would like, if I may, to brighten and better the place!