

**ST. MARY'S
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Ivan Lambert by Son, Fr. Richard

MON. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy ...Labor Day

TUE. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

WED. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

THU. 10:30 a.m. +Sister Regina by Sister Mary Theresa



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10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Mary Ann Turjanica

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION

Sept. 10, 2023

SAT. 4:30 p.m. +Josephine Hrina by Family
SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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Your birth O Virgin Theotokos, heralded joy to the universe; for from You arose the Son of Justice, Christ our God. Removing the curse, He gave the blessing, and by destroying death, He granted us eternal life.

Aug. 27,2023
Candles \$46.00 Holy Day \$ 5.00
Maintenance \$28.00 Monthly Dues \$2.00
Offertory...\$1,850.00

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

SECOND ANNUAL SUPER BINGO

Will be held in our Center OCT. 14, 2023 Doors open 2:00 p.m. Tickets \$45.00 which includes Spaghetti Dinner. Purchase tickets Sunday at Bingo or Call the office 792 1578 between 9:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m. Mon.-Fri. And purchase at the Hall

3 TIER CHINESE AUCTION SUNDAY SEPT. 10TH at St. Michael's Hall...405 Robinson rd... Campbell. \$7.00 admission which includes 25 Tier tickets and lunch. Doors open NOON ..drawing 2:00 p.m. Over 100 PRIZES, GIFT CERTIFICATES, AND THEME BASKETS.

THIS MORNING.....
LIFE HAS BEGUN AGAIN, FATHER: YOU HAVE GIVEN ME ANOTHER DAY OF GRACE, ANOTHER DAY TO LIVE; TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE, TO TOUCH SOMEONE, TO ASK FOR SOMETHING, TO GIVE SOMETHING. WHATEVER I MAKE OF THIS DAY, WHATEVER I BECOME THIS DAY, I PUT IN YOUR HANDS.



NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

On Sept. 8th we celebrate the birth of the Theotokos (the Mother of God.) The record of the birth of Mary is not found in the Bible. The traditional account of the event is taken from the apocryphal writings which are not a part of the New Testament Scriptures. The traditional teaching which is celebrated in the hymns and versus of the Festal Liturgy is that Joachim and Anna were a pious Jewish couple who were among the small and faithful remnant... "the poor and the needy"... who were awaiting the promised Messiah. The couple was old and childless.

They prayed earnestly to the Lord for a child, since among the Jews, barrenness was a sign of God's disfavor. In answer to their unwavering fidelity to God, the elderly couple was blessed with a child who was destined, because of her own personal goodness and holiness, to become the Mother of the Messiah...Christ. The Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, therefore, is the glorification of Mary's birth, of Mary herself, and of her righteous parents. It is a celebration as well of the very first preparation of the salvation of the world. For the "Vessel of light", the "Book of the Word of Life", the "Door to the Orient", the "Throne of Wisdom" is being prepared on earth by God Himself in the birth of the Holy girl-child Mary.

TRUE HAPPINESS

Happy are they who suffer with the very old, the very young, the very lonely, for they have compassion.

Happy are they who greet the world with smiles and laughter, and anticipation for they have courage.

Happy are they who live not where they choose, but are content to live where they must, for they have freedom.

Happy are they who speak gently and live humbly for they have dignity.

Happy are they who listen and hear, and who extend their hands, for they have understanding.

Happy are they who give simply and love deeply and intensely, singing life's alleluia, for they are sincere.

Happy are they who have compassion and courage, freedom and dignity, understanding and sincerity, for they are Mary's children. Blessed are they!

SEPTEMBER FIRST....BEGINNING OF CHURCH YEAR

Can you believe it! Summer is almost gone and the signs of Fall are in the air. Vacation days are over, and school has begun. September is, in a way, a time of beginnings. It is also *The Beginning of The Church Year*. Every month, every day, is a time of new beginnings. Every day we tell ourselves that today, will be better than yesterday. We are going to go out of our way at work or at school to be nice to those who can be irritable and seemingly unlovable. We are going to keep reminding ourselves that God loves them. Because of human condition we will fail. We will not measure up. But we will not let this discourage us. The Holy Spirit is all-powerful! With God all things are possible. Plan to join in celebrating our Feast Days as we journey through this New Liturgical Year and make it a

VERY HAPPY LITURGICAL YEAR!

***IF GOD BRINGS YOU TO IT, HE WILL BRING YOU THROUGH IT.
HAPPY MOMENTS PRAISE GOD. DIFFICULT MOMENTS, SEEK
GOD. QUIET MOMENTS, WORSHIP GOD. PAINFUL MOMENTS
TRUST GOD. EVERY MOMENT, THANK GOD!***