

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

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Sept. 10, 2023

**SUNDAY AFTER THE BIRTH OF THEOTOKOS &  
SUNDAY BEFORE EXALTATION**

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- SAT.** 4:30 p.m. +Josephine Hrina by Family  
**SUN.** 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
- MON.** 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy
- TUE.** 10:30 a.m. +John & Mary Puskar by Daughter, Mary & Mike Novak
- WED.** 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy
- THU.** **EXALTATION OF HOLY CROSS** Page 253  
10:30 a.m. + Chuck & Marge Builder by Linda Higgins
- FRI.** 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

**SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF HOLY CROSS**

Sept. 17, 2023

- SAT.** 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners Page 156, 258  
**SUN.** 10:30 a.m. +Ross & DeLucia Families by Stella Camuso



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

*Sept. 3, 2023*  
*Candles \$37.00 Maintenance \$65.00*  
*Monthly Dues \$70.00*  
*Offertory...\$965.00*

### **GREAT NEWS!**

Recently ordained Deacon, John Welch has been appointed to serve here at St. Mary's Church. He served Friday and will serve this Sunday. He is attending the marriage of a Lector in Bradenvill, Pa. this Saturday. Welcome Deacon John!

### **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

### **GRANT HIM ETERNAL REST**

Please remember in your prayers Mr. George Kinnick who passed on to his eternal reward. Divine Liturgy for the repose of his soul was held Friday at St. Brendan's Church. Grant eternal rest O Lord to your servant, George and remember him forever.

**NEW BISHOP DESIGNATE, Rev. Robert Pipta,**  
Lector of our seminary in Pittsburgh, will be installed Nov.8,2023 as Bishop of Eparchy of Parma.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

We Congratulate Anthony & Kathryn (Rosine) French on the birth of their daughter, Monica Claire. Monica was received into our Spiritual Family Sat, when she received the Sacraments of Christian Initiation God grant The Anthony French Family Health & Happiness for many Blessed years.

## EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Today we commemorate the search for and finding of the Cross upon which Christ was crucified. The relic hunters were the Emperor of the Eastern part of the Roman Empire...Byzantium...Constantine, and Helen, his mother, in the year 326. As well we mark the later dedication of Patriarch Makarios of the church built over the site. Often we get bogged down noting only historical elements in the context of the observance of the feast and fail to realize that by placing the Cross in front of us, a much more important aspect of faith comes to light: we must look at the Cross with the expectation of letting it lead us to Heaven. It may have been elevated ...or in other terms, praised and exiled at a particular point in time, and subsequently venerated to what it is physically, but that moment of history is irrelevant and immaterial to us as Christians if all we do is to commemorate the fact. We must act as if we have just found the meaning of the Cross; for why else would it be such an important symbol? It is old and it is new.



## THE SON OF MAN WAS LIFTED UP

There is a deeper significance to the raising of the cross as we practice it on this day. Our Lord refers to it when He says: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." Jesus is referring to the time when the Israelites were in the wilderness. They were rebellious and complaining. Because of their disobedience, God sent poisonous snakes to punish them. The people were dying from the bites. They went to Moses with a protest and an appeal for help. Moses, as always, took his troubles to God. God told him to raise the standard of a brazen serpent and to tell the people to look at it when bitten. Healing would come by looking at the standard. Those who looked at the brazen serpent were healed. Perhaps this is why the serpent today is used as an emblem by medical doctors. As Moses lifted the serpent in the wilderness, says Jesus, so must the Son of man be lifted upon the cross that whoever believes in Him might have eternal life. Thus, every year on this Feast, the church raises the cross in our midst. She raises it so that we today may find healing and strength in the uplifted cross of Christ. For we, too, become infected with the deadly poison of sin. Salvation for us, too, is in a look of faith and repentance and commitment to the crucified and risen Christ.

## DAILY PROMISES

Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind:  
To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.  
To make all your friends feel that there is something good in them.  
To look at the sunny side of everything and try to make your optimism come true.  
To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.  
To forget the mistakes of the past, and press on to the greater achievements of the future.  
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times, and to give every living creature you meet a smile. To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others. To be too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

## WORDS TO LIVE BY

***BELIEVE IN YOURSELF...Anything is Possible***  
***NEVER GIVE UP....Practice makes perfect.***  
***BE GRATEFUL...Appreciate what you have***  
***WORK HARD...Make every job count.***  
***BE KIND...Treat others with respect***  
***STAY STRONG...Overcome life's lumps and bumps***  
***KEEP SMILING...Think positively***