

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

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Sept. 17, 2023

SUNDAY AFTER EXALTATION EXALTATION OF HOLY CROSS

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners Page 156, 258

SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Ross & Delucia Families by Stella Camuso

MON. 10:30 a.m. +Peter Maluf by Sister Anna Maria

TUE. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

WED. 10:30 a.m. +Harold Turjanica by Daughter, Mary Ann

THU. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

FRI. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sept. 24, 2023

SAT. 4:30 p.m. +MaryJane Lesnak by St. Mary's Rosary Society

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*Christ our God, You were willingly raised upon the cross,
grant Your mercies to the new people who bear Your name.
By Your power grant joy to the Church. Give her victory over
evil with Your invincible trophy, the weapon of peace, as an
ally.*

Sept. 10, 2023
Candles \$8.00 Monthly Dues \$37.00
Offertory...\$803.00

PLEASE SAY YOUR NAME

Recently ordained Deacon, John Welch has been appointed to serve here at St. Mary's Church. We are very fortunate to have him here. He will be distributing Communion, so please say your name until he gets to know all our Parishioners.

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

2023 LIFE CONFERENCE

LIFE: The Political, Medical, Moral, and Philosophical
Will be held at St. Mary's Byz. Catholic Church Hall, 506 E. Main
St. Marblehead, Ohio on Sept. 30th. Registration and Continental
breakfast is from 8-9 a.m. Conference 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Call 419
626 0375 for further info. Pamphlets are in the vestibule.

SEPTEMBER

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 the beginning of the Church year. Really every month, every day, is a time of new beginnings. Every day, we tell ourselves that today, this day is going to be better than yesterday. We are going to keep those resolutions we are always making. We are going to go out of our way at work or at school to be nice to that person who can be so irritable and seemingly unlovable. But we are going to keep reminding ourselves that God loves him/her. He had this person in mind from all eternity and called him/her out of nothingness as He called me. Because of the human condition we will fail. We will not measure up. But we are not going to let this discourage us. The Holy Spirit is all-powerful! With God all things are possible!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It is always a good exercise to look back and examine God's record of performance. List the many times you waited for something to happen and it happened. Or, if it did not happen, how little, it mattered. Make a mental list of the blessings the Lord has delivered. They can be endless. What the Church does in large part is to keep recalling the past to us in order to strengthen us for the present and to give us hope in our waiting. We are reminded of God's care for His people in the past. He created us in love. He chose a people, Israel, to be His instrument of bringing a Savior to all of us. In the fullness of time the Savior came to live and die and rise again for us. God would never have invaded this world in person if He did not love us and have great plans for us. We do not wait in a vacuum. We wait in the amazing history of GOD who makes and keeps His promises. The person who feeds his mind and heart on the record of what God has done in the past will never worry about the future. As Fenelon said "let gratitude for the past inspire us with trust for the future." Or as Emerson said "What I have seen teaches me to trust my Creator for what I have not seen."

PLAIN OLD KINDNESS

Remember kindness? It is that old-fashioned virtue of being nice.

Kindness manifests itself in a pleasant attitude, even when one is tempted to be sharp or critical. Kindness gives, asking nothing in return, for that is its nature.

Kindness seeks occasions to compliment others and does so freely.

There is no martyr spirit about kindness. It never shows what a sacrifice it is making. It asks for no bell to be rung in its honor. It is neither shy nor gushing, but has about it the tone of simple honesty.

Kindness is transparent. It has nothing to hide. Its words and deeds have no hidden motive behind them. There is such a wholesomeness about it that brightens any atmosphere and brings hope to even the most despondent.

Here is an excellent test for Christianity: judge us by our kindness.

If we are not kind in word and deed, then mark it down that we are church members only...that our religion is in our heads, not our hearts. For it should be impossible to have Christ in the heart and be unkind in any way.

True Christianity not only prepares men for another world; it makes them good citizens in this world. There ought to be no such thing as an unkind Christian.

SUSPICION

Forgive me, Lord for my lack of trust in You and other people; Why must I always think the worst of people? I don't even know them, for I've never walked in their path, or even followed in their footsteps. Help me to accept people the way they are in my presence, to be considerate of their feelings, to make allowances for the ways that are different from my own.

FAMILY HARMONY

Family harmony is not something you can achieve just by the asking. Nor is it something that will occur like magic; it is something you must work at. Hold back words that hurt, a temper hurts even more. Treat each other with the same tenderness and kind devotion you did during your courting days. Marriage should be the beginning of true courtship; not its ending. Renew your marriage vows together now and then. And always remember that the love you invest in each other and in your children is like the rays of the sun hitting a polished mirror...its warmth will be reflected back to you many times.