

*House Blessings to begin following the Theophany of our Lord
Please contact Linda in the church office at 330-792-1578 to schedule a time for Father John
to come bless your home*

St. Mary's Church History Collection Drive

In preparation for St. Mary's 125th Anniversary in 2025, we're looking for more historical photos, documents, and memorabilia. If any current or former parishioner would like to participate, please contact Dave Ragan at 614-370-0221, to schedule an individual appointment for digital scanning and information. Feel free to call with any questions!

Home chefs and bakers --- We are collecting recipes to create a cookbook to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church.

We are looking for (4-6) of your tried-and-true family recipes, like appetizers, casseroles, desserts, holiday favorites, etc. and especially traditional ethnic dishes. If you have a special story behind the recipe, please include it.

Your recipe should contain the following data:

1. Contributor name and phone number
2. Recipe Title
3. List of ingredients with accurate measurements
4. Preparation and cooking time
5. Step-by-step directions

You can drop a copy of your recipe(s) in the basket marked "RECIPES" in the church vestibule or mail them to:
St. Mary's Byzantine Church, "Recipes"
356 S. Belle Vista Ave. Youngstown OH 44509

If you have any questions, call Martie Tomaino @ (330) 727-2913 or Fr. John @ (330) 799-8163

Thank you!

Cookbook Committee

GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST

Please remember in your prayers Mrs. Margaret Maruschak, who passed onto her eternal reward. Panachida with Christian burial service for the repose of her soul was held Friday afternoon. Internment being at our Cemetery. Grant eternal rest O Lord to you servant, Margaret and remember her forever. Vicnaja Pamjat!

ALSO...Remember in your prayers Mr. George Lutza, who passed onto his eternal reward. Divine Liturgy with Christian burial Service for the repose of his soul will be held Monday morning at 11:00am. Internment being at our cemetery. Grant eternal rest O Lord to your servant, George and remember him forever. Vicnaja Pamjat!

Schedule of Divine Services: January 19th, 2025

THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Sat. 4:30 p.m. Health and Blessing of Parishioners

Sun. 10:30 a.m. +Robert V. Brown by Children

Mon. 11:00 a.m. Funeral Liturgy.....George Lutza

Tue. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

Wed. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

Thu. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

Fri. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jan. 26th, 2025

Sat. 4:30 p.m. +Gary Giba by Mother, Alice

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Sun. 10:30 a.m. Health and Blessings of Parishioners

*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.*



Luke 18:35-43 – Approaching God in prayer

When this story starts of the healing of the blind man starts, Jesus is heading towards Jerusalem for the final time. It is the beginning of the last week of Jesus' life, and he is heading towards crucifixion – and he knows that. And this is the last miracle Jesus performs during his life on earth.

Jesus and his disciples were coming near Jericho, which was 15 miles from Jerusalem. And the streets were packed with people, which is not surprising because everyone was getting ready to make the journey to Jerusalem for Passover.

And here, in the midst of all the hustle and bustle, sits a blind man begging for money at the side of the road.

I suppose that, just as with beggars on our streets today, most of the people were just passing him by thinking of him as an inconvenience, getting in the way of their busy day. But he is listening to the conversations of the passers-by and hears that Jesus is there and he is desperate to escape from his world of darkness and he shouts out, 'Jesus, Son of David! Have mercy on me!'

The crowds are annoyed by him, annoyed that he should presume to engage with city life; perhaps in the same way that people today treat the homeless and beggars on our streets as somehow less than human and without any rights or dignity. And the crowd tells him to be quiet: to get on with his begging for the anonymity of his marginalized position in society. But the blind man has a greater sense of self-worth than that and he keeps calling out. And in the end, we read that Jesus stops and calls the man over.

And so, his encounter with Jesus begins and the healing is received.

So, what do we have to learn from how the blind man approached Jesus? What can we learn about how we should approach God if we want to receive healing and new life from him?

JANUARY-FEBRUARY EVENTS!

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

*Come out and support our church
and our sponsored guests!*

JANUARY 25TH “THE RICH CENTER” NIGHT AT THE RACES

(SOCIAL HALL) Please contact Tracy for tickets and details

(330-717-1342)

JANUARY 31ST PURSE BINGO (SOCIAL HALL)

Sponsored by (DSAV) “Down Syndrome Association of the Valley”- Non-Profit. Please contact Debbie for tickets and information (330-980-8711)

FEBRUARY 8TH TRAIN SHOW (SOCIAL HALL)

Please contact Dennis for Vendor table and ticket information for the event. (330-503-5510)

**FEBRUARY 22ND COOKIES AND COCKTAILS
(SOCIAL HALL)**

**Sponsored by the “Mahoning Valley Historical Society”
Please contact Linda for tickets and details (330-743-2589)**

FEBRUARY 28TH PURSE BINGO (SOCIAL HALL)

Sponsored by (DSAV) “Down Syndrome Association of the Valley”- Non-Profit. Please contact Debbie for tickets and information (330-980-8711)