

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9/22/24

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✨ Eileen Betza Romeo (req. by Mark & Denise Spangler)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ Mary Ann Hrinda (req. by Fern Antolik)

11:00 AM (E) ✨ Ron Riel (req. by Luniewski Family)

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9/29/24

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) Blessings for Don & Pauline Kowalski (50th Wedding Anniversary)
(req. by their children)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ Kenneth and ✨ Helen Warner (req. by Debbie Warner)

11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:

09/15/24 **\$862.00**

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD SEPTEMBER COLLECTION – Frosting

Proverbs 14:31 – “Anyone who oppresses the poor is insulting God who made them. To help the poor is to honor God.”

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION

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SAVE THE DATE!!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Erie and Girard Byzantine Fellowship Dinner - Sunday, October 20, 12:30 PM at SS Peter and Paul Social Center. There will be no charge for this catered dinner. This is an effort to enhance and build up the community spirit of Byzantine Catholics in Erie County. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the narthex or call 814-825-8140 and leave a message by Sunday, Oct. 13

FUNERAL/ESTATE PRE-PLANNING PRESENTATION

Edder Funeral Home and Steadman Law Office will give a talk on funeral/estate pre-planning at Girard Alliance Church on Thursday, October 10, at 1:00 PM. This will include time for questions and answers. For more information call 814-774-4306.

LEANING ON THE LORD

For the Christian, prayer is the exercise that prepares us to walk with our Support – the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as the patient who relies on the walker, cane, or crutch must use that piece of equipment if he or she is to stay upright and walk properly, so too must the Christian lean on the Lord Jesus if he or she is to attain eternal salvation.

Another problem develops when a discharged patient prematurely tries to discard his/her walker, cane, etc. This sometimes has catastrophic results, and the patient is back in the hospital, this time for repair of a hip or other broken bone. The Christian who tries to “go it alone,” and rely on his/her strength is similarly doomed for a bad fall. In order to make it through the difficult times in our lives, we need to turn to the Lord in prayer. The need for prayer is not an occasional luxury. It must become something that is part of our very lives.

Thus, it is important to develop a prayer regimen. This may occur daily upon rising. For those of us who are slow to rise, it may occur later in the day or evening. Best of all, it may continue throughout the day, but in a less formal sense. In any case, prayer is the “exercise” that allows us to lean on the Lord Jesus for everything that we need in life.

Hidden Blessings

Every difficult task that comes across your path – every one that you would rather not do, that will take the most effort, cause the most pain, and be the greatest struggle – brings a blessing with it. Refusing to do it regardless of the personal cost is to miss the blessing.

Every difficult stretch of road on which you see the Master’s footprints and along which He calls you to follow Him leads unquestionably to blessings. They are blessings you will never receive unless you travel the steep and thorny path.

Every battlefield you encounter, where you are required to draw your sword and fight the enemy, has the possibility of victory that will prove to be a rich blessing to your life. Every heavy burden you are called upon to lift hides within itself a miraculous secret of strength.

USING GOD’S POWER

It is not within our power to create the wind or to change its direction, but we can raise our sails to catch it when it comes. We do not create electricity, yet we can tap into it with a wire that will conduct it, allowing it to work. We do not control God’s Spirit, but we can place ourselves before the Lord out of obedience to what He has called us to do, and we will come under the influence and power of His mighty breath.

FOR PONDERING.....

Be strong, lest prosperity lift you up too much or adversity cast you down too low.
Be humble in this life, so that God may raise you up in the next. *–St. Stephen of Hungary*

***JESUS PRAYER** – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner*