

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY 1/12/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✨ Martin M. Pushchak (req. by Anna Marie Dowd)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) Blessings for granddaughter Sarah Rose Ottum (req. by Ray & LeaAnne Luzier)
11:00 AM (E) Special Intention (req. by Duane and Kathy Adams)*35TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 1/19/25*

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✨ Terri Ferko (req. by Mike Ferko)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ John and ✨ Lillian Newmeyer (req. by Mike Kohan)
11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family**OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:**01/05/25 **\$1457.00****REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH**

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick and homebound of our parish. *Those in their own homes are as follows:* George Smilo, David Kearney, Helen Law, George Huzinec, Michael Molnar, Maureen Huzinec. *Those in nursing homes are as follows:* Elizabeth Andrijew (Pleasant Ridge Manor), Catherine Kasinec (St. Mary’s Asbury Ridge), Shirley Crisswell (Brevillier Village), Fred Koeberle and Helen Bauman (Sarah Reed Senior Living Center). If you know of anyone who should be on this list, contact Fr. John

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E.C.F. CLASSES – 9:15 – 10:30 AM (Note time change)

All students through 8th grade are WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED to attend. E.C.F. classes on Sundays 1/12/25, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13 (Palm Sunday), 5/11 (Mother’s Day).

THANK YOU FROM FATHER JOHN

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, gifts, and kind messages of support during this Christmas season. As we enter a new year, may your days be filled with God’s guidance and protection. May your faith grow stronger and your love for Christ deepen as we journey together on Our Lord’s path of salvation.

ALL CREATION IS SANCTIFIED

Since the Son of God has taken human flesh and has appeared in the world, manifesting Himself in His baptism in the Jordan, all flesh and all matter is sanctified. Everything is made pure and holy in Him. Everything, which is corrupted and polluted by the sinful works of men, is cleansed and purified by the gracious works of God. All death-dealing powers of the devil, which poison the good world of God’s creation, are destroyed. All things are again made anew. Through the “prime element” of water on the feast of the Theophany the entire creation is shown to be sanctified by God’s Word through the same Spirit of God who “in the beginning...was moving over the face of the waters.” (Gen 1:2)

Learn to Wait

If God told Abraham while he was in Haran that he would have to wait thirty years before holding his promised child in his arms, his heart might have failed him. So God, as an act of His gracious love, hid from Abraham the number of weary years he would be required to wait. Only as the time was approaching, with but a few months left to wait, did God reveal His promise: “At the appointed time next year...Sarah will have a son” (Genesis 18:14). The “appointed time” came at last, and soon the joyous laughter that filled the patriarch’s home caused the now elderly couple to forget their long and tiring wait.

So take heart, in peace, when God requires you to wait. The One you wait for will not disappoint you. He will never be even five minutes behind “the appointed time.” Soon “your grief will turn to joy” (John 16:20).

INCARNATION

Believe, too, that the Only-Begotten Son of God came down from heaven to earth for our sins, taking on the tolerable human nature of ours, and being born of the Holy Virgin and the Holy Spirit, His incarnation taking place, not in appearance or fantasy, but in truth. He did not pass through the Virgin as a channel, but was truly made flesh from Her. For, if the Incarnation was a fantasy, salvation is also a fantasy. Christ was twofold in nature: man in what was seen, but God in what was not seen. As man, He ate truly as we do – for He had like feelings of the flesh with us – but as God He fed the five-thousand from five loaves. He died truly as man, but raised Lazarus who was four days dead, as God. He truly slept in the ship as man, and walked upon the waters as God.

–St. Cyril of Jerusalem

FROM THE DESERT FATHERS

The most helpful thing for a beginner in prayer is criticism. The beginner who regularly bears insults and criticism is like a tree planted by water. God will help them grow

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