

18 MAY 2025

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN 5/18/25
Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family
Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✱Helen Kohan (req. by Mike Kohan)
11:00 AM (E) Intention of the Patrick Family (req. by Duane & Kathy Adams)

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND 5/25/25
Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✱Thomas Kearney (req. by Charlotte Kujawinski)
Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✱Kenneth Gottschling (req. by Roseanne Gresh)
11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:
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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:* Martha Karmazon, George Smilo, David Kearney, George Huzinec, Michael Molnar, Maureen Huzinec. *Those in nursing homes are as follows:* Elizabeth Andrijiw (Pleasant Ridge Manor), Catherine Kasinec (St. Mary’s Asbury Ridge), Shirley Crisswell (Brevillier Village), 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 revisions for remainder of year)
All students through 8th grade are WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED to attend. **The final E.C.F. gathering is on Saturday, June 14, at 9:00 AM.** This is a hands-on Fathers Day activity.

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!

PASCHAL TROPARION: Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled death; and to those in the tombs he granted life.

MARY, THE NEW EDEN
Inexhaustible goodness of God! Boundless goodness! He who called what did not exist into existence, and filled heaven and earth, whose throne is heaven, and whose footstool is the earth – he has made the womb of his own servant a spacious dwelling place, and in it the mystery of mysteries is accomplished. Being God, he becomes Man, and is marvelously brought forth without injury to his mother’s virginity. He is lifted up as a baby in earthly arms – the One who is the brightness of eternal glory, the form of the Father’s substance, by the word of whose mouth all crated things exist. Truly divine wonder!
Holy mother and Virgin, what is this great mystery accomplished in you? Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. You are blessed from generation to generation, you who alone are worthy of being blessed. Behold, all generations will call you blessed, just as you have said. You are the royal throne that angels surround, seeing upon it their true King and Lord. You are a spiritual Eden, holier and more divine than the Eden of old. For that Eden was the dwelling of the mortal Adam, while the Lord himself came from heaven to dwell in you.
–St. John of Damascus

God’s Grace Strengthens Us
Our main concern with the dark fact of suffering is not to find an explanation: it is to find a victory. It is not to elaborate a theory; it is to lay hold upon a power, not so much the explaining of suffering, but grace and help to bear it. That is what God gives us in Christ.
A person who had tested the promise of God to the hilt in the worst tragedies of life, and therefore had a right to speak, spoke on this matter. He said that in all these things – these desolating heartbreaking things which happen to us, these physical pains, these mental agonies, these spiritual midnights of the soul – we are more than conquerors, not through our won strength or bravery, not through a philosophy, but “through Him Who loved us” – through the thrust and pressure of the invading grace of Christ.
That is the only answer to the mystery of suffering; and the answer is a question: Will you let God in to reign? The answer is not a theory. It is a life. It is a dedicated spirit, a fully surrendered soul. That is when God can take crushed flowers and produce perfume.

LEAVE YESTERDAY BEHIND
A popular saying offers this insight: “Yesterday is heavy. Put it down.” It is a great reminder that we can become accustomed to carrying burdens we were never meant to carry. Yesterday’s issues, problems, failures, regrets, confusions, and worries are not meant for today. Wisdom enables us to know the difference between what we should carry forward and what we should leave behind.
Yesterday is done and over. What can you do today, right now, that will lead to a better tomorrow? Right now is all we have. It is all we need to carry,and it is manageable.

FROM THE DESERT FATHERS
One does not bring the dust of the road into a room that one wishes to keep clean. Thus keep your heart free from gossip and chatter about the events of the day that is already past. Senseless talking is a great enemy of prayer.