

11 MAY 2025

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN 5/11/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✱ Martin M. Pushchak (req. by Anna Marie Dowd)
Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✱ Glenn Simkovitch (req. by Andrew C. Simkovitch)
11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

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)

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:
05/04/25 \$1442.00

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD MAY COLLECTION – Cake Mixes
Proverbs 14:31 – “Anyone who oppresses the poor is insulting God who made them. To help the poor is to honor God.”

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A Prayer for Mothers
All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.
We pray for young mothers who give life and count toes and tend to our every need. May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.
We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us. May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.
We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict. May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.
We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape up with motherly care and compassion.
We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

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.

ALL WE LIKE SHEEP
Sheep are lovely animals to behold, but they really are not all that intelligent. If it were not for the shepherd, the sheep would constantly run the risk of wandering off and/or getting eaten by predators.
Various scripture verses involve sheep. In 1 Samuel, David, the shepherd boy is called to lead the nation of Israel, and is anointed its king, even though he is just a lad. God sees differently than we humans do, and what is pleasing to us may not be pleasing to God, and vice versa.
The 23rd Psalm is probably the most popular out of all 150 Psalms. Even those folks who know none other usually know a little piece of the 23rd Psalm. Its words speak loudly and clearly to those who read, recite, or sing one of the many various renditions of it. It gives us peace, knowing that we are being protected by the almighty shepherd.
Jesus brings this home when He says, “I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and mine know me” (John 10:14). Even though we stray like sheep – sometimes repeatedly – Jesus calls us back to Himself – repeatedly! As the Loving Shepherd, He will protect us from the wolf who tries repeatedly to come and snatch us up.

Mary, Our Mother
Mary is a mother who knows our pain. Maybe that is why Jesus, on the cross, shared her in a special way when he said to the beloved disciple – and by extension to all of us – “Behold, your mother” (John 19:27). Mary’s role in the Church and in our lives is focused on keeping us close to Jesus. She is always right there with him, drawing people closer to his heart. For those who are concerned about Mary’s role, St. Maximilian Kolbe said, “Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.”
Invite Mary into your home, your life, and your heart. She wants to be in solidarity with you in your sufferings and celebrations, sharing tears of sorrow and of joy alike.

Happy Mother’s Day
May the Lord God grant to our Mothers continued blessings! To those mothers who have “fallen asleep in the Lord,” may He grant eternal happiness.

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