

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN 5/3/26

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Fr. Joseph Jugan (req. by Knights of Columbus)

11:00 AM (E) ✦ Michael Kavcsak (req. by nieces and nephews)

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND 05/10/26

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✦ Dan Foltz, Sr. (req. by Don & Pauline Kowalski Family)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Rose Slovich (req. by Art & Rose Ann Provost)

11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

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

04/26//26

\$1887.00**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:* Martha Karmazon, George Smilo, David Kearney, George Huzinec, Michael Molnar, Maureen Huzinec. *Those in nursing homes are as follows:* Helen Krajnik (Nightingale Nursing Center), Elizabeth Andrijew (Pleasant Ridge Manor), Catherine Kasinec (St. Mary's Asbury Ridge). If you know of anyone who should be on this list, contact Fr. John

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E.C.F. PROGRAM – Watch for upcoming events!**BYZANTEEN YOUTH RALLY – July 9-12 at John Carroll University, Cleveland, OH**

This is for students ages 13 through high school. The parish will pay the \$380.00 fee for those interested in attending. For more information and to register by May 15, go to the website www.archpitt.org.

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

**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.

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

In today's gospel, Jesus tells the woman at the well that He will give her "living water" to drink. This is quite perplexing to the woman, and at first, she doesn't understand Christ's offer. This is because the water Jesus gives is not given to quench our physical thirst, but rather to satisfy our spiritual thirst.

We turn to Jesus for this living water as "a deer longs for running water." If the deer doesn't drink, it will die. If we do not drink of Jesus, the Living Water, our souls will perish. Let us turn to Him daily for this living water of salvation.

Winning the Race

We Christians have to strive to win the race of life in which we are competing. If we are weighed down with our worries, our passions, and our sins, these will slow us down towards our goal – eternal life with God in His Kingdom. If we are mentally and emotionally burdened with the affairs of this life, our thoughts are less available to God. We cannot both worry and trust God at the same time. We cannot give ourselves over to our sinful ways and still be filled with God's redeeming grace. We must shed what is worthless, what is useless, and strip ourselves down to only what matters. Then we will be propelled forward as we continue in the race called life.

At times it feels as if we are swimming in a vast river against a strong current that seems to be stopping us from making any progress. The river is the world, and the current is its values. These certainly do not drive us forward in our spiritual struggles, but actually forces us backwards! But our God is stronger than the world. Let us be victorious and with His help, overcome all obstacles in our race to eternal life.

THE RISEN LORD

After his death, the resurrected Lord Jesus appears to the apostles, but they think they are seeing a ghost. Jesus calms them and asks for some food.

Jesus was incarnated into a human body, and that same human body rose from the dead. It's no wonder the apostles are constantly confused by a God in human flesh. The God-man in a glorified body is nothing they have seen before. We, too, are constantly reconciling our expectations of what and who God should be.

Everything that we hope for in Christian life is present in the resurrected body of Christ. There is no way to understand the Scriptures except through Jesus. There is no way to love except through Jesus. And yet Jesus can be so hard to pin down, to fully explain. *-Living Faith*