

Pray for the Sick, Recovering, and Shut-Ins:



Theresa Glagola at Sundale

May we keep all our ailing and healing parishioners in our prayers every day.

Please let Father Kyp know to include any family and parish members who are ill, hospitalized, or need a visit for blessing, anointing, confession, or request of prayers. Kindly call Father Kyp at (724) 953-6835 Thank You.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES go to:

Anyone celebrating theirs this week



May God bless you with Peace, Health, and Happiness!
For many happy and blessed years!



Sanctuary Candles Intention



In the Eastern Church, the various prayers for the departed have as their purpose: to pray for the repose of the departed; to comfort the living; and to remind those who remain behind of their own mortality, and the brevity of this earthly life.



Offertory Collection for Mar. 2nd, 2025

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles	Local Poor		Total
\$519	\$66	\$29	\$55		\$669

Church Attendance for Sunday was: 58

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation: After Liturgy or by appointment
Holy Mystery of Anointing: prior to surgery or whenever requested
Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation: Arrange with Father Kyp
New Parishioners: Welcome! Please see Father for registration



DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR MAR 9th to MAR 19th, 2025

Sunday March 9th 11:00 a.m.	1st Sunday of the Great Fast – pg 125, 220 Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste Readings: Heb 11:24-26,32-12:2; Jn 1:43-51 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Wednesday Mar. 12th 6:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Intention: Open Followed by a Lenten Soup and Bread Supper
Sunday March 16th 11:00 a.m.	2nd Sunday of the Great Fast – pg 130, 222 2nd All Souls Service After Liturgy Readings: Heb 1:10-2-3; Mk 2:1-12 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Wednesday Mar. 19th 6:30 p.m.	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Intention: Open Followed by a Lenten Soup and Bread Supper

On fasting

Fasting represents an important ascetical practice, a spiritual arm to do battle against every possible disordered attachment to ourselves. Freely chosen detachment from the pleasure of food and other material goods helps the disciple of Christ to control the appetites of nature, weakened by original sin, whose negative effects impact the entire human person.

~Pope Benedict XVI

1st Sunday of the Great Fast - Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste

Heb 11:24-26,32-12:2; Jn 1:43-51

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter; he wished to be ill-treated along with God's people rather than enjoy the fleeting rewards of sin. Moses considered the reproach borne by God's Anointed greater riches than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

What more shall I recount? I have no time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, did what was just, obtained the promises; they broke the jaws of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; though weak they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders. Women received back their dead through resurrection. Others were tortured and would not receive deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Still others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword's point; they went about garbed in the skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, and tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, they dwelt in caves and in holes of the earth. Yet despite the fact that all of these were approved because of their faith, they did not obtain what had been promised. God had made a better plan, a plan which included us. Without us, they were not to be made perfect.

Therefore, since we for our part are surrounded by this cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every encumbrance of sin which clings to us and persevere in running the race which lies ahead; let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who inspires and perfects our faith. For the sake of the joy which lay before him he endured the cross, heedless of its shame. He has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

Mark 2:1-12

Jesus came back to Capernum after a lapse of several days and word got around that he was at home. At that they began to gather in great numbers. There was no longer any room for them, even around the door. While he was delivering God's word to them, some people arrived bringing a paralyzed man to him. The four who carried him were unable to bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they began to open up the roof over the spot where Jesus was. When they had made a hole, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does the man talk in that way? He commits blasphemy! Who can forgive sins except God alone?" Jesus was immediately aware of their reasoning, though they kept it to themselves, and he said to them: "Why do you harbor these thoughts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk again'? That you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" (he said to the paralyzed man), "I command you: Stand up! Pick up your mat and go home." The man stood and picked up his mat and went outside in the sight of everyone. They were awestruck; all gave praise to God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Meet our new priest, Fr. Kyprian...

Born to the late Reverend Fr. William & Sue Ellen Wojciechowski in Providence, RI, he grew up in SW PA with his two brothers, Nikolai and Joseph. He graduated from greater Latrobe Senior High School in 2012. He graduated with a dual bachelor's degree in history and political science from the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown in December of 2015. Discerning his call in life, he entered the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh in the fall of 2017, graduating with honors in the spring of 2021. Shortly after graduating seminary, he met his wife Emily, whom he married on September 9 of 2023. On January 21, 2024, he was ordained to the order of deacon, and on April 28, 2024, Metropolitan William Skurla ordained him to the presbyterate. On June 10, 2024, he was appointed as administrator of St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Uniontown, PA, and recently in March of 2025 he began serving Holy Protection of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church in Morgantown, WV. Father is very dedicated to his priestly ministry, especially to celebrating the liturgical services and the pastoral visitation of the sick and shut-ins. Father's family also includes several step siblings and an ever-growing group of nieces and nephews.



There will be Soup and Bread Suppers following the Wednesday, Presanctified Liturgies. Bring a soup to share but it's not necessary. All are welcome.



PYSANKY CLASSES are being offered at St. John's in Uniontown on Monday evenings starting March 3 and going through April 7th. Class runs from 6:00 to 8:00. For more information please call 724-438-1382.



Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste

One of the military commanders of that time in the Armenian city of Sebaste was Agricola, a zealous champion of idolatry. Under his command was a company of forty Cappadocians, brave soldiers who had distinguished themselves in many battles. When these Christian soldiers refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, Agricola locked them up in prison. The soldiers occupied themselves with prayer and psalmody, and during the night they heard a voice saying, "Persevere until the end, then you shall be saved."

The names of the forty martyrs are: Cyrion (or Quirio), Candidus, Domnus, Hesychius, Heraclius, Smaragdus, Eunocius (Or Eunicus), Valens, Vivianus, Claudius, Priscus, Theodulus, Euty chius, John, Xanthius, Helianus, Sisinius, Aglaius, Aetius, Flavius, Acacius, Ecdicius, Lysimachus, Alexander, Elias, Gorgonius, Theophilus, Dometian, Gaius, Leontius, Athanasius, Cyril, Sacerdon, Nicholas, Valerius, Philoctimon, Severian, Chudion, Aglaius, and Meliton.

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