

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church



(Under the Holy Protection of the Mother of God)

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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 JUNE 14th to JUNE 28th, 2026

Sunday June 14th 11:00 a.m.	Third Sunday After Pentecost – pg 130 Readings: Rom 5:1-10; Mt 6:22-34 Intention: John Dargay by Anne Hager
Sunday June 21st 11:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday After Pentecost – pg 135 Readings: Rom 6:18-23; Mt 8:5-13 Intention: Theresa Glagola on the occasion of her birthday by Anne Hager
Wednesday June 24th 6:30 p.m.	Birth of John the Baptist Readings: Rom 13:11-14:4; Lk 1:5-25.57-66 & 76-80 Intention: Open
Sunday June 28th 11:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday After Pentecost – pg 141 Readings: Rom 10:1-10; Mt 8:28-9:3 Intention: Theresa Glagola on the occasion of her birthday by Anne Hager

Epistle Reader:

Sunday, June 14th: Patricia Johnson

Sunday, June 21st: Don Waycaster

Sunday, June 28th: Thomas Paronish

Altar Servers

Sunday, June 14th: James Kirby and Dante Lista

Sunday, June 21st: Richard Slavic and Nevin Moore

Sunday, June 28th: Aaron Nemeyer and Kevin Slavic

Servers, Just because your name isn't listed doesn't mean that you can't serve too. Four servers are a blessing. It's a first come first serve opportunity ;-)

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

Theresa Glagola at Sundale



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 is for **+Ronald Toth**



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 June 7th, 2026

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles	Local Poor	Building Fund		Total
\$485	\$0	\$33	\$157	\$100		\$775

Church Attendance for Sunday was: 29



Our Parish is on Facebook! "St. Marys Holy Protection Byzantine Catholic Church". Look us up and invite your friends as well! This is a good missionary tool.

Chrismation (Confirmation) of Kevin Slavic is today!

Holy Chrismation is performed by anointing with sacred oil, consecrated by the bishop on Holy Thursday called – chrism.
By Holy Chrismation, we mystically participate in Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit upon us.

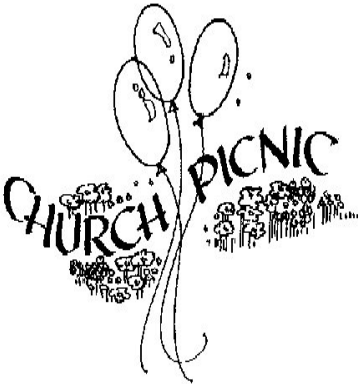
“As Christ after His baptism and descent on Him of the Holy Spirit went forth and defeated the adversary, so likewise you, having received the Holy Baptism and Mystical Chrism, stand firm against the power of the enemy (devil) and vanquish it, saying : I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (et. St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Ibid. 4)



Sts. Peter & Paul Fast: Our Byzantine Catholic Church has begun the fasting period to prepare us for the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on June 29th. Although this fast is NOT obligatory...a good rule to begin is abstention from all meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please try to keep this fast as best you can. IT IS a period of penance.

Parish Picnic and Father’s Day

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
June 21st, will be the first parish picnic of the year coinciding with Father’s Day. Food, Fun and Games for everyone. A portion of the \$500 GCU grant will be used to purchase the meats, drinks, chips and picnic supplies.
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



A Rummage Sale will take place at St. Mary’s social hall on **Friday Sept. 25th and Saturday Sept 26th from 9am – 2pm** both days.
Please drop all donations at the social hall after any Sunday Liturgy and someone will be there to assist you. We are accepting donations up to and including Monday, Sept 22nd. If necessary, we’ll be happy to coordinate a time that someone can pick up your donations. Call Patty or Suzie at 239-564-0110 to schedule. Please be sure that all items are clean and in working order. Items not sold will be donated to another charity.

RUMMAGE SALE

ANNOUNCEMENT: BYZANTINE CATHOLIC OUTREACH FORMING IN CHARLESTON, WV

With the blessing of Metropolitan William, I have been entrusted with the beginning stages of forming and organizing a Byzantine Catholic Outreach in Charleston, WV. There are currently several dozen Byzantine Catholics residing in that area - with the closest Byzantine Catholic parish being approximately 3 hours away. At



the present time, the community does not have a priest of their own. In response to their petition to the Metropolitan, I will be traveling to Charleston to celebrate the Divine Liturgy, meet with the faithful, and assess their spiritual needs. Over the coming weeks, I will be organizing efforts in preparation for our first Divine Liturgy, which is planned for **Sunday, June 14th at 5:00 p.m.** If you know anyone who is living in the Charleston, WV area who would benefit from or who would be interested in attending, please encourage them to contact me directly. I will continue to faithfully serve the parishes in Uniontown and Morgantown during this time. Your prayers, support, and continued understanding are greatly appreciated. - Fr. Kyprian Wojciechowski

School of Diaconate Studies Accepting New Applicants Now for 2027!

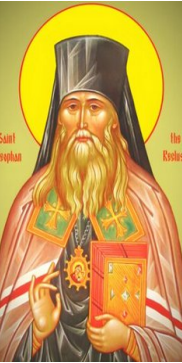
The admissions process for the 2027 School of Diaconate Studies is now open. Men who are discerning a call to diaconal service in the Church are encouraged to apply. Classes for the first year of the 4 year program will be held June 13-26, 2027 at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. A two week residency is required each year. Please Submit the registration form and once received candidates will then be contacted by the Vocations Office. **Deadline for the Registration form is July 1, 2026.** For any further inquiries, you may e-mail vocations@archpitt.org

Prayer for Vocations

Lord our God, You are older than all creation, and have made us in your image and likeness. You gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter and Spirit of Truth, to be with us always, to give to your Church all the gifts needed for sanctification. Today we humbly beg You, grant us an abundance of vocations to your holy priesthood, to the diaconate in Christ, and to the monastic life. Do not leave your church deprived of spiritual gifts. Open our hearts to hear the words of your invitation, “Come, follow me.” Give to your Church servants ready to follow You with zeal and courage. Give to your Church servants who, in their weakness, have received the Spirit of wisdom and understanding. Give to your Church servants ready to lead and to serve, to teach and to comfort, to give of themselves and to receive a heavenly reward. Indeed, do not leave us orphans, but be with us through your Holy Spirit, who is present everywhere and fills all things, and who raises up mere mortals to divine service in love of your people, the Church. For You alone are holy and the giver of sanctification, always, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Thoughts by St. Theophan the Recluse on the Third Sunday After Pentecost

If therefore thine eye be single thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. Here the mind is called the eye, and the entire composition of the soul is called the body. Thus, when the mind is simple then it is light in the soul; when the mind is evil, then it is dark in the soul. What are a simple mind and an evil mind? A simple mind is one which accepts the word of God as is written, and is convinced beyond a doubt that all is indeed as is written. It has no deceit, no wavering, or hesitation. An evil mind is one which approaches the word of God with slyness, artful disputing, and questioning. It cannot directly believe, but subjects the word of God to its sophistry. It approaches the word not as a disciple, but as a judge and critic, to test something stated there, and then either scoffs at it, or says in a haughty manner, “Yes, not bad.” Such a mind has no firm tenets, because it clearly does not believe the word of God, and its own rationale is always unstable—today one way, tomorrow another. It has only wavering, confusion, questions without answers; everything is out of place with it, and it walks in the dark, fumbling its way. A simple mind sees everything clearly: every thing in it has a definite character, determined by the word of God. That is why every thing in it has its place, and it knows exactly how to behave with relation to things—it walks along open, visible roads, with complete assurance that they lead to the true goal.



O Holy Spirit,

I have my own expectations about what I should and should not do.

I surrender to You my ideas, my limitations, my preferences, and my goals.

Fill me, Holy Spirit, with Your supernatural gifts!

Empower me to accept and grow in the supernatural life as much as the early disciples.

I want to be useful to You. I want to go where You lead me.

Holy Spirit, send me forth gifted and empowered to make a difference spreading the

Good News of God’s forgiving love.

Apostle Jude the Brother of the Lord - Commemorated on June 19
Saint Jude’s Epistle speaks about the Holy Trinity, about the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ, about the good and bad angels, and about the dread Last Judgment. The Apostle urges believers to guard themselves against fleshly impurity, to be diligent in prayer, faith and love, to convert the lost to the path of salvation, and to guard themselves from the teachings of heretics. He also says that it is not enough just to be converted to Christianity, but faith must be demonstrated by good works. He cites the rebellious angels and men punished by God (verse 6) to support this.

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Rom 5:1-10
Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

Mt 6:22-34
“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!
“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.
“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today. <https://kellylatimoreicons.com/blogs/news/christ-consider-the-lilies>

Do not be surprised that you fall every day; do not give up, but stand your ground courageously. And assuredly, the angel who guards you will honor your patience.
St. John of the Ladder