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

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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR SEPT 13th to SEPT 27th, 2026

Sunday Sept 13th 11:00 a.m.	**Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** – pgs 156, 249 Readings: Gal 6:11-18; Jn 3:13-17 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Monday Sept 14th 6:30 p.m.	**Exaltation of the Holy Cross** – pg 253 Readings: 1 Cor 1:18-24; Jn 19:6-11,13-21,25-27,30-35 Intention: Health of Fr. Jerome Botsko
Sunday Sept 20th 11:00 a.m.	**Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** – pgs 161, 258 Readings: Gal 2:16-20; Mk 8:34-9:1 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
Wednesday Sept 23rd 6:30 p.m.	**Conception of John the Baptist** – p 363 Readings: Gal 4:22-31, Lk 1:5-25 Intention: Open
Sunday Sept 27th 11:00 a.m.	**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost** – p 125 Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Lk 5:1-11 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish



Sanctuary Candles Intention is for the Health of Father Jerome Botsko



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"The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy."
Proverbs 12:22

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.

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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!

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Epistle Reader:

Sunday, Sept 13th: Patty Sersen
Sunday, Sept 20th: Ellen McCabe
Sunday, Sept 27th: Patricia Johnson

Altar Servers

Sunday, Sept 20th: Dante Lista and Aaron Nemeyer
Sunday, Sept 27th: Richard Slavic and Nevin Moore

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Offertory Collection for Sept 6th, 2026

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles		Feast Day	Outreach Donation		Total
$220	$0	$13		$25	$300		$558

Church Attendance for Sunday was: 16

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.

The Come & See Weekend at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Sts. Cyril & Methodius in Pittsburgh will be November 6-8. All young men (ages 18-35) who are open to discerning a vocation to Holy Orders or the Diaconate are encouraged to register for this event. Registration fills fast. Please see Fr. Kyp ASAP if you are interested!

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A note to the parish family of St. Mary's... Our former pastor Fr. Jerome is recovering from surgery for at least the next month. The Archbishop has asked Fr. Kyprian to assist in covering Fr. Jerome's responsibilities at Mt. St. Macrina & Stephen's in Leisenring, PA. The Liturgy times at our parish will not change. Please keep Fr. Jerome in your prayers. Fr. Kyp is asking everyone for their understanding during this time of added responsibilities.

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Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Sept 14



St Helen was directed to a certain elderly Hebrew by the name of Jude who stated that the Cross was buried where the temple of Venus stood. They demolished the pagan temple and, after praying, they began to excavate the ground. Soon the Tomb of the Lord was uncovered. Not far from it were three crosses, a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate, and four nails which had pierced the Lord's Body (March 6).

Another event connected to the Cross of the Lord is remembered also on this day: its return to Jerusalem from Persia after a fourteen year captivity. During the reign of the Byzantine emperor Phocas (602-610) the Persian emperor Khozroes II in a war against the Greeks defeated the Greek army, plundered Jerusalem and captured both the Life-Creating Cross of the Lord and the Holy Patriarch Zachariah (609-633).

The Cross remained in Persia for fourteen years and only under the emperor Heraclius (610-641), who with the help of God defeated Khozroes and concluded peace with his successor and son Syroes, was the Cross of the Lord returned to the Christians. With great solemnity the Life-creating Cross was transferred to Jerusalem. Emperor Heraclius in imperial crown and royal purple carried the Cross of Christ into the temple of the Resurrection. With the emperor went Patriarch Zacharios. At the gates by which they ascended Golgotha, the emperor suddenly stopped and was not able to proceed farther. The holy Patriarch explained to the emperor that an angel of the Lord was blocking his way. The emperor was told to remove his royal trappings and to walk barefoot, since He Who bore the Cross for the salvation of the world from sin had made His way to Golgotha in all humility. Then Heraclius donned plain garb, and without further hindrance, carried the Cross of Christ into the church.
https://www.holycrossoca.org/exaltation-of-the-holy-cross

Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Gal 6:11-18

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Jn 3:13-17

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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St. Mary's Spiritual Reading Book Club is every Friday evening at 7p in the parish hall/basement. Together we read books about prayer and the spiritual life, and discuss what we read along the way! (No book purchase required!) There is food provided each time, and you can feel free to contribute a snack or beverage too if you so desire! Current book: The Ladder of Divine Ascent by St. John Climacus

Holy Martyrs Faith, Hope, and Love, and Their Mother, Sophia - Sept 17th

During the reign of the impious Roman Emperor Hadrian, a widow of Italian ancestry called Sophia, whose name means wisdom, lived in Rome. She was a Christian, and in accordance with her name, she lived wisely, showing that wisdom praised by the Apostle James, who says, the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits. This



wise gentlewoman, Sophia, while living in honorable wedlock, bore three daughters, whom she named after the three great virtues. The first was named Faith, the second Hope, and the third Love, for to what does Christian wisdom give birth other than to God-pleasing virtues? Read much more: https://www.st-sophia.com/about/saint