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St. Mary's: Saturday 5:00 PM

SICK CALLS: As scheduled, or anytime in case of an emergency. If anyone is homebound or hospitalized, please call the rectory (544-2074)

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Rise and Walk

It is easier said than done. Whether the sins of the paralytic were forgiven, only He who forgave them knew for sure. "Arise and walk." Both he who arose and those who saw him arise were able to vouch for this. Hence there is a bodily sign in order to demonstrate a spiritual sign, though its impact is to curb the imperfections of body and soul. And we are given an understanding of sin and many bodily weaknesses to come. Perhaps, too, sins are forgiven first, so that with the causes of infirmity removed health may be restored.

St. Jerome

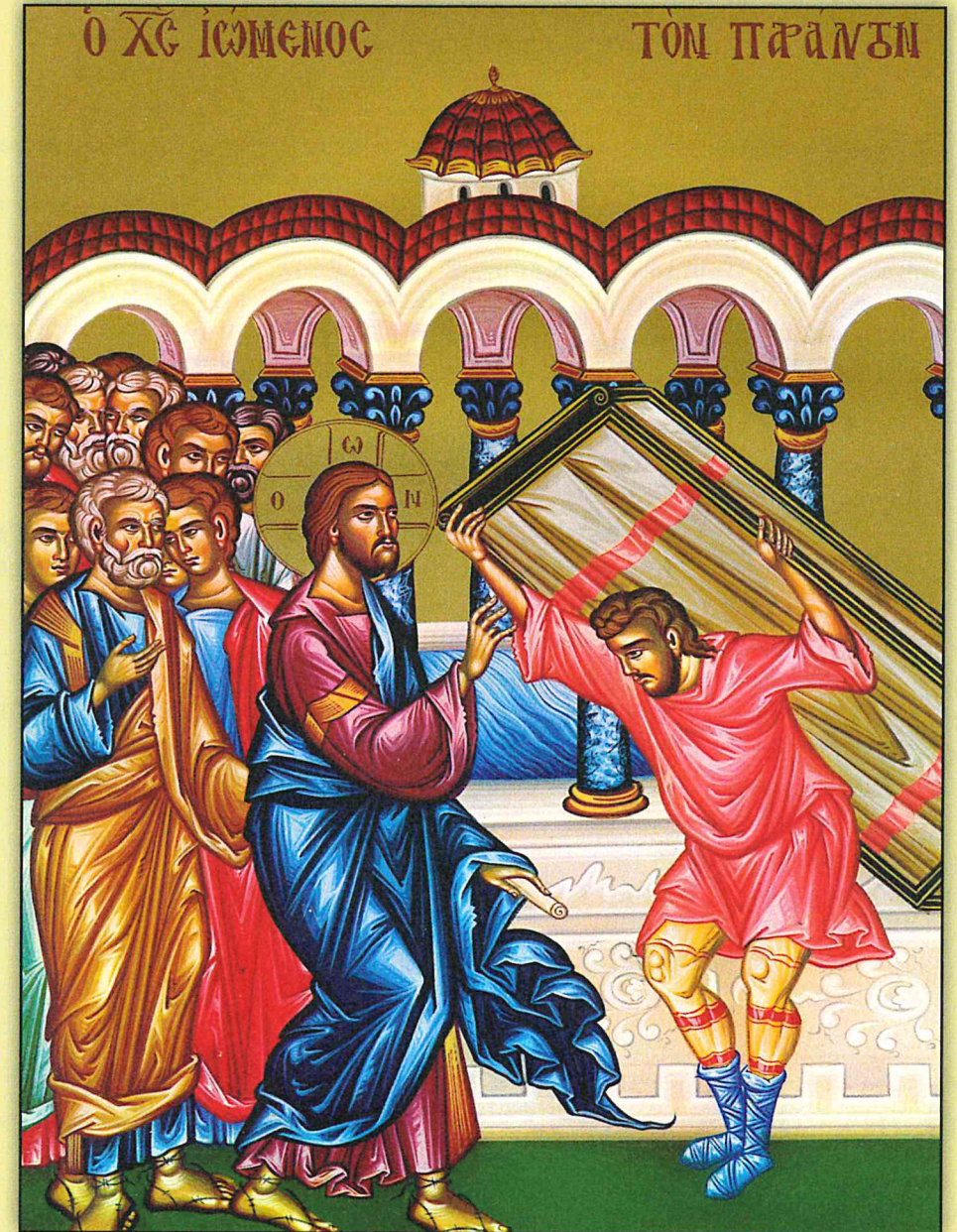
Furthermore, so it could be understood that He was in a body and that He could forgive sins and restore health to bodies, Jesus said, "That you may know that the Son of

Man has power on earth to forgive sins," then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your pallet." He could have simply said "Arise," but since the reason for doing every work had to be explained, He added, "Take up your pallet and go home." First He granted remission of sins; next He showed His ability to restore health. Then, with the taking up of the pallet, He made it clear that bodies would be free from infirmity and suffering; lastly, with the paralytic's return to his home, He showed that believers are being given back the way to paradise from which Adam, the parent of all, who became profligate from the stain of sin, had proceeded.

St. Hilary of Poitiers

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Healing the Paralytic

**6th Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 5**

Welcome to the parish communities of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Churches of Minersville and Saint Clare, Pennsylvania. We greet and welcome you to our Church. Our Church is a holy place. Our Church is where we get together in Jesus' Name. It is holy because we come here to worship, to be nourished in faith through Sacred Scripture and preaching, to open our hearts and minds to celebrate the mystery of salvation in Jesus Christ and to dedicate ourselves to a life of holiness and service to the Lord and others. The church building itself reflects this faith and calls us to enter into communion with God. We invite you to share our faith in Jesus Christ, to experience our worship and to live a life dedicated to the service of God and one another in Jesus' Name.

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July 9– July 15, 2023

Vigil of Sunday (at St. Mary)

Saturday 6:00 p.m. **+Joseph & +Julia Gera** req. by Joseph & Cheryl Gera
Sunday 9:00 a.m. **Health and Blessings of the Parishioners** (livestreamed)

Monday 9:00 a.m. **No Divine Liturgy Today**
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. **+Mary Kovich** req. by Marie Wanchick
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. **+Joseph Gretskey** req. by Andrew & Lucille Melochnick
Thursday 9:00 a.m. **+Agnes Valosin** req. by Drew & Julianne Reid
Friday 9:00 a.m. **+Michael Cherrybon** req. by Mrs Anna Sabadish & Daug.

Vigil of Sunday (at St. Mary)

Saturday 6:00 p.m. **+Bertha Petrishko** req. by Joann & Mark Schultz

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. **H&B Parishioners** (livestreamed)

Epistle Readers: 7/2 – Ellen Sinkovich; 7/9 – Paulette Murphy; 7/16 – Laura Mitchell; 7/23 – Gail Burgess; 7/30 – Anna Keer; 8/6 – Marie Wanchick.

We are in Prime Vacation Time; don't forget that electric and fuel bills do not take a vacation. Kindly remember your weekly offering for the up keep of God's House and His many blessings bestowed on you.

Breakfast with Father:

I have received a number of requests to offer a form of Adult Enrichment to help understand better our Tradition and traditions that supplement our knowledge of the Faith that our grandparents and parents handed on to us.

I am initiating Adult Enrichment today and every second Sunday of the Month with a Continental Breakfast. My presentation will begin prior to breakfast so that during the meal a discussion between the participants can take place with a Q & A following.

Participation is open to all including our ECF students.

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Oftentimes Senior Citizens are unaware of opportunities that exist for their benefit. One such opportunity is Housing. Holy Family Senior Living has three locations for persons 65+ or who have physical disabilities which are close to shopping, public transportation, churches & public services.

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THE FAITH OF THE PARALYTIC'S FRIENDS.

JEROME: They brought to him, as we said before, a second paralytic lying on a pallet because he was unable to enter. "And Jesus, seeing" not the "faith" of him who was brought forward but of those who were bringing him forward, said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son, your sins are forgiven you." O wonderful humility! He addresses as "son" this abject and infirm paralytic with disjointed members whom the priests did not stoop to touch. A son, indeed, because his sins are forgiven him. In line with the biblical metaphor, a soul lying in its body with all the strength of its members gone is brought for healing to the perfect Doctor, the Lord. If the soul is healed through his mercy, it will receive strength enough to immediately take up its pallet.

GOD SPEAKS

Some new billboards are getting a lot of attention in Dallas, Texas. They are "God Speaks" billboards. The billboards are a simple black background with white text. No fine print or sponsoring organization is included.

They are awesome.....enjoy.

"Let's meet at my house Sunday before the game." -God

"C'mon over and bring the kids." -God

"What part of 'Thou Shalt Not...' didn't you understand?" -God

"We need to talk." -God

"Keep using my name in vain, and I'll make rush hour longer." -God

"Loved the wedding, invite me to the marriage." -God

"That 'Love Thy Neighbor' thing.....I meant it." -God

"I love you and you and you and you and..." -God

"Will the road you're on get you to my place?" -God

"Follow me." -God

"Big bang theory? You've got to be kidding." -God

"My way is the highway." -God

"Need directions?" -God

"You think it's hot here?" -God

"Have you read my #1 best seller? There will be a test." -God

"Do you have any idea where you're going?" -God
(And maybe the best-for-last)

"Don't make me come down there." -God

DR. FUNK'S TOP 10 LIST

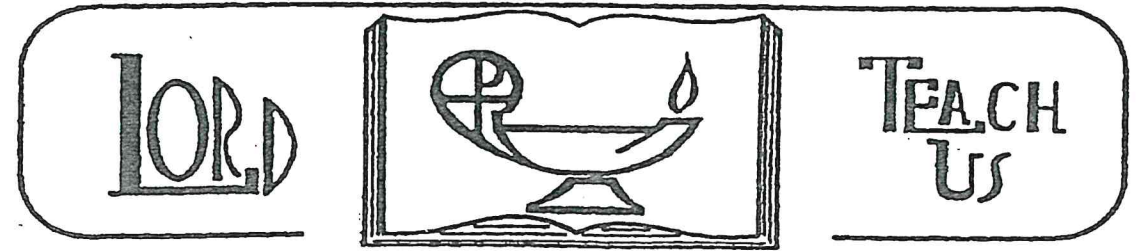
DR. WILLARD FUNK, the well-known dictionary publisher, was asked to select the 10 most expressive words in the English language. Here is the list:

- the most bitter word—alone
- the most tragic—death
- the most reverend—mother
- the most beautiful—love
- the most cruel—revenge
- the most peaceful—tranquil
- the saddest—forgotten
- the warmest—friendship
- the coldest—no
- the most comforting—faith

IF THEY DO NOT HEAR
MOSES AND THE PROPHETS,
NEITHER WILL THEY BE
PERSUADED THOUGH ONE
RISE FROM THE DEAD.
LUKE 16.31

Did You Know That ...

- ...death is the last chapter of time, but the first page of eternity?
- ...when trouble grows, your character always shows?
- ...toying with sin invites disaster?
- ...success consists in getting up just one more time than you've fallen down?
- ...a slip of the foot you may soon recover, but a slip of the tongue you may never get over?
- ...three may keep a secret if two are dead?
- ...it is easier to suppress the first desire than to satisfy all that follow it?
- ...if you would like a servant devoted to you, serve yourself?
- ...life takes on new meaning when we give ourselves to others?
- ...in creation, we see God's hand, but in redemption, we see His heart?
- ...everyone born must choose between Christ or condemnation?
- ...death does not separate those who are one in Christ?
- ...your discontents should be well-kept secrets?
- ...ceremony is not civility nor civility ceremony?
- ...common sense is a thing all need, few have, and none think they want?
- ...blessed is he that expects nothing for he shall never be disappointed?
- ...it is easier to prevent bad habits than to break them?
- ...he who wishes to live in peace and at ease, must not speak all he knows, nor judge all he sees?
- ...it is possible to do right for the wrong reason?



Developing A Sense of Community

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Men do not light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket. They set it on a stand where it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, our light must shine before men so they may see goodness in your acts and give praise to your heavenly Father Matthew 5: 14 – 16.

The sheep he will place on his right hand, the goats on his left. The king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you have my Father's blessing! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me'...The king will answer them: 'I assure you as often as you did it for one of these my least brothers, you did it for me' Matthew 25: 33- 40.

You love must be sincere. Detest what is evil, cling to what is good. Love one another with the affection of brothers. Anticipate each other in showing respect. Do not grow slack but be fervent in spirit; he whom you serve is the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, persevere in prayer. Look on the needs of the saints as your own; be generous, in offering hospitality. Bless your persecutors; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep Romans 12: 9 – 15.

A new commandment I give to you: Love one another. Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for each other. This is how all will know you for my disciples, your love for one another John 13: 34, 35.

Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you. And know that I am with you always until the end of the world Matthew 28: 19, 20.