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St. Mary's: Saturday 1:00 – 1:30 PM

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A Link to Baptism

The cure of the blind man also symbolizes mankind's means for its recovery from its blindness. It symbolizes the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is called holy enlightenment. Those who have been recently baptized are called the newly enlightened. This gospel from Saint John was read in the ancient Church on Holy Saturday when Catechumens were baptized. As this man is cured of his blindness when he washes in the waters of the pool of Siloam, as Jesus tells him to do, so are we brought out of darkness into a new life when we are baptized as Christ instructed us to be. Jesus restores His creation, mankind, with the potential to become what it was meant to be before the fall of Adam.

We also hear in the reading that after this man was cured many of those who knew him before did not recognize him. He is still the same man

but something has significantly changed about him. He is no longer blind. So when we are illuminated we are also new persons, though our outward appearance might be the same. To symbolize this newness a white garment is put on us to show the purity with which we start this new existence. We must, however, become different and unrecognizable in our inward and outward actions also. We must manifest our new existence to those around us through these actions. We must radiate this new found light to others by the way we live our lives. We must say to the world, "I am he who was blind but now my eyes are opened." Credit must be given to Him who has cured us of our darkness by living our lives according to the lessons of the illumination we have received and the continued guidance we get with the reception of the Holy Spirit.

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



Icon of the Gospel of the Man Born Blind

Sunday of the Man Born Blind
Festal Tone

Welcome to the parish communities of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Churches of Minersville and Saint Clair, 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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May 9 May 15, 2021

All Divine Services are livestreamed where noted

Saturday Vigil Divine Liturgy (at SS Peter & Paul)
4:00 p.m. + **Naomi Pinchorski** req. by Anna Delenka & Mary
Ann McQuellan

Sunday
8:00 a.m. + **Peter Dembinsky, Jr.** req. by mother, Mary (at St. Mary)
10:00 am **Health and Blessing of the Parishioners** (at SS. Peter & Paul)
Livestreamed

Monday
8:00 a.m. **No Divine Liturgy Today**

Tuesday
8:00 a.m. + **Veronica Korrubin** req. by Ron & Dolores Kramer

Wednesday **Vigil of the Ascension** at SS. Peter & Paul (livestreamed)
6:00 p.m. + **John Lukacina** req. by Barbara & Ralph Lutz

Thursday **Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ** at St. Mary
9:00 a.m. **H&B Parishioners**

Friday
8:00 a.m. + **James P. Hertz** req. by Mary Arlene Swope

Saturday **Vigil Divine Liturgy** (at SS. Peter & Paul)
4:00 p.m. + **Helen Hashin** req. by MM George Havrilla

Epistle Readers: 5/8 – Gail Burgess; 5/9 – Ellen Sinkovich; 5/12 – Marie Wanchick; 5/15 – Angela Frank; 5/16 – Jennifer Keer; 5/22 – Dolores Kramer; 5/23 – Anna Keer; 5/29 – Gail Burgess; 5/30 – Beverly Kostishak.

Pastoral Note: A meeting of the **Event Committee** will be held on Saturday, May 15 following the Vigil Liturgy. We will discuss preparing a calendar of events for the rest of the year so everyone can prepare their individual calendars. It is equally important to have social events as well as liturgical/religious gatherings for the good of parish life. Light refreshments will be served.

Week of the Man Born Blind
Sunday Evening Vespers

My dear friends. How wondrously different is it for this one who permits the illumination of his spirit, his whole being, by the Spirit! his spirit being open to the Spirit of God's Glory! How true is that sacred voice of our holy Father among the saints, Diadocos of Photike,

.. we shall be able to unite the earthly appetite of the soul to its "spiritual and intellectual aspiration, through the communion with the Holy Spirit who brings this about within us. For unless His divinity actively illumines the inner shrine of our heart, we shall not be able to taste God's goodness with the perceptive faculty undivided, that is with unified aspiration.

On Spiritual Knowledge
Philokalia

Yes, with that genuinely humble response to our Lord's invitation to greater illumination, the unifying aspirations of a grateful heart were fulfilled:

When Jesus had heard that they had thrown him out, he found him, and said "Do you believe in the Son of Man answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord." and he worshipped him.

John 9: 35-38

The spirit of this man, symbolic of each of us, is united to the Holy Spirit And thus, his "whole" being is illuminated, i.e. deified in the Holy Trinity. The theophanies of the Incarnation are all fulfilled! We have only now to wait upon Its consummation with the descent of the Holy Spirit, our personal Pentecost:

... being God, the Divine Spirit, incorruptible, gives incorruptibility. Being immortal, He gives immortality. Because He is Light that never sets, He transforms all of us into lighten whom He comes down and dwells. And because He is life, He bestows life to all AsHe is of the same nature as Christ, being of the same essence as well as the same in glory, and being united with Him, He forms them absolutely similar to Christ ... He is our Benefactor and He wishes that all of us become what He himself as... Therefore, as you wisely understand this, hasten to receive the Holy Spirit, Who comes from God, and is divine, in order..., to become heirs of the Heavenly Kingdom for ever.

St. Symeon the New Theologian *Hymns of Divine Love*, 44

Mother's Day
Remembrance
SS. Peter & Paul Church

Living:

Bertha

Madeline Dinich

Carol Dinich

Kathy Reiley

Anna Adley

Jennifer Keer

Dorothy Harvillic

Elizabeth Klinger

Anna Kostishak

Jeanette Lohin

Maryanne Maccarone

Cecilia Mennig

Gina Smith

Jenn Mannig

Paulette Murphy

Nicole Bowers

Ellen Sinkovich

Deborah Sinkovich

Yvonne Quandel

Marie Wanchick

Anya Zelensky

Deceased:

Kafora Family

Anna Baransky

Alice Shelonis

Julia

Julie

Sarah

Anna Caroll

Helen Dinich

Elizabeth Frank

Beatrice Richards

Julia Hardock

Sarah Hashin

Pauline Hashin

Beatrice Richards

Jean McGraw

Jean Konkus

Bertha Konkus

Antoinette Troutman

Margaret Kostishak

Sharon

Mary

Sophie Kramer

Amelia Fago

Janet Wachter

Julia Sinko

Mary Leshko

Anne Giemza

Mary Lohin

Anne Honyara

Mary Mennig

Mary Kostura

Ruth Murphy

Mary Fedeles

Susan Koslosky

Anna Sinko

Loretta Melusky

Helen Sinkovich

Susan Hammer

Sally Rose Hammer

Mary Ann Kersten

Gloria Tokarick

Ruth Hummel

Julia Tokonitz

Julia Vasura

Sue Cheruka

Mary Vrabel

Mary Kovich

Irene Pavelko

Geneua Zelensky

Mother's Day Remembrance
St. Mary Church

Living Mothers

Catherine Bulino
Annette Bulino
M.M. Mettam
Donna Bulino

Barbara Darvell

Jean Kalochie
Mary Kerick

Bertha Petrishko

Cynthia Cook
Sharon Paone

Audrey Schur

Theresa Wagner
Janice Billman

Mildred Yasenchak
Kathleen Garvey
Susan Dougherty
Barbara Rozetar
Christine Betack
Lean Yasenchak
Colleen Yasenchak

Dolores Kramer
Theresa Schellong
Mary Ann McCarthy
Ann Mains
Georgine Korrubin

Deceased Mothers

Romilda Rizzi
Mary Bulino
Isabelle Mettam

Olga Davis

Dawn Erdock
Mary Erdock

Dorothy Gera
Theresa Gera
Mary Torbich

Louise Lagola

Catherine Pouchan

Mary Schur

Kathryn Steranko
Kathryn Kritak

Sophie Demko
Dolores Wagner
Julia Demko

Anna Yasenchak
Joann Yasenchak
Anna Skunda

Anna Kovach

Sophie Kramer
Amelia Fago