

## SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



*Icon of Christ with the Samaritan Woman*

### *The Samaritan Woman*

The Fourth Gospel, attributed to Saint John the Evangelist, is used exclusively from Easter until Pentecost for the Sunday readings. The first chapter of John's Gospel is the proclamation used for the Divine Liturgy on Easter itself. This week, we are reminded of the story of Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob, and thereby Christ's fulfillment of the Old Testament. In one of the many unique stories of the Fourth Gospel not found in the Synoptics (Matthew, Mark or Luke), Jesus reveals himself as Messiah to this woman of Samaria and talks with her about the "water that I will give will become ... a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

In the early days of His ministry, Jesus travels back and forth between Galilee and Jerusalem, and must pass through Samaria. The Samaritans

were outcast Jews because they were not subject to the Babylonian exile of the Israelites from other provinces. Therefore, when Jesus talks with this Samaritan woman, His disciples are surprised and in shock that He would carry on a conversation with a woman at the well, let alone a Samaritan. But as the story is explained, the woman's testimony about Jesus spreads through the nearby town, and because of her many come to hear His teachings. After hearing His word, they come to believe in Him, and proclaim Him "the Savior of the world." (Jn 4:42)

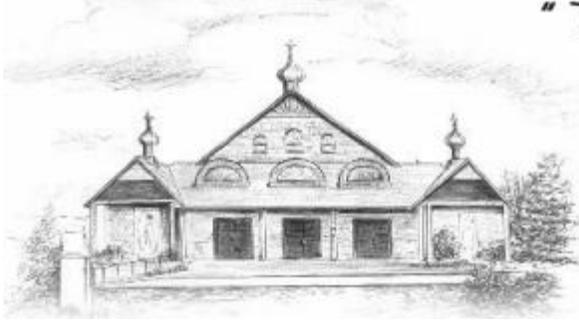
With water as the focal point of this encounter, we are once again reminded of our Baptism, and that Christ's Baptism is that of "eternal life" through "living water."

*Archbishop Vsevolod of Scopelos*

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## *First Solemn Communion*

You've heard the words "Eucharistic centered" a lot during this Pandemic from Father. It's about having that yearning for receiving Communion that can only happen when you're at a Divine Liturgy. As Catholics it is the summit of who we are as Christians. It's why we do what we do (as in coming to church). Hopefully, this "yearning" for the Eucharist will be

embedded in the minds/hearts of the four second-graders who are receiving today—some for the first time since their baptisms.

*Austin Misconish*

*Nolan Prandi*

*Reese Surso*

*Nora Tinter*

They learned during their bread-making session that the loaf brought in procession today (that they made) would become the Body of Christ during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Many thanks to the second-grade teacher **Marie Lupia** for her work with the students and to the parents for supplementing what was taught in the classroom and online.

Thanks also to the **Ladies' Auxiliary, Men's Club** and **GCU Lodge 302** for helping to make this day extra special!



**Reese and Nora** are pictured with our "bread baker" **Nancy Fredrick**.

Photo courtesy of **Dawn Tinter**

May 2, 2021

# Christ is Risen!

## Liturgy Schedule

Monday	May 3	8:00 a.m.	Intention of <b>Phil Maitino</b> by Joe/Marie Lupia
Tuesday	May 4	8:00 a.m.	Intention of <b>Efferz Family</b> by Paula Cepelnik
Wednesday	May 5	8:00 a.m.	† <b>Anna/George Romanchok</b> by Greg Romanchok
Thursday	May 6	<b>No Liturgy</b>	
Friday	May 7	8:00 a.m.	Health of <b>Klinkovsky/Keyosky Families</b> by Joseph Klinkovsky
Saturday	May 8	<b>Vigil Liturgy</b>	
		4:00 p.m.	Intention of <b>Our Deceased Mothers</b>
Sunday	May 9	10:30 a.m.	Intention of <b>Our Living Mothers</b>

### Altar Servers

May 8	4:00 p.m.	S. Lupia & J. Mosgo
May 9	10:30 a.m.	N. & A. Masters

### Lectors

J. Pinchot
J. Waski

Life is a one-way street. We are not coming back.



As we forge ahead with "The Year of St. Joseph" you can anticipate announcements on some future endeavors in the weeks to come. One such activity will be the Bird House Contest (St. Joseph being a carpenter). There will be four different age groupings with prizes for each. The judges will determine the winners at our July 18 gathering at the pavilion (hmmm...the third Sunday of July—could it be the picnic? Not quite, but something along those lines. Stay tuned!) The other component that will begin shortly is an eight-week session for men based on the attributes of St. Joseph (participants will watch a video presented by a noted speaker and then engage in a discussion). We also will begin celebrating the Akathist Service to St. Joseph at the pavilion on a monthly basis (through October). The dates will be determined at Tuesday's Advisory Board Meeting (the updated Mission Statement will also be completed at that time—it was proving to be a challenge doing it via e-mails). At the close of each of these services there will be an anointing with oil from the shrine dedicated to St. Joseph in Montreal. **Father Andrew Summerson**, pastor of St. Mary Church in Whiting, Indiana provided me with this oil once he learned we had a bevy of activities in the works for this special year. His wife **Laura** is from there and they recently made a pilgrimage. The current St. Joseph Banner Prayer will remain in place until the end of the month (before it changes). We will resume the special St. Joseph prayer and singing of the St. Joseph Anthem at the close of liturgies starting the first week after Pentecost.

In the meantime, we continue to bask in the glow of the Easter Season! We'll continue to sing the special Resurrection Hymns until Ascension Thursday.

The alternate Communion Station will remain in front of the church. Hopefully by the time the weather turns cold we'll be back to a sense of normalcy. I see signs of that. We'll wait to hear from **Bishop Milan** for future regulations once that happens.

Christ is Risen!

# Mother's Day

**Next weekend** the Saturday liturgy will be celebrated in memory of our deceased mothers. The Sunday service will be for the intention of our living mothers. Following the Sunday liturgy, the **Men's Club** will provide muffins/coffee in the hall. (They will also have a small gift for each mother attending either liturgy.)

## Advisory Board Meeting

The **Advisory Board** will meet on **Tuesday** at **7:00**.



Forms for submitting names for the calendar are found on the vestibule desk.

May 11	Joseph Hallis
May 12	Mary Jo Keshock
May 17	Lauren Kattler
May 19	Maria Churavy
May 21	Luke Macik
May 22	Steve & Sherry Tytko (Anniversary)
May 23	Joe & Karole Polasko (Anniversary)
May 27	Georgia Kattler

## Welcome!

We welcome to the parish **Natalie Santa Maria** of Sagamore Hills along with **Jim and Lori Claus** of Brooklyn. We hope you feel at home in a hurry!

## ByzanTEEN Gathering

All **ByzanTEENS** are invited to the pavilion tonight at **5:00**. **Fr. Cyril Pinchak SJ** and **Fr. Lukas Mitro** will moderate what always is an interesting session. (Pick-up is 7:00.) The final gathering will be May 23.



The **Men's Club** is organizing a **work-day** in the **pavilion area** on **May 15<sup>th</sup>** from **9:00-noon**.

Specific attention will be given to the Stations of the Cross along the trail in the woods. If you can lend a hand that day, sign the list posted on the vestibule bulletin board. (Lunch will be provided at the close of the session.)

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Candles:	163.00
Holy Days:	103.00
Building Fund:	25.00
Easter:	30.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,118.00</b>

Have you remembered St. Joseph Church in your Will and/or Trust?

## Communion Visits

Communion will be taken to the sick/shut-in on **Friday** between the hours of **9-2**. (Last month marked the first time in over a year that we were able to make visits to the nursing homes. We were still bringing the Eucharist to folks in their homes.)

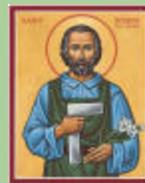
## Stewardship Update

We're zeroing in on making our Diocesan Stewardship goal. If you haven't made a pledge, please consider doing so.

Donors...79

Amount...\$21,179.00

Goal...\$23,000.00 (92%)



## St. Joseph "Worker" of the Week

"Helped a neighbor cut a big tree limb that fell from the heavy snow."

The "Works of St. Joseph" holy cards are available from the desk in the vestibule. This "project" will carry on through the end of the "Year of St. Joseph." Perform some "work" for someone, write it down anonymously on the back of the card and drop it off in the box on the desk. The cards are then taped to the vestibule window for your inspiration.

# What is the Bread of Life?



Bread is one of the essential foods of many cultures all around the world; it is a staple in many diets, and for centuries it would have been one of the most accessible foods for people of all wealth and social status.

At that point in history, especially in Jesus' culture, bread would have been understood as a nutritional necessity. It also has historical significance for the Jewish people, harkening back to God's life-sustaining manna which kept their people alive in the desert. Jesus chose bread as His metaphor intentionally.

Salvation and a relationship with the Lord is not like a sweet treat, which is not necessary but enjoyable. It is not like meat, which one can survive without but is important to a well-rounded diet in many circumstances.

Salvation is essential to human existence and necessary for eternity. When Jesus says He is the bread of life, He is saying He is essential.

Just as God the Father provided nourishment, He was providing a path to redemption for mankind, separated from Him by sin, through Jesus Christ. The Lord underscores that He is the way to this redemption by foreshadowing the crucifixion. Without the crucifixion and the resurrection, the sins of the world remain unpaid, and mankind remains under the law.

If they put their faith in Him, then they would have eternal life. He reminds them about the manna the Father gave their ancestors in the wilderness after leaving Egypt. He then states, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." John 6:51

## PARISH INFORMATION

**ACTIVITY CENTER & HALL RESERVATIONS:** 440-526-0016

**CONFESSIONS:** One half hour before liturgies for fifteen minutes and by request

**MEN'S CLUB:** 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**LADIES' AUXILIARY:** 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**A-OK CLUB:** 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**COFFEE SOCIAL:** Every Sunday after liturgy

**EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF) CLASSES:** Sundays 9:00 a.m.–10:20 a.m.

**BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE:** Tuesday noon

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