

Please Remember

"Is anyone among you sick? ...the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up."

James 5:14-15 NKJV/OSB

OUR MISSION COMMUNITY

- Jeff Sesok.
- Ron Pytel.
- Lou Shanks.
- Rosemary Chisarick.
- Doris and Rich Fejka.
- Raymond Klimkosky.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Ann Radko.
- Delores Moldowan.
- Mary Neimiller.
- Yazmine Nickerson.
- Christine Dennis.
- Peggy Winkelmann.
- Laura Hinkle.
- Doran Coady.
- Ann Tracy.
- Travis Waters.
- Bertha Bergan.
- Arlene Kollar.
- Jamee Kruse.
- Joseph and Nancy Dillmann.
- Paul and Mary Ellen Sorensen.
- Tony Tworkoski.
- Linda Oros.
- Mike DiMarino.
- Robert and Doris Kreger.
- Robert Diethrich.
- Lucy Fontenot.
- Patricia Minihane.
- Brother Joseph Comber, CFX.

SPECIAL INTENTION

- Elizabeth Basarab.
- Sally Pekarik.
- Fr. Conan Timoney.
- Fr. Lee Gross.
- Deacon Peter Turko.

Pray for Our Community

"Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; Look down from heaven and see, and visit this vine and the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, and the branch that You made strong for Yourself."



Psalms 80:14-15 NKJV/OSB

Food Pantry

Our community places a food collection basket near the information table as you enter the gymnasium. Don't forget those who are less fortunate. Nonperishable food items, diapers, baby food, and personal care items are always in demand. The Food Pantry Program, administered by St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic Church in Gaithersburg, supports the working poor of our area.



"...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to Me. ...Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

Matthew 25:35-36, 40 NKJV/OSB

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"Today all things are filled with light—earth and heaven and the world beneath. Let all creation celebrate the resurrection of Christ, In Him is the firm foundation of all things."

- Excerpt from the Third Ode of Pascha Matins

■ **Who Is the Samaritan Woman?** — Every Fifth Sunday of Pascha we hear the story of Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan Woman at the well. Although we do not hear her name in today's Gospel reading, by tradition she is called Photina and revered by the Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox Churches as a martyr. Her feast day is February 26.

Photina is an image (*icon*) of our baptism.

Though the well of Jacob could not quench her thirst, the Lord revealed to her true worship of the Father in spirit and truth. In this week of the Samaritan Woman, we draw of the water of the well of enlightenment and imitate the holy and repentant Photina, the woman enlightened by our Lord.

■ **Also Commemorated** — On this date, May 19, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Patrick the Bishop of Prusa and his companions.

This St. Patrick lived during the first century and was bishop of the city of Prusa in Bythnia (Asia Minor). He openly and boldly preached Christ the Savior, and denounced the error of the pagans. Therefore, he and the priests, Acacius, Menander and Polyainus were arrested, and brought to Julius, the prefect of the city for interrogation.

Julius was going to the hot springs for treatment, and he ordered that the Christian bishop and the priests be brought along after him, bound in iron chains. After he washed in the hot springs, Julius offered sacrifice to his gods. He had Patrick and the other prisoners

brought before him, ordering them to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, threatening punishment if they refused.

St. Patrick replied, "I am a Christian and I worship the one true God, Jesus Christ, Who has created the heavens and the earth, and these warm springs for the benefit of all mankind." Julius had the saint thrown into the hot spring, and with firm faith the martyr prayed, "Lord, Jesus Christ, help Your servant," and he remained unharmed. In an impotent rage, Julius ordered Patrick and his three presbyters beheaded. They received their crowns of unfading glory from Christ circa A.D. 100.

■ **Mid-Pentecost** — This past Wednesday we commemorated Mid-Pentecost, the midpoint of the 50 days between the feasts of Pascha and Pentecost.

In the Divine Liturgy Gospel passage for that day, we read that "in the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the Temple, and taught" (*John 7:14*).

The feast in question is the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, which commemorates the Israelites wandering in the desert for 40 years, when they lived under tents and tabernacles. "Tabernacles" served as the middle link between the Jewish Passover, which recalls God's deliverance of His people from the Egyptian pharaoh, and the Jewish Pentecost, which remembers Old Israel's entry into the "promised land" of Mount Sinai.

The risen Christ is the link for New Israel as it celebrates the New Passover (Pascha, the Resurrection) and the New Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and apostles. When Jesus had preached in the

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