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Vespers: Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am. Confession: Sunday @ 9:15 am or by appointment

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Sunday, April 21, 2024

Sunday of the Paralytic - Commemoration of the Holy Hieromartyr Januarius and his companions and of the Holy Hieromartyr Theodore of Perga

The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of ✠ Abraham Haddad (William & Ann Marie Najam); ✠ Helen Socha (Sr. Mary Ann & Sr. Victoria) and for the health and salvation of the Parishioners of St. Ann Parish

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Epistle: Acts 9:32-42: In those days it came to pass that Peter, while visiting all of them, came to the saints living at Lydda. And he found there a certain man named Aeneas who had been lying in bed for eight years, since he was a paralytic. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ is healing you: get up and make your bed." And he got up immediately. And all the inhabitants of Lydda and the plain of Sharon saw him, and they were converted to the Lord. Now in Joppa there was a certain woman disciple named Tabitha, which translated means Dorcas, and she devoted herself to good works and almsgiving. But it happened at that time that she fell ill and died: and they washed her and laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda is close to Joppa, the disciples, hearing Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Come to us without delay." "And Peter got up and went with them, and on his arrival, they led him to the upper room, and all the widows stood around him weeping, showing him the gowns and cloaks Dorcas used to make for them. But Peter, putting them all out, knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, get up!" And she opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. Then Peter gave her his hand and raised her up, and calling the saints and the widows, he gave her back to them alive. And it became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Gospel: John 5:1-15: At that time Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem, by the pool of the sheep, a pool called in Hebrew "Bethesda," having five porticoes. In these were lying a great multitude of the sick, blind, lame, and those with shriveled limbs, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord used to come down at certain times into the pool and the water was stirred. And the first to go down into the pool after the stirring of the water was cured of whatever infirmity he had. Now a certain man was there who had been thirty-eight years under his infirmity. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had been in this state a long time, He asked him, "Do you want to get well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred; for while I am coming another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet and walk." And at once the man was cured. And he took up his pallet and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; you are not allowed to take up the pallet." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your pallet and walk' "They asked him then, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet and walk?" "But the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away, since there was a crowd in the place. Afterwards Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "Behold, you are cured. Sin no more, lest something worse happen to you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

St. Ann Prayer List: *Please remember in your prayer the sick, the suffering, those isolated and alone, those in prison, and the forgotten, and especially for the servants and handmaids of God:* Raymond Antous, Georgette Ayoub, Carmen Balesh, Marilyn Baiad, Sharon Ballard, Jeffrey Davis, Nicholas & Elsie Fatse, Clara Kane, Stephen McGrath, Jillian Michalenko, Josephine Nassif, William Michael, Doreen Parrella, Tomas Ramirez, William Ramirez, Victoria Scalora, Gregory Sideleau, Claire Sirgy, and Alfonso & Laurene de la Vega.

Choir Practice: Sunday, April 28 @ 9:00 am.

Family Bible Challenge is an engaging mission of the Institute for Catholic Formation of the Diocese of Bridgeport. It is an excellent resource to help families open the texts of Sacred Scripture and grow in knowledge and appreciation of the word of God. Each Sunday participants receive an email with a passage of scripture to read and reflect on, along with various resources. The most recent post is a reflection on Acts 18:1-11. It includes meditation questions and answers, video resources from the Bible Project, and a weekly quiz about the text. Simply open the email and dive in. The process is simple, the material rich yet accessible, and the benefits for family faith formation are many. Please visit the website and consider signing up for this easy to use and valuable resource: <https://familybiblechallenge.org>.

Icon Workshop: An amazing and highly recommended Icon Workshop will take place **July 29th - August 2nd** (Mon-Fri) at the Guild of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 30 Church Street, in the Georgetown section of Redding, CT. During those 5 days participants we will complete the Icon of Christ the Good Shepherd under the guidance of master iconographer, Veronica Royal. The fee of \$750 can be paid in installments. The class is limited to a maximum of 18 people. For more information contact and to reserve your place contact Ewa Krepsztul at ewa.krepsztul@jesusguild.org or by phone at 203.482.6797. Additional information about Iconographer Veronica Royal is available at the Royal Icon Studio website: <https://royaliconstudio.com>

The Annual Melkite Convention is July 4-7 in Boston. More information is available at the following website: <https://melkite.org/melkite-catholic-convention>.

Sunday, April 28, 2024 - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman - Commemoration of the Holy Disciples Jason and Sospater, who were among the Seventy and of our Father among the Saints Cyril, Bishop of Turov.

Epistle: Acts 11:19-30 (Reader:); Gospel: John 4:5-42

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Sunday Collections:

3/24/2024	3/31/2024	4/7/2024	4/14/2024
Reg: \$677	Reg: \$2,372	Reg: \$1,165	Reg: \$648
Spec Proj: \$238		Clergy Ret: \$90	Spec. Proj: \$40
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Fundraising: \$50			Clergy Ret: \$25

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Holy Communion and Sacramental Guidelines

Eucharistic communion is available to all Catholics of any ritual Catholic Church who have received the sacraments of baptism and chrismation (confirmation), as well as similarly situated members of the Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church. This is also valid for members of other Churches which in the judgment of the Apostolic See are in the same condition in regard to the sacraments as these Eastern Churches. Those conscious of grave sin and those civilly married but without the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, and those in non-sacramental unions, should not approach to receive Holy Communion. If you have any question about this, please discuss it with Fr. Tom

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Confession: Before or after any service, or by appointment.

Baptism & Chrismation: Contact Fr. Thomas to arrange the required baptismal instruction.

Crowning (Matrimony): Contact parish **at least 6 months before the wedding** to arrange interview & instruction.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Fr. Thomas for home or hospital visit.