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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday of the Paralytic

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Holy Mysteries

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before and after the Divine Liturgy or by appointment

Baptism

Please arrange with the pastor

Marriage

A notice of at least 6 months should be given to the pastor, before the proposed wedding date to arrange for the required interview and instructions

Troparion of the resurrection (Tone 3)

Let all in heaven rejoice and all on earth be glad, for the Lord has exerted power with His arm: by death He has trampled upon Death and has become the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the bosom of Hades and has granted to the world great mercy.

Troparion of St Basil

Your voice has sounded all over the earth, that accepted your preaching. You gave a divine explanation of doctrine, and made clear the nature of creatures, and set a rule of life for men. Holy Father, and Kingly Priest, intercede with Christ God to grant us great mercy.

Kondakion of Pascha

Though You went down in the tomb, O immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades and rose victorious, O Christ God. You greeted the ointment bearing women, saying "Rejoice!" You gave peace to Your apostles, and to those who had Fallen resurrection.

نشيد القيامة باللحن الثالث

لِتَفْرَحِ السَّمَاوَاتُ. وَتَبْتَهِجِ الْأَرْضِيَّاتُ. لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ
صَنَعَ عِزًّا بِسَاعِدَيْهِ. وَوَطِئَ الْمَوْتَ. وَصَارَ بَكَرَ
الْأَمْوَاتِ. وَأُنْقَذْنَا مِنْ جَوْفِ الْجَحِيمِ. وَمَنَحَ الْعَالَمَ
عَظِيمَ الرَّحْمَةِ

طروبارية القديس باسيليوس

لَقَدْ ذَاعَ مِنْطِقُكَ فِي كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ. فَانْهَارَ قَدِ قَبِلْتِ
كَلَامِكَ، الَّذِي بِهِ بَيَّنْتَ الْعَقَائِدَ بَيَانًا إِلَهِيًّا،
وَأَوْضَحْتَ طَبِيعَةَ الْكَائِنَاتِ، وَنَظَّمْتَ أَخْلَاقَ الْبَشَرِ.
فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْآبُ الْبَارُّ ذُو الْكَهَنُوتِ الْمَلُوكِيِّ، ابْتَهِلْ إِلَى
الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ فِي خِلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

القنداق باللحن الثاني

وَإِنْ نَزَلْتَ إِلَى الْقَبْرِ يَا مَنْ لَا يَمُوتُ، فَقَدْ نَقَضْتَ
قُدْرَةَ الْجَحِيمِ وَقَمْتَ كِظَافِرَ، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهِ.
وَلِلنِّسْوَةِ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ قُلْتَ افْرَحْنَ. وَلرَّسَلِكَ
وَهَبْتَ السَّلَامَ، يَا مَانِحَ الْوَاقِعِينَ الْقِيَامَ.





Prayer for the dead

O God of all spirits and of all flesh, who have destroyed death, overcome the devil, and given life to the world: grant, O Lord to the souls of your servants, who have departed from this life, that they may rest in a place of light, in a place of happiness, in a place of peace, where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing. And since You are gracious God and Lover of mankind, forgive them every sin they have committed by thought, or word, or deed, for there is not a man who lives and does not sin: You alone are without sin, your righteousness is everlasting, and your word is true.

For You are the Resurrection and the Life, and the Repose of your departed servants, O Christ our God, and we render glory to You, together with your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC.

9:00 a.m.:

- + **WILLIAM T. ASERMELY** by Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Gaglione & Family (SC).
- + **JAMES L. & LILLIAN KOURY SALOME** by the Family.

11:15 a.m.:

- + **GEORGE, ROSE, BERNADETTE KHAOUAM** by Sami & Liliane Khaouam.
- + **YOUSSEF, ODETTE, BASSAM CHAMI** by Sami & Liliane Khaouam.
- + **FADILA TOUBIA** by Dr. & Mrs. George Jabren & Family.
- + **NAJAT CHARCHAFLIAH** by Mrs. Janet Charchafliah.
- + **YOUSSEF GEORGI DEEB** by Neil & Yolanda Karraz.
- + **NICOLA HANNA ZABOURA** by Bishara & Wafaa Tahhan.





SACRIFICIAL GIVING: April 14, 2024: Budgets: \$1,447.00 (Envelopes: \$1,390.00; Loose: \$57.00); Candles: \$.83.00; Stole offerings: \$25.00; Building Fund: \$50.00; Addit'l Fuel: \$60.00; Religious Education: \$312.00.

Father Ephrem has now been here almost four years come June 15, 2024, and has been fully available for parish services. Just email him at office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com and leave him your message. PLEASE! NO GRATUITIES! A cup of coffee or tea is just fine. He looks forward to in-person contact this New Year.

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who is planning an ENGAGEMENT/BAPTISM/MARRIAGE RECEPTION PLANS is kindly requested to notify a member of the clergy BEFORE reception/party plans are made. The Clergy may be already scheduled for something else on the day that you have rented a hall/restaurant. Following this policy will help avoid any later misunderstandings.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE of any change of address or telephone number information. This will cut down on returned mail and time waste. Unfortunately, this has been an ongoing request but to no avail. Kindly give this your undivided attention and as Our Lord says in His parables: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

A VOCATION VIEW: In the Gospel, Christ raised the paralytic, freeing him from sin and from paralysis. He gave that power to His apostles. In the Acts, we see them raising up people who are paralyzed and even deadened, which attracted many others to follow the Lord. This power is still available through the clergy of the Church. Please pray that many will accept the Lord's invitation to the priestly ministry.

TODAY is the **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**. All parishioners are asked to remember those priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters who touched their lives, and to make a special effort to pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The priests and religious of tomorrow are in our parish, among us now. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, please pray that our parish and all parishes will call forth and nurture these vocations to fruition. We heed the command of Jesus: "*PRAY THE LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT LABORERS TO GATHER HIS HARVEST.*" (**Mt. 9:38**). Without prayer, there will be no vocations and ultimately no Church.

APRIL 23: St. George, a Captain in the Roman Army tore up in defiance an edict of Emperor Diocletian ordering the persecution of Christians. He battled the devil, symbolized by the dragon, and saved the Holy Church, symbolized by the king's daughter shown in a number of icons. He rides a white horse that indicates God's grace carrying him to the heroism of martyrdom. Constantine the Great built a great church over his tomb in Lyda of Palestine. The name George means "Tiller of the Earth".

APRIL 25: Mark the Evangelist or John-Mark, a cousin of Barnabas, belonged to the tribe of Levi. He went to Antioch with St. Paul in the year 44, and also accompanied St. Peter to Rome. At the request of the Christians of Rome, he wrote in Greek the Gospel that bears his name. Later, he founded the Church of Alexandria in Egypt. He is symbolized by the lion, the second beast of the Vision of Ezechiel (1:10). It is probably for this reason that his Gospel is placed second in the New Testament.

APRIL 30: Holy Apostle James, brother of John the Evangelist. James and John were the sons of Zebedee. The Lord called them "*Boanerges,*" or "*Sons of Thunder*" because of the violence of their temper. James was put to death by order of King Herod in the year 42.

REFLECTION: "*The riches that are in the heart cannot be stolen.*" - Russian Proverb

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Ask and you shall
receive, seek and you
shall find, knock and it
shall be opened," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos, Your Most
Holy Mother, I knock, I
seek, I ask that my prayer
be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"All that you ask of the
Father in My Name, He
will grant you," through
the intercession of the
Theotokos Your Most Holy
Mother, I humbly and
urgently ask your Father
in your name that my
prayer will be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said,
"Heaven and earth shall
pass away but My word
shall not pass away,"
through the intercession
of the *Theotokos* Your
Most Holy Mother, I feel
confident that my prayer
will be granted.



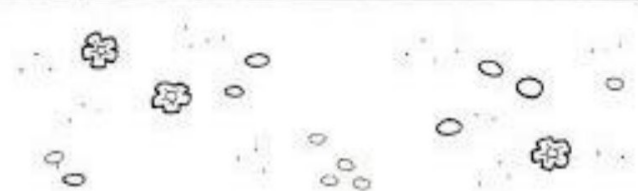
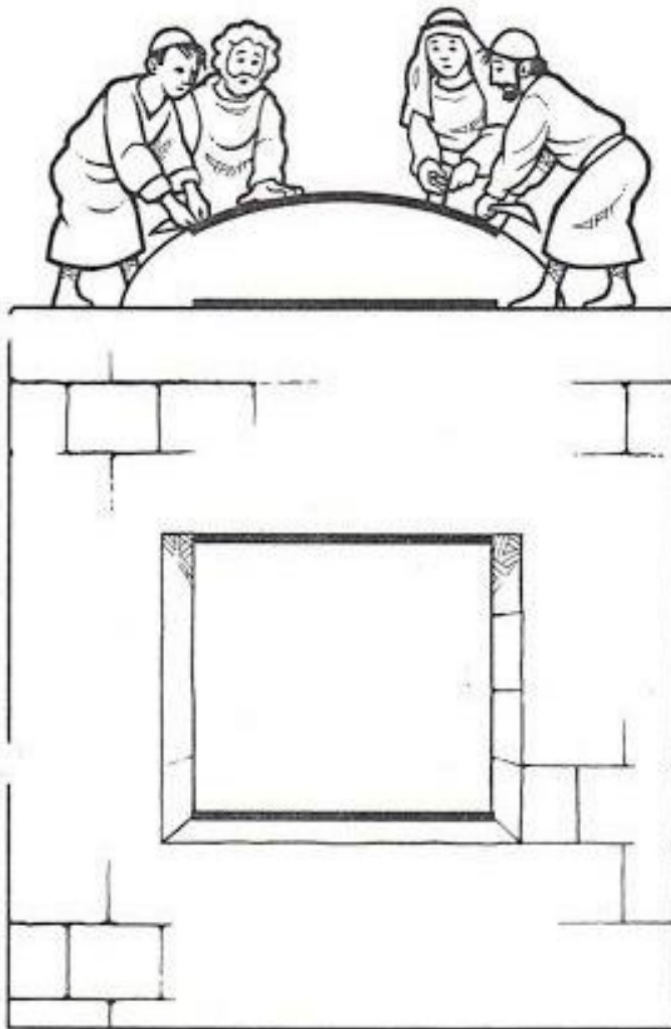
Following Jesus - Kids bulletin



Through the Roof Picture Craft

Print out this page and cut out the strip at the side of the house picture and colour both in. Then cut a slit along the two bold lines on the roof of the house and feed the strip through the holes in the roof of the house. You could attach string or thread to the strip to make it look more like the friends are lowering the man down.

Mark 2:3-5 Some men came, bringing to [Jesus] a paralyzed man. . . Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof. . . and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."



Are You Waiting for God at the Pool of Bethesda?



What Was the Meaning of Bethesda in John 5?

Do you want to be healed? John 5:6b

How long do we live with trouble before we're on our knees, asking God for healing of any sort—physical, emotional, or spiritual? Jesus walked over to a man who couldn't walk and healed him on one of the porches of the Pool of Bethesda. There was a crowd of people at the Pool of Bethesda, but this lame man was the only person healed by Jesus that day, according to the Gospel of John. Maybe this man's healing was an example. Maybe more people were healed that day by their own faith in God. The Gospel of John doesn't tell us what happened next.

Perhaps many of us who need healing sit at the side of the pool, but don't jump in. We remain high and dry to the side of the healing waters of our spiritual journey. We come up with reasons for not seeking healing with our whole hearts. The healed, lame man in this story told his arsenal of excuses to Jesus. The miracle of this story is that even though the lame man thought and behaved in a typical, self-defeating way, Jesus noticed him and healed him.

What Was the Purpose of the Pool of Bethesda?

The Pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem was where sick people gathered with hopes of being cured of their illnesses. The Aramaic word Bethesda means "house of mercy" or "house of grace" in English. Lounging at one of the five porticos or porches adjacent to the pool, the ill people waited and watched for an angel to stir the water. The hopeful, diseased people at the poolside believed that the first person to step into the water after it was stirred by an angel was healed (John 5:1-4).

The pool is believed to have been used throughout history for ritualistic baths as well as a place where invalids waited to step into the pool for healing. The Bethesda Pool where Jesus healed the paralytic man believed to have been a mikveh, or ritual bath, in the time of Christ. Roman citizens in Jerusalem a century or two later had medicinal baths constructed at the Bethesda Pool. To commemorate Jesus healing the lame man at the Pool of Bethesda, Christians controlling Jerusalem in the later Byzantine and Crusader periods added a chapel and churches that now cover the Bethesda Pool complex.

What Lessons Can We Learn from the Paralytic at Bethesda?

Excuses, excuses—work around them.

Jesus brushes off the excuses of the lame man in John 5: 7-9. It's written, The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus doesn't put much stock in the lame man's excuse for not more actively seeking healing for 38 years. Jesus tells the lame man to get up, walk, and carry his bed—and the lame man does. Action replaces thoughts and words of self-pity, which have a hold on the lame man's reality for far too long.

We wait too long to ask for healing.

As illustrated in John 5: Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" (John 5:5-6).

I wonder how long this lame man was waiting for an opportunity to be healed at the Pool of Bethesda. Was he at the Pool of Bethesda for many years of his illness? Jesus heals him in an instant.

Jesus asks the lame man if he wants to be healed for a reason. Maybe the lame man was not committed to, did not believe in, his own healing. Matthew's Gospel says Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). Seize the moment! Ask God for your heart's desire.

We can work around conventional methods.

Jesus approached the lame man, whereas people in the crowds seeking healing usually approached Jesus. Jesus barely spoke to the lame man at the Pool of Bethesda before curing him. There was no ritualistic process in the man's healing. The man did not have to step into the pool to be healed. Jesus healed him with a few words at the side of the pool.

Is There a Danger in Waiting for Jesus at Bethesda?

Isaiah 40:31 reminds us that . . . those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Waiting patiently is a fruit of the spirit, but there comes a time we need to do something. That is, after hoping and praying for improvement in our health, we need to act upon our renewed strength. We can listen to God's voice and follow his lead when moving forward with our health plan.

ليس لي إنسان ...

فسألوه من هو الإنسان الذي قال لك احمل سريرك وامش:

آه، كم غلظت قلوب الكتبة والفريسيين. ينظرون ولا يرون، يسمعون ولا يصغون. أليست هذه صورة لحالتنا؟ كم من مرّة ومرّة ننال لبركات والعطايا وتتنكر؟ من هو ذلك؟ ويحمل هذا السؤال السخرية! فليس أعظم من ناموسنا الحجري الذي خلقناه نحن لنعبد أنفسنا من خلاله!!!

لماذا صنع المسيح المعجزة في يوم السبت؟

ليس هذه المعجزة الوحيدة، بل المسيح غالبًا ما كان يشفي يوم السبت، والله منع شعبه من العمل يوم السبت حتى يتفرغوا للعبادة ويذكروا انتماءهم إليه، فهو نفسه قد ارتاح يوم السبت.

ولكن ما معنى راحة الله هنا؟ وهل الله يتعب؟! الله لا يتعب حتى يستريح. ولكن راحة الله هي في خلاص الإنسان. فحينما يقول استراح الله في اليوم السابع فهذا معناه أن الله استراح حينما تمّ خلاص البشر. فراحة الله في كمال عمله، والراحة هي راحة الله في الإنسان، وراحة الإنسان في الله. " الله يستريح في قديسيه والقديسون يستريحون في الله"، من هنا الإنسان المخلوق على صورة الله أهم من حرفية السبت وجموده. فكيف إذاً يكون الشفاء في السبت ممنوعاً؟ أليست الشريعة وضعت من أجل الإنسان؟ في سفر الخروج (الإصحاح ٢٠) نجد الله يقول إنّه أعطى شعبه الشريعة والسبت ليدل على محبته له. أعطاهم الشريعة ليحيوا سعداء على الأرض، كما أعطاهم السبت ليذكروا انتماءهم إلى السماء فيكون لهم نصيب في ملكوت الله.

ونصّ وصية السبت كان "أذكر يوم السبت لتقدّسه" (خر٢٠:٨) أي لتخصّصه، لتفرغه للرّب، فيكون للصلاة والتسبيح.

اليهود خرجوا عن المعنى الروحي، وفهموا الوصية وطبقوها بمعنى حرفي فقط، فمنعوا أن يحمل إنسان حتى إبرة خياطة يوم السبت. والمسيح أتى ليصحّ هذه المفاهيم، ليعيد للسبت المعنى الروحي الحقيقي والخالصي. وهو حينما يشفي إنمّا يشفي الإنسان كله، روحاً وجسداً (يو٧:٢٢). وطالما أنّه شفى روحه بأن غفر خطايا، استراح هذا الإنسان في الله، والله استراح فيه، فتحقق مفهوم السبت. فالمسيح هو ربّ السبت (مر٢٨:٦+ لو٥:٦) وهو جاء ليعطي سبتاً أي راحةً من نوع جديد عوض الراحة الجسدية القديمة (عب٤:١٠).

كما وأنّه إذا تصادف، عند اليهود، اليوم الثامن لطفل أن كان يوم السبت، كان يختنون الطفل، إذ الختان في نظرهم عمل مقدّس (يو٧:٢٢-٢٣)، وهذا الختان يجعل الطفل من شعب الله أي ابنًا لله. والختان هو قطع كلّ رباط للشر، ومريض بيت حسداً هذا كان مختوناً ولكنه أخطأ، والمسيح شفاه وغفر خطايا، فأعادته إلى العهد مع الله، أعاده كابن لله.

بهذا يتحقّق فرح الرّب كما أشار إليه أشعيا النبي (١٢:٥٨-١٤): "هو لذة الرّب".

كيف يشفي المسيح موتى الخطيئة؟

الابن له حياة في ذاته، وهو يحيي من يشاء (يو٢١:٢٦+٢٦)، ومن يسمع له يقوم من موت الخطيئة الآن (آية ٢٥) ويقوم إلى قيامة الحياة في الأبدية (آية ٢٩).

المسيح الذي ظهر أمامنا كإنسان له قوّة الحياة، فيه حياة في ذاته وقد تجسّد ليعطيها لكل واحدٍ فيها. ولكن الذي يحصل على هذه الحياة هو من يسمع للمسيح، ويؤمن به ويعتمد فيتحد به ويطيع وصاياه ويتناول من جسده ودمه، وإن أخطأ يتوب، فيظل عضواً حياً في جسده. وفي مجيئه الثاني المجيد يكون اتحاداً بالمسيح بلا انفصال فلا خطيئة في السماء. وفي السماء سيكون لنا أجساد ممجّدة. هذا هو الشفاء الكامل والحقيقي.



مريض بركة بيت حسداً يشير إلى من ليس له أحد وهو في حالة ضعف. والفترة التي قضاها في المرض هي فترة ثمان وثلاثين سنة، الزمان الذي قضاها بنو إسرائيل في برية سيناء قبل أن يستطيعوا الوصول إلى أرض الميعاد. أي أن هذا الإنسان كان يشبه الشعب التائه في البرية قبل أن يدخل إلى أرض الميعاد.

وكأنّ الإنجيلي أراد أن يقول لنا بذلك إنّ الرّب يسوع المسيح هو أرض الميعاد، وأن الإنسان يتعب ويبقى في الحيرة وفي طلبات كثيرة إلى أن يأتيه السيّد. فالمسيح قد أتى إلى البشر المتروكين التائهين ليشفيهم كما أتى إلى هذا المريض. هذه المعجزة إذاً إشارة إلى أن هناك تدخلاً سماوياً سيحدث ليشفي أمراض الطبيعة البشرية.

أتريد أن تبرأ؟

نعم، هناك من لا يريد أن يبرأ، فمرضه صار مصدر رزق يكتسب منه. والمسيح يحترم الإرادة الإنسانية، وهو لا يقتحم الإنسان، فجن مخلوقون على صورته في حرية الإرادة. قال المسيح لليهود: "كم مرّة أردت أن أجمع أبناءك... ولم تريدوا" (مت٢٣:٢٧). فالمسيح يريد أن يظهر أن خلاص الإنسان هو بيد الإنسان، والأهم هو شفاء الإنسان من الخطيئة. ويكون سؤال المسيح معناه هل عندك إرادة أن تترك خطيئتك، لذا قال له المسيح لا تعود تخطئ أيضاً (آية ١٤) الخطيئة لها نتائج وخيمة على الإنسان. المسيح أتى ليقدّم للمخلع وللعالم كله الشفاء المجاني، الخليفة كلها مريضة، فقدت بهاءها والرّب أتى ليشفيها، ولكن عليها أولاً أن تريد أن تشفى.

ليس لي إنسان:

المسيح يسأل المخلع عمّا إذا كان يريد أن يشفي، فيجيبه بأن ليس له إنسان. هو أسقط الموضوع على الآخرين، كأنه يقول إن المشكلة ليست فيّ بل في الآخرين. الخاطئ دائماً يبرّر نفسه.

كم مرة ألقينا همّنا على الناس وفشلنا؟ ولكن إذا ألقينا همّنا على الله فلن نفشل

قم احمل سريرك وامش:

هذه حال كلّ من يصدّق المسيح، فكلمة منه تُحيي العاجز وتنتهر الخطيئة فتلاشيها (يو٥:٢٥:٦-٦٢-). الله يعطي القوّة والحياة لأن يسوع هو الحياة، وله سلطان عجيب: قم/ احمل/ امش. عجيب أن يقوم المخلع دون أن يسنده أحد، وبدون علاج طبيعي بعد كلّ هذه المدة من الشلل. المسيح أعطاه حياة جديدة: قم مع القيامة، واحمل بقوّة الحياة، وامش. كلمات ترمز إلى السلوك في هذه الحياة الجديدة.

Weekly Divine Liturgy Schedule



The Divine Liturgy Schedule

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- Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:15 am

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Campaign Facts:



Campaign Goal: \$1,000,000



Outstanding Goal: \$307,000



Contribution Ranges: \$20 to \$50,100

Parish Community Facts:



Total Registered Families: 410



Active Families: 200



% of Active Families Participation: 56%

"It's not about how much we give, but how much love we put into giving"
-Mother Teresa

Current & Future Projects:



Church Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$321,000.



Rectory Roof Replacement: Project completed, final cost \$18,850.



Church Window Repairs: Project initially completed, final cost \$9,000. Additional window was found to need repair, estimated cost of \$1,665.



HVAC & Boiler Replacement: Proposals received, estimated cost \$196,000. Boiler does need immediate replacing, awaiting timeframe. HVAC system is okay for now.



Flooring Upgrades: Proposal received, estimated cost \$50,000 (carpeting for Church, Cultural Center, office & hallway), awaiting samples and timeframe.



Parking Lot Sealing: Project completed at both Rectory & Church, final cost \$14,000.



Interior Repairs, Expand Storage & HVAC Vent Cleaning: Partial proposals received. Vent cleaning completed, final cost \$9,020



Power Washing/Masonry/Walkway Repairs: Awaiting proposals. Maintenance to mosaic of The Blessed Mother completed, cost \$8,000.



Security Cameras/Door Upgrades: Camera system complete, final cost \$10,500. Electrification of doorway proposal received, pending completion.



Central Air Conditioning and HVAC improvements to Rectory: Project completed, final cost \$56,845. Additional upgrades are necessary.

Important Highlights

- We are extremely grateful to all of those who have contributed and supported the campaign thus far.
- The finance committee has begun strategy planning on maximizing the return of current financial reserves for future projects. God willing, this will prevent the need for another capital campaign and *allow for a more spiritual focus!*
- As reflected above, donations have varied in amounts, we do not expect everyone to support with the same amount...*However, we do pray that everyone will support this important campaign!*
- This is an open and transparent campaign, if you have any questions, suggestion, or concerns Fr. Ephrem or any of the committee members would be more than happy review/discuss during coffee hour or feel free to call them at the numbers listed below.



For more information contact any of the committee members, [click here](#), or scan this code with your Smartphone Camera!

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Sunday

APRIL 21, 2024

WORLD DAY
of PRAYER
for
VOCATIONS

“Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God’s call in their lives, to find courage to say ‘yes’ to God.” ~Pope Francis

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Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God’s call.

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Join the spiritual experience on May 8 to surrender your thoughts, prayers, and cares to God. All are welcome for PRAYER BOX decorating on May 8, 6:30 pm. \$5 per box. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board! All arts and crafts will be provided. Optional: bring your own personal stencils, appliques, glue gun, glue sticks blow dryer (to dry the paint), or any other personal items.



Anyone interested in the Enders Island retreat day, on June 18th, please add your name to the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. There are only a few spots left. The cost is \$30 pp. Enders will be providing hotdogs, hamburgers, condiments, paper goods, water, and lemonade. Volunteers who wish to bring food or deserts please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Also, kindly see Judy Rawan or Christine Durnin with your payment or place it in the collection basket.

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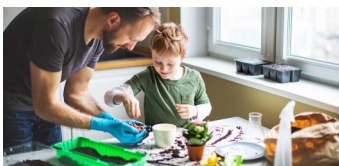


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