



## St. Mary's Parish Bulletin May 10, 2026



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### Sunday May 10, 2026- Divine Liturgy 10AM (Samaritan Woman/Mother's Day)

Epistle: Acts 11:19-30

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Antiphons: Regular Sunday

Tropar-228 Kondak-228 Instead of Trisagion ("Holy God..." sing "The Angel Exclaimed..." Prokimen-228

Alleluia Verses-229 Communion Hymn-229

**Panahida for all our departed mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers**

### Sunday May 17, 2026- Divine Liturgy 10AM (Blindman)

Epistle: acts 16:16-34

Gospel: John 9:1-38

Antiphons: Regular Sunday

Tropar-229 Kondak-229-230 Instead of Trisagion ("Holy God..." sing "As Many As Have Been

Baptized..." Prokimen-230 Alleluia Verses-230

Communion Hymn- 230 Irmo-230

**Parish Wide Meeting following Divine Liturgy**

### Thursday May 21, 2026- Divine Liturgy 10AM (Ascension)

Epistle: Acts 1:1-12

Gospel: Luke 24:35-53

Antiphons: 232

Entrance Hymn- 233 Tropar-233 Kondak-233 Instead of Trisagion ("Holy God..." sing "As Many As Have Been Baptized..." Prokimen-233 Alleluia Verses- 233 Glorification-233 Communion Hymn-233 Instead of "We Have seen the True Light..." and "May our lips be filled..." sing "Be exalted above the heavens..." :234 Irmos-234 Be exalted O God-234 Amvon Prayer-235

#### Epistle Reader Rotation Schedule:

**May: Caitlyn Nowak**

**June: Colby Waterman**

**July: Jack Leydecker**

**August: Cole Wolters**

**September: Matthew Schroeder**

**October: Eric Keeton**

**November: Nate Lawrence**

**December: Oliver Jones**

#### Live Stream:

We live stream Every Sunday Divine Liturgy. To watch our live stream please follow or copy and paste the link to our Church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCheektowagaNY>

#### Bulletin Sponsorship

If you would like to sponsor a bulletin, please let Fr. George know via email.

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### Welcome

A warm welcome to our visitors! You may be new to us, but you are known and loved by God. So why not give us a chance to get to know you? If you belong to the Lord Jesus, we belong together. If you are a seeker, let us share with you what we have found in Him. **Please join us in the parish hall for the social following Liturgy.**

### If You Are In Need of A Priest

For sick calls please contact **Fr. George Ellis** at **(412) 228-9105**, or **(716) 671-5067**, or email: [fr.georgeellis@gmail.com](mailto:fr.georgeellis@gmail.com) Please contact our parish president: **Oliver Jones** at **(716) 989-8448** for all other matters. **Also, if you, or any member of your family, are ill or in the hospital please let me know so that I can visit them.**

### Father's Office Hours Updated as of 01/19/26

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday** I plan to be in the church office or working from home from **10AM –1PM & 6PM – 7PM**. If there is an emergency, I can certainly be reached anytime night or day outside of these hours too by calling my cell phone at: **(412) 228-9105**.

### New Email Address:

For pirohi advertising/marketing and other fundraising events, or for church inquiries, there is an email created just for these purposes attached to the new church website. This email is: [st.marysonlosson@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysonlosson@gmail.com). All other church related items, such as special intentions should be sent to Fr. George's personal email: [fr.georgeellis@gmail.com](mailto:fr.georgeellis@gmail.com), and all financial related items should be sent to the Financial Secretary Lisa Nowak's email: [stmarys940@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys940@gmail.com)

### Confession

If you would like to receive the sacrament of Holy Confession you may do so before or after any evening service, before or after any Divine Liturgy, or by appointment. You may call, text, or email Fr. George to schedule a time to do so.

### The Sacrament of Confession

The Sacrament of Holy Confession is not optional. It is a necessity, along with all the other Sacraments of the Church are important to our spiritual health and well-being, because it is the medicine of the soul that we should partake of as much as possible and not push it to the wayside, in order to allow ourselves to be purified and get back on the right path of Christ as believing Orthodox Christians and receive true forgiveness with help from your priest/father confessor. It is recommended to receive Holy Confession as much as possible. If you choose to go to another priest for confession other than me that is perfectly fine. Please just let me know you are doing so. This way I am aware and know you are not partaking of any other Sacrament, such as the Eucharist unworthy. Please reach out to me via email, call, text, or in person if you would like confession to set up a time if before or after any scheduled service doesn't work for your schedule. I am here for you and will accommodate as best as possible to make sure all your Sacramental needs and requirements are met. Thank you and God Bless!

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### Parish Officers

**President:** Oliver Jones

**Vice President:** Steve Bakaysa

**Financial Secretary & Treasurer:** Lisa Nowak  
(Until May 31, 2026)

**Recording Secretary:** Andrea Paduano

**Cemetery Director:** Trey Dziabo

**Trustees:** Mary Dankovich, Betty Reimann,  
Tracy Dziabo, Ellen Prigg

### Coffee Hour Following Liturgy

**Coffee Hour & Bible will resume Sunday May 17, 2026. Please join us! All are welcome and encouraged to attend!**

### Sick & Infirmary

**Kathy Kovach- New Address:**

**Our Lady of Peace  
c/o: Kathleen Kovach  
5285 Lewiston Road  
Room 232 East  
Lewiston, NY 14092**

**Delores Aren:**

**Father Baker Manor  
600 Powers Road  
Orchard Park, NY 14127  
Room 149B**

### Cemetery

Please see Trey Dziabo about purchasing a plot at Elmlawn Cemetery.

### Candle Intentions

Payment for candle intentions (weekly & yearly) can be made in the Church office. Please give Fr. George your intentions directly to him with the date of the request and who the intention is for clearly marked on the envelope. If you prefer you may email the intention to him.

Please consider lighting/donating a 7-day candle for a relative/friend/loved one. It is another way to remember someone for many reasons. It would make a good gift for someone when you don't know what to buy for them. Donate a \$5.00 7-day candle for their intention, whether it be for their health, happiness, congratulations on an accomplishment, Birthday wishes, Blessing for an upcoming surgery, Get Well intentions, Wedding Anniversary, remembrance of a Loved on the on anniversary of their passing. Fr George can list the donation/intention in the bulletin.

### St. Mary's Liturgical Donations/Candle Offerings

• **Altar Candles** -Memory of Olga & Michael Blasko; Glendor & John Koch

• **Sacramental Table**-In memory of my mother Catherine & mother-in-law Helen

• **Preparation Table-**

• **2 Candelabras**- In memory of my grandmothers Tekla & Zofia

### Special Birthday/Anniversary

If you have a birthday or anniversary and are not listed please let Fr. George know via email so he can add you. Thank you and God Bless!

### Bulletin and Candle Intention Donation Pricing:

**Bulletin Sponsor: \$10**

**Sacramental Table: \$10**

**Preparation Table: \$10**

**2 Altar Candelabras: \$6**

### Church Roof Repairs

Thank you for your donations to our Church roof repair: Elizabeth & John Nowak, Barbara & Robert Lamoureux, Steve Bakaysa, Ellen Prigg, Drea & Al Paduano, Daria & John Lojek, Jessica & Joe

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Kornacki, Mary Dankovich, Margaret Lane, Kathleen Kovach, Elizabeth Reimann, Tracy Dziabo, Mariya & Peter Blake, Deacon Don & Judy Koch, Cliff, and our anonymous donors

Recent Donations:

November 23, 2025-Anonymous: \$40.00  
November 30, 2025-Anonymous: \$40.00  
December 7, 2025-Anonymous: \$40.00  
December 21, 2025-Anonymous: \$40.00  
December 28, 2025-Anonymous: \$40.00  
January 4, 2026-Anonymous: \$40.00  
January 11, 2026- Anonymous-\$110.00  
January 25, 2026- Anonymous-\$40.00  
February 8, 2026- Anonymous- \$50.00  
February 16, 2026-Anonymous-\$30.00  
February 16, 2026-Elizabeth Reimann-\$20.00  
February 22, 2026-Anonymous-\$50.00  
March 1, 2026-Ellen Prigg-\$100.00  
March 1, 2026- Anonymous-\$50.00  
March 8, 2026-Anonymous-\$50.00  
March 15, 2026-Anonymous-\$50.00  
March 22. 2026-Anonymous \$50.00  
March 29, 2026-Anonymous \$50.00  
April 5, 2026-Anonymous-\$50.00  
April 12, 2026-Anonymous-\$50.00  
April 21, 2026-Anonymous-\$50.00  
April 26, 2026- Anonymous- \$50.00  
May 3, 2026-Anonymous-\$50.00  
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So far, we have raised \$6,124.00.00. The

goal is \$12,000.00. We're halfway there!  
Please make donations to: **52 Gregory Drive West Seneca, NY 14224.**

Your donations can also be placed in the weekly collection basket in an envelope marked Roof Donation Fund. Thanks again and God bless!

Other Donations:

Paula & Randall Pirson-\$50.00  
Pierogi Donations: Faith Hoffman-\$50.00, Al & Drea Paduano-\$200.00 & 500 brown paper grocery bags, John R.-Lunch for pierogi day 03/28/26  
Microwave for kitchen-Anonymous

**St. Mary's Prayer Chain**

Metropolitan Gregory, Deacon Don/Judy Koch, Fr. Jim/Pani Kathy Dutko, Pani Betty Jean Baranik, Dorothy Dennis, Dolores Aren, Bette Ann & Kathy Slivka, Marianna Markov, Jonah, Tammy/Joshi/Matthew Dennis, Elaine Sudnick, Dave Smith, Sara Webber, Al Paduano, Pat Robinsion, Judy Hogan, Abigail Gibson, Ron Wackowski, Fr. Herman Schick, Fran Lopresti, Kathy Kovach, Alexi Williams, Christ Papasavvas, Jackson Buyea, Lily Pughakoff, Brian/Nancy Lund, Martha Jean/Eugene Yanick, Barb Chwojdak, Mackenzie/Andrew Sargis, Grace Leone, George/Pat Geras, Cheryl/Adam Reberholt, Dick Scott, Judy Barnhart, Carroll Mills, Linda Johnson, Betty Reimann, Caitlyn/Connor Nowak, Mariya Cherneva, Zdravko Zeshev, Janet Nichols, William Lewis, Cara Green, Irv Myers, Baby Henry Smith, Jesn Seuss, Eilidh Baker, Drew Hanson, Connor Nolan, Barbara Mills, Lucas McMahan, Tom Guinther, Sue Hebert, Sharon Hearn, Sister Pelagia, Lis Campbell, Patricia Mazur, James Battaglini, Jennifer Gibson, Nanette Lauren, Mikayla Finch, Kasey Redman, Mary Dankovich, Gertrude Nowak, Alice Basinski, Jennifer Robbins-Crow, Mason Paduano, Baby Michael Crocker, David Labrake, Cole Hallman,

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Charlie Myers, Kaya Raiser, Anna Mae Chiepper, Julian Letchworth, Laura Bradley, Lee Robak, John Dennis, Tedd Griepentrog, Julie Petit, Kim Boehm, Dorothy Rug, Jeff Mills, Chuck Finch, Jeabie Lang, Baby Isaiah, James Dutko, Nina Sudnick, Dziabo family, Fr. George/Pani Sarah/Tanner Ellis, and family, Deacon Charles Ellis and family, Valentin Chernev, John Fachko, Peter Blake IV., Father Tom, Barbara Franklin, Pavlina Blake, Valentina Blake, Kerry Fitzgerald, Michael Fachko, Frances Fachko, Lisa B, David & Lynn Dankovich, Jane Ried, Donna Detterbeck, Mary Saya, Rob Guerny, Scott Schoffstall, Dave Niemann, Billy Goeske, Sue Hebert, Sue Coleman, Aiden Zerkowski, Jay Eberhart, Billie Goeseke, Mark Cappuzo

#### Upcoming Services and Events

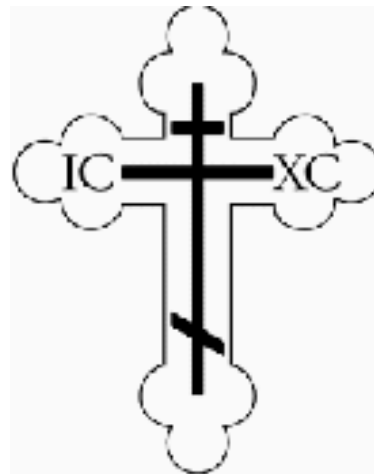
##### • Services

- **Wednesday May 17, 2026-Parish Wide Meeting following Divine Liturgy**
- **Thursday May 21, 2026-Divine Liturgy (Ascension) 10 AM**
- **Thursday May 21, 2026, to Saturday May 30, 2026-Fr. George & family on Vacation in North Carolina**
- **Sunday May 24, 2026-Reader's Service 10AM**
- **Monday June 1, 2026-Divine Liturgy (Holy Spirit Day/Pentecost Monday)- 10AM**
- **Saturday June 6, 2026, Vespers-6PM**
- **Sunday June 8, 2026-Readers Service 10AM**
- **Wednesday June 24, 2026-Divine Liturgy (Birth of St. John the Baptist) 10AM**
- **Monday June 29, 2026-Divine Liturgy (Apostles Peter & Paul) 10AM**
- **Saturday July 11, 2026, Vespers 6PM**
- **Sunday July 19, 2026-Blessing of vehicles in honor of Prophet Elias)**
- **Sunday July 19, 2026, to Saturday July 25, 2026-Diocesan Campong week at Camp Nazareth-Fr. George will be in attendance**

- **Saturday August 1, 2026, Vespers 6PM**
- **Thursday August 6, 2026-Divine Liturgy (Transfiguration with blessing of fruit) 10AM**
- **Saturday August 15, 2026-Divine Liturgy (Dormition of the Mother of God) 10AM**
- **Saturday August 29, 2026, Divine Liturgy (Beheading of St. John the Baptist) 10 AM**

#### Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries in May

- Helen Minkovich (8)
- Pavlina & Valentina Chernva (9)
- Daria Lojek (19)
- Trey Dziabo (20)
- Walter Kowal Jr. (20)
- Robert Lamoureux (23)
- Steve Bakasya (26)
- Daria & John Lojek (29)



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