

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Rev. Vasyl Vladyka

Sunday, February 1st, 2015 • Sunday of the Prodigal Son • Tone 1

Apostle: 1 Corinthians 6 Verses 12-20 • Gospel: Luke 15 Verses 11-32

Mass Schedule

Saturday	01/31	5:00 PM	†	Mary & Marshall Zawerucha	By M. Schadt
Sunday	02/01	9:00 AM		For All Our Parishioners	
Monday	02/02	9:00 AM			
Tuesday	02/03	9:00 AM			
Wednesday	02/04	9:00 AM			
Thursday	02/05	9:00 AM			
Friday	02/06	9:00 AM			
Saturday	02/07	5:00 PM	†	Michael Uihursky	By Anna Kazio
Sunday	02/08	9:00 AM		For All Our Parishioners	

Please remember in your prayers all those who are homebound, in care facilities or impeded by illness. May our Lord restore them to complete health.



2015 Parish Collection Envelopes and 2015 Calendars are available for pick-up in the church hall. Please check that you are picking up the correct name. If you are new to the parish and would like envelopes, please see Father Vasyl or call the rectory on (732) 366-2156.

Marriage Banns: Mariana Shvets, daughter of Mykola and Myroslava Shvets, wishes to enter the sacrament of marriage to Stepan Vladyka, son of Rev. Vasyl Vladyka and Pani Lyudmila Vladyka. This is the ***third announcement***.

First day of the Great Fast begins on Monday, February 16, 2015. Strict fast and abstinence required. No meat or dairy products.

- **Sorokousty:** the service that honors the deceased and is offered during Lent. Please begin to prepare the list of names of those people whom you wish to remember. The first Sorokousty service will be held on Friday, February 20, 2015.
- **Confession:** starting Saturday, February 21, 2015 and the duration of Lent you may have the opportunity to have the Sacrament of Confession. Confessions will be heard one hour before the Divine Liturgy on Saturday or Sunday.



How do we receive Confession? There are 5 things we need to do to receive absolution of our sins:

1. We must think of our sins. This involves an examination of ourselves. It takes time and effort. We want to see ourselves, not as we appear to others, but as we truly are, and as God sees us.
2. We must be sorry for our sins. This is contrition. It means to wish we had not done these sins.
3. We must confess the sins, that is, tell them during the sacrament, and we are to confess them all.
4. We are to arouse a purpose of amendment. This involves a desire and promise not to sin again.
5. We do a penance the priest imposes on us during the Sacrament. This is not to make right the wrong. This can never be done by us. But penance serves to aid us in the falling into sins again, and reflects our deep gratitude for God's love.

The doors for forgiveness are always open. We need to come home to Christ and let Him embrace us with His outstretched arms.



Prayer for Vibrant Parishes

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepard, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be Your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it Your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News.

Strengthen us with Your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God.

Bless us with faithful and spiritual leaders and grace them and us with Your wisdom inspiring all of us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom.

Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love.

Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your

Name, O Savior, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit.

Amen.



With the events taking place in Ukraine, we offer the following petitions in today's mass to our brothers and sisters and their efforts to secure victory for their cause:

O good and loving Master, look down with compassion, heal, comfort and protect Your servants who are wounded and suffering in Ukraine, and receive the souls of all those who have lost their lives from the violence, let us pray to the Lord.

We also pray that the Holy Spirit may open the hearts and minds of all in Ukraine to wisdom, grace and prayer so that sincere dialogue may lead to peace and reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.

A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us
"Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God."
At this hour, we fervently pray that
Your Holy Spirit may inspire men and
women in Ukraine to become Peacemakers.
May they seek reconciliation and dialogue
and end the violent confrontation and killing.
May they restore tranquility to their nation
and restore human rights, democratic principles
and religious liberty to their troubled land.
God, our Father, we beseech you to comfort
the suffering, heal the wounded and accept the
souls of the departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom.
And may the Most Holy Mother of God, extend her
Blessed Mantle of Protection over Ukraine.
And may each of us always live our lives
as instruments of Your Peace.
Amen.