

# April 24, 2016 Fifth Sunday of Easter

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 23

5:00 p.m. **+Andrew Peterson**  
By Nancy and Charlie Guerriere

### Sunday, April 24

8:00 a.m. **+Sergio and Sabina Cappelluti**  
By Sam and Marietta Tridente

10:30 a.m. **+James Anthony DeStefano**  
By Karl and Rose Strohmaier

### Monday, April 25

8:45 a.m. **+The Kane and Urbano Families**  
By Susan Reynolds

### Tuesday, April 26

8:45 a.m. **+Elizabeth, Thomas and Louis DeBari**  
By Angela Gross

### Wednesday, April 27

8:45 a.m. **+Mary Kane**  
By Susan Reynolds

### Thursday, April 28

8:45 a.m. **+Janet Di Fonzo**  
By Husband

### Friday, April 29 NO MASS

### Saturday, April 30

5:00 p.m. **+John Salsa**  
By The Saksa Family

### Sunday, May 1

8:00 a.m. **Blessings for Sister Faustina**  
By The Bonnah Family

10:30 a.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore Church**

12:30 p.m. **St. Theodore's First Communion Children**



**St. Mark**, whose feast we celebrate on April 25, was not one of the apostles. Nonetheless, he was one of the disciples of St. Peter, and he was mentioned in the reading as a "spiritual son" of St. Peter.

He could also possibly be one of the followers of Jesus

and later on became a disciple of St. Peter and he eventually wrote the account of the life and ministry of Jesus, which became one of the gospels of the Church.

In his gospel, St. Mark captured the core and essence of the ministry and message of Jesus.

As we heard it in the gospel, and what is often called the "Great Commissioning", the way St. Mark puts it across straight and sharp in just a few words.

"Go out, proclaim the Good News, believe or be condemned, cast out devils, work signs and miracles, heal the sick".

As we hear this, we might be thinking - proclaim the Good News sounds ok, healing the sick sounds ok, work signs and miracles ... hmmm ... cast out devils- Well, the gospel is not a supermarket for us to pick and choose whatever we like.

To understand and accept the Good News and the commissioning of Jesus, we need to "Go out" like St. Mark did.

His feast day is celebrated on April 25, and his symbol is the Winged lion.

According to the Coptic church, Saint Mark was born in Cyrene, a city in the Pentapolis of North Africa (now Libya). This tradition adds that he returned to Pentapolis later in life, after being sent by Saint Paul to Colossae (Colossians 4:10; Philemon 24; these actually refer to Mark the Cousin of Barnabas), and serving with him in Rome (2 Tim 4:11); from Pentapolis he made his way to Alexandria. When Mark returned to Alexandria, the pagans of the city resented his efforts to turn the Alexandrians away from the worship of their traditional gods. In AD 68 they placed a rope around his neck and dragged him through the streets until he was dead.

The second Gospel was written by St. Mark, who, in the New Testament, is sometimes called John Mark. Both he and his mother, Mary, were highly esteemed in the early Church, and his mother's house in Jerusalem served as a meeting place for Christians there.

St. Mark was associated with St. Paul and St. Barnabas on their missionary journey through the island of Cyprus. Later he accompanied St. Barnabas alone. We know also that he was in Rome with St. Peter and St. Paul. Tradition ascribes to him the founding of the Church in Alexandria.

St. Mark wrote the second Gospel, probably in Rome sometime before the year 60 A.D.; he wrote it in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity.

Tradition tells us that St. Mark was requested by the Romans to set down the teachings of St. Peter. This seems to be confirmed by the position which St. Peter has in this Gospel. In this way the second Gospel is a record of the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of the Prince of the Apostles. He is the patron saint of notaries.

## St. Theodore Church Healing Mission

**May 2, 3, 4 at 7 p.m.  
Conducted by Paul Rymniak**

This is a special Mission, in which all three days are unique. Forgiveness and confession are Paul Rymniak's main thrust. He feels strongly that healing begins in the confessional. In the past 29 years, Paul Rymniak has been to churches throughout the USA. He has worked with Native Americans in the Northwest and with others in various regions of the Caribbean, Canada and Mexico. Paul views his visit to our church to conduct his Healing Mission as an honor. The service will include Confession, the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross. He will offer his healing efforts to all who desire them. These healing efforts are available to all in need of any healing, be it physical, spiritual, emotional or mental. Please take advantage of his exceptional gifts by attending at least one of the sessions—bring a friend who may benefit from this service.



Stephen, Elizabeth  
Ondroczyk, Rosaria  
Incantalupo, Anthony Vitale,  
Bridget M., Savannah Paine,  
Bobby Gross, Michael

Dante, Keira H., Maryann Vaughan, Charlie  
Guerriere, Sr., Robert Dicheck, Peter, Zachary,  
Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane,  
Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Mary D., Eleanor  
D., Kerry Kraft, Barbara K.

### UNBORN PRAYER SERVICE

On Sunday, April 24, 3:30 p.m. at St. Philip & St. James Church, Phillipsburg, there will be an Unborn Prayer Service. This is a special service for those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. An opportunity to name your child is expressed compassionately and confidentially through prayer. Meditative Prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. For more information, call (908) 454-9880



**Our Offering:** 4-17-16 : \$2,714.  
Last Year: \$2,718.



Have you purchased  
tickets yet?  
**Please help your  
church!**

***(The outside of the church will be  
painted this Spring. We are  
counting on this raffle in a big way  
to help fund this project.)***

**Drawing: Sunday  
May 29 @ 11:30  
1st Prize: 40% of total,  
2nd Prize: 6% of total  
3rd Prize: 4% of total.**

Ticket Price \$10.00 each. Please visit the Rosarian Gift Shop in the Parish Center to purchase tickets. Proceeds will be applied to Parish Expenses.

### April Schedule

**Apr. 25, 6:15:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at church (First Communion practice)

**May 1, 12:00:** First Communion. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade report to the Parish Center at 12 noon. Please be on time! First Communion begins at 12:30

**May 2, 6:15:** All students in school (except no school for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

**May 2, 3, 4- 7pm:** Healing Mission

**May 5, 6:30:** All students in church for the Holy Day

**May 9, 6:15:** All students in church for May Crowning of the Blessed Mother (last day of school)

**May 14: 6 pm:** Confirmation Practice in church

**May 15, 12:30 pm:** Confirmation



### **Mass Intention Openings:**

May 19, 25, 26, 30, 31 (all are weekday Masses—May 5 is a Holy Day of Obligation). Please call Parish Office to

book 689-8318, ext. 1.