

# **THE LIGHT OF THE EAST**



## **ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT** **BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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### **WEEKEND DIVINE SERVICES**

**Sat: 5 PM [Vespers with Liturgy]**

**Sun: 9:45 AM [Third Hour] 10 AM [Divine Liturgy]**

**Mystery of Holy Repentance [Confessions]: AFTER Saturday  
Evening Prayer or ANYTIME by appointment**

**SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2014**

**PASCHA. THE GLORIOUS FEAST OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND  
SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.**

**PLEASE COME FORWARD AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY;  
KISS THE HOLY ICONS, KISS THE HAND CROSS [OR RECEIVE  
THE HOLY ANOINTING], & PARTAKE OF THE ANTIDORAN  
[BLESSSED BREAD].**

**SUN. APR. 20      10 AM      PROCESSION & RESURRECTION  
MATINS DIVINE LITURGY  
BLESSING OF PASCHAL FOODS**

***[PLEASE PLACE BASKETS IN THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH ON  
THE TABLES PROVIDED, BEFORE DIVINE SERVICES BEGIN!]***

**12 NOON      PASCHAL LUNCHEON**

**1:30 PM      PASCHAL EVENING PRAYER  
*[AGAPE VESPERS]***

**MON. APR. 21      BRIGHT MONDAY. [SOLEMN HOLY DAY].**

**9 AM      *+Francis Stash***

**TUE. APR. 22      BRIGHT TUESDAY. [SIMPLE HOLY DAY].**

**9 AM      *Intention of Kevin Zahn by Jane Zahn***

**7 PM      FESTAL EVENING PRAYER**

**WED. APR. 23      RIGHT WEDNESDAY. THE HOLY AND  
VICTORIOUS GREAT MARTYR GEORGE  
THE WONDER-WORKER.**

**[SIMPLE HOLY DAY].**

**9 AM      THIRD HOUR**

**10 AM      *Int. of the Guerin High School  
Community***

**7 PM      WELCOME OF THE ICON OF  
THE THEOTOKOS OF JASNA  
GORA. AKATHIST HYMN.**

**8 PM TO MIDNIGHT VIGIL BEFORE THE  
HOLY ICON**

**THU. APR. 24**

**BRIGHT THURSDAY.**

**9 AM** +*Nathan Trapuzzano [Right to Life]*

**7 PM** **MOLEBEN FOR THE VICTIMS  
OF ABORTION**

**FRI. APR. 25**

**BRIGHT FRIDAY. The Holy Apostle &  
Evangelist Mark.**

**9 AM** **THIRD HOUR**

**10 AM** *Int. of the Guerin High School  
Community*

**SAT. APR. 19**

**BRIGHT SATURDAY.**

**5 PM** *Int. of Adam Kenes*

**6:15 PM** **MYSTERY OF HOLY  
REPENTANCE [CONFESSIONS]**

**SUN. APR.**

**THOMAS SUNDAY.**

**9:45 AM** **THE THIRD HOUR**

**10:00 AM** *FOR THE PEOPLE*

**11:15 AM** **THOMAS SUNDAY  
LUNCHEON**

**WE WELCOME ALL OF OUR VISITORS PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
OUR PARISH SOCIAL IN OUR ST. MARY HALL.**

**PLEASE FOR THE CHANGEABLE PARTS, HYMN NUMBERS,  
AND PROPERs ON THE COLORED INSERT.**

**The Paschal [Easter] Greeting in various languages!**

English: **Christ is risen! / Indeed He is risen!**

Arabic: **Al-Maseeh qam! / Háqqan qam!**

Greek: **Christós anésti! / Alithós anésti!**

Slavonic: **Christós voskrése! / Vo-ístinu voskrése!**

Romanian: **Christós a inviáht! / Adevarát a inviáht!**

Hungarian: **Felta'madt Krisztus! Valo'ban felta'madt!**

**YOUR GIFT TO THE LORD ~ THE MONTH OF APR. 2014**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Collection</u></b>	<b><u>Candles</u></b>	<b><u>Holy Day</u></b>	<b><u>Fundraising</u></b>	<b><u>Total Income</u></b>
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<b><u>Apr. 6</u></b>	\$594.81	\$121.25	\$ 0.00	\$96.00	\$812.06
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<b><u>Apr. 13</u></b>	<i>will appear in an upcoming bulletin!</i>				
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**WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE!**

<b><u>Candles Available</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly Donation</u></b>	<b><u>Intention</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>
<i>Eternal Lamp</i>	\$40.00	<i>In Thanksgiving</i>	<i>Karen Ybarra</i>
<i>Icon Screen (6)</i>	\$40.00	<i>Ukraine</i>	<i>Dan &amp; Olga Vaughn</i>
<i>Tetrapod (2)</i>	\$30.00	<i>Special Intention</i>	<i>Al Macek</i>
<i>Nativity Icon</i>	\$25.00	<i>Jesus, Mary ,Joseph</i>	<i>Richard Medwig</i>
<i>Theotokos of Vladimir Icon</i>	\$25.00	<i>Special Intention</i>	<i>Glen Grabow</i>
<i>Resurrection Icon</i>	\$25.00	<i>+Beau Callaway</i>	<i>Rebecca Becker</i>
<i>Annunciation Triptych</i>	\$25.00	<i>Deceased</i>	<i>Dan &amp; Olga Vaughn</i>
<i>Holy Table</i>	\$40.00	<i>Family &amp; Friends</i>	<i>Dan &amp; Olga Vaughn</i>

**Give a spiritual Gift to someone in need.** We have candle Gift Cards you can send or give to a loved one, friend or someone in need of prayers. A single 6-day candle is \$5. For an entire month the cost is \$25. When giving your donation use the candle envelope in the back of the Church. Paired with it, take the candle card to give as a gift. In addition to the name on the candle, please specify a start date if you would like the Church to light the candle[s] in front of the Icons of our Lord or the Theotokos for you on a future date.

**Upcoming celebrations of the Paraclis to the Theotokos and Mystery of Holy Anointing “Ancient Healing Service” at 7 PM.**

*Wednesday May 28 Festal Evening Prayer of the Ascension with Holy Anointing*

*Wednesday June 25 Paraclis and Mystery of Holy Anointing*

*Wednesday July 30 Paraclis and Mystery of Holy Anointing*

*Wednesday August 27 Paraclis and Mystery of Holy Anointing*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** our parishioners, family members, friends and others who are ill or infirm: **AMY CHIAPPE, ETHAN EYMAN, CULVER “RED” EYMAN, BOBBI SPAK, JULIE COLLINS, BJ NOVAK, DONALD STEIN, ELAINE WILSON, CORY ROMERO, KEVIN ZAHN, DR. CHARLOTTE NEUMANN, SONIA DOUGLAS-STANTON, RON ZELLER, NICHOLE RICHARDS, JUDY ERNST, BR. JAMES BROWN S.M., WILLIS WILLIAMS, BELINDA DORNEY, DAVID BLEVINS, FIREFIGHTER ROBERT KRAMER, KEITH SCOTT, DANNY ENCISO, AUSTIN MCGOFF, FR. DEACON MICHAEL GEORGE, MONICA KING GILBRECH, KATHERYN LOIDOLT, PAUL SUVAK, GLEN GRABOW.**

**Adult Eastern Christian Formation Program will be on Pascha hiatus!**

*“Living the Liturgy” [An introduction to the Liturgy of the Byzantine Churches] will restart after the Pascha and Bright Week celebrations.*

***WELCOME~ IF YOU ARE VISITING ST. ATHANASIUS WE WELCOME YOU!***

***PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AFTER THE DIVINE SERVICES IN OUR ST. MARY HALL [BEHIND THE RECTORY] FOR OUR TRADITIONAL PASCHAL LUNCHEON. COME MEET OUR PASTOR FR. BRYAN, AND OUR PARISHIONERS. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME PLEASE JOIN US AT ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT PARISH!***

***THOMAS SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON~ WE WILL CELEBRATE THOMAS SUNDAY [APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>] WITH THE FINAL BLESSING OF THE ARTOS AND OUR SPECIAL POTLUCK LUNCHEON. PLEASE PLAN ON BRINGING YOUR FAVORITE PASCHAL FOODS TO THE LUNCHEON!***

**BRIGHT WEEK, HOLY DAY, AND GUERIN HIGH SCHOOL VISITS**

Mon. Apr. 21 Bright Monday

9 AM Festal Divine Liturgy

Tue. Apr. 22 Bright Tuesday

9 AM Festal Divine Liturgy

7 PM Festal Evening Prayer

Wed. Apr. 23 Bright Wednesday & Feast of St. George

9 AM Third Hour

10 AM Festal Divine Liturgy [with Guerin students]

7 PM Welcome of the icon of Our Lady followed by the Akathist Hymn

Thu. Apr. 24 Bright Thursday

9 AM Festal Divine Liturgy

7 PM Moleben for the Victims of Abortion

Fri. Apr. 25 Bright Friday and Feast of St. Matthew

9 AM Third Hour

10 AM Festal Divine Liturgy [with Guerin students]

## **PLANNING FOR EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES 2014-2015**

With the number of children under 18 whose families are now attending St. Athanasius Parish, we need to re-establish our ECF program to serve them. We will need catechists, willing to instruct our children in Byzantine Christianity. We will also need others who are willing to help provide room dividers so we can separate St. Mary Hall for Catechetical use. More Information will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

## **BYZANTEEN YOUTH RALLY JULY 10-13, 2014**

**The TRANSFIGURATION of Christ, of US, of our World**

Mount St. Mary University Emmitsburg, MD

ages: 13-19 Cost: \$300.00 [plus transportation]

For more Information contact: Father Edward Cimbala  
ByzanTEEN Rally 2014 at 908-725-06125

## **Your help is needed to prepare for our special Bright Week events!**

*St. Athanasius the Great Parish has a number of important events coming up during Bright Week!*

***1] Wed. Apr. 23 @ 10 AM ~ We need to prepare and serve a lunch for the 50 students and chaperones from Guerin High School attending Liturgy.***

***2] Wed. Apr. 23 @ 7 PM ~ We need people to greet the Icon of the Theotokos of Jasna Gora, Cantor the Akathist, prepare refreshments for visitors, and keep vigil in the Church until Midnight. [A great responsibility for our K of C Council to volunteer to do.]***

***3] Fri. Apr. 25 @ 10 AM ~ Like Wednesday we need help to prepare and serve a lunch for 50 more students coming for Liturgy from Guerin High School.***

**UPCOMING HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL SERVICES**  
**AT ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT CHURCH**

**Thomas Sunday Celebration**

<b><u>Sat. April 26</u></b>	<b>5 PM</b>	<b>VESPERS WITH DIVINE LITURGY</b>
	<b>6:15 PM</b>	<b>MYSTERIES OF HOLY REPENTANCE [CONFESSIONS]</b>
<b><u>Sun. April 27</u></b>	<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>THIRD HOUR</b>
	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY</b>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>BLESSING OF THE ARTOS &amp; THOMAS SUNDAY LUNCHEON</b>

**Sunday of the Ointment-Bearing Women Celebration**

<b><u>Sat. May 3</u></b>	<b>5 PM</b>	<b>VESPERS WITH DIVINE LITURGY</b>
	<b>6:15 PM</b>	<b>MYSTERIES OF HOLY REPENTANCE [CONFESSIONS]</b>
<b><u>Sun. May 4</u></b>	<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>THIRD HOUR</b>
	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY</b>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON</b>
	<b>12:15 PM</b>	<b>LITURGY &amp; LIFE</b>

**“PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE”**

**Sunday of the Paralytic Man Celebration**

<b><u>Sat. May 10</u></b>	<b>5 PM</b>	<b>VESPERS WITH DIVINE LITURGY</b>
	<b>6:15 PM</b>	<b>MYSTERIES OF HOLY REPENTANCE [CONFESSIONS]</b>
<b><u>Sun. May 12</u></b>	<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>THIRD HOUR</b>
	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY</b>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>PARISH SOCIAL LUNCHEON MOTHERS' DAY</b>



## *Holy Pascha*

### *Trampling Upon Death By Death*

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD and by His death He has trampled upon Death and has given life to those who are in the tombs.

This hymn, the troparion of Pascha, is chanted repeatedly on Pascha and throughout the forty days until the feast of Christ's ascension. Many of us know it by heart. Often, however, we have not plumbed the depth of its meaning, particularly as it applies to our lives.

### **Why Did Christ Die?**

On the most basic level we can say that Christ died because humans die and He was fully human. By truly assuming all that is human apart from sin, the Word of God accepted all the weaknesses inherent in our human nature, from the indignities of birth and infancy to the final humiliation of death. Christ died because He was fully and completely human as well as divine.

But Christ did not simply die; by His death He defeated Death. The first and most obvious aspect of this victory is that He rose from the dead: Death could take Him because He was human; it could not hold Him because He was the Son of God. Christ rose from the dead because He was fully and completely divine as well as human.

### **Christ's Death Takes Away Sin**

The Scriptures specify a particular result of Christ's victory over Death. Dying, they teach, He destroyed the power of sin over us. When St Paul summarized the Church's belief about the Lord Jesus for the Corinthians



*Holy Pascha [Page 2]* the first thing he mentioned was that Christ died for our sins: “I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures...” (1 Cor 15:3-4).

St Paul’s summary has been described as an early creed, putting together various aspects of the Christian message in a systematic way. To say that Christ died “for our sins” means that His death on the cross, where His blood would be poured out, would somehow achieve the overthrow of sin; not that people would cease sinning but that sin would no longer have the ultimate power over mankind.

This message is depicted graphically in the Byzantine icon of the Resurrection – an image that may help us understand how our sins are affected by Christ’s death.

Our icon is based, not on the Gospel accounts of the empty tomb but on the following passages from the teaching of St Peter. In his first sermon after the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Peter quoted this verse of Psalm 16: “Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in Hades, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption” (Ps 16: 9-10) and applied it to Christ. The patriarch David, he wrote, being a prophet, “...spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption” (Acts 2:31). We refer to this when we say in the Apostles’ Creed that “He descended into hell.”

Christ’s descent among the dead is, in fact, an invasion, bringing to the dead the imminent expectation of eternal life. In the first universal epistle of St Peter we read: “Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison who formerly were disobedient...” (1 Pt 3:18-20). Christ’s presence proclaims the Kingdom of God to the dead and defeats their captors, sin and death.

*Holy Pascha [Page 3]* The icon depicts the power of Christ's presence in the realm of the dead. Locks and chains, representing the power of sin and death over mankind, are shown broken on the ground. Christ is depicted taking the "formerly disobedient" Adam and Eve by the hand and leading them out of the pit to God. The Psalmist King David and other Old Testament personages are often depicted with them sharing in Christ's victory over Death. Christ's mission to the imprisoned spirits is often described in English as the "harrowing (despoiling) of hell."

We celebrate this confrontation with sin and death in our Paschal services. At the vespers of Pascha on Great Saturday we sing of the liberation of the dead: "Today Hades tearfully sighs: 'My power has crumbled, for the Shepherd crucified has raised Adam; and those whom I had possessed, I lost. Those whom I had swallowed by my might, I have given up completely: for the Crucified has emptied the graves, and the power of death has vanished!' O Lord, glory to Your Cross and to Your holy Resurrection!"

Paschal Matins begins with a representation of the King of glory banging on the gates of Hades and leading mankind (all of us) into the Kingdom of God, the Church. The assault on sin and death is successful and we are freed from their ultimate power.

### **Trampling Upon Death**

We who are united to Christ in His death and resurrection through baptism are called to continue His defeat of sin and death in our own person, as the Scriptures make clear. "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 'Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth'; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed." (1 Pt 2:19-24)

*Holy Pascha [Page 4]* Death is defeated when we allow Christ to take us by the hand and lead us along His way of not reacting to evil by copying it; rather to follow Christ's way of forgiveness and trust in God even to death. Then our deeds as well as our words will proclaim that Christ is risen and that we are as well.

**From a Homily for Holy Saturday by St. Epiphanius of Cyprus (+403)**

“For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you who left a garden, I was betrayed in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

“See on my face the spit I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once stretched out your hand to a tree.

“I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

“Rise. Let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see! I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.”

**Bright Week** is the name used by the Eastern Orthodox Churches and Byzantine Catholic Churches for the period of seven days beginning on Pascha (Easter) and continuing up to (but not including) the following Sunday, which is known as Thomas Sunday. The entire week following Pascha is to be set aside by Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox Christians for the celebration of the Resurrection.

According to the 66th canon of the Council in Trullo:

*"from the holy day of the Resurrection of Christ our God until New Sunday (i.e. Thomas Sunday) for a whole week the faithful in the holy churches should continually be repeating psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, rejoicing and celebrating Christ, and attending to the reading of the Divine Scriptures and delighting in the Holy Mysteries. For in this way shall we be exalted with Christ; raised up together with Him. For this reason on the aforesaid days that by no means there be any horse races or any other public spectacle"*

The entire week is considered to be one continuous day, and the name of each day of the week is called "Bright" (e.g., "Bright Monday") and the week's services are unique, varying greatly from those during the remainder of the year, entirely sung and with the pascal hymns together with the stichera taken from the Sunday Resurrection propers in the Octoechos, rotating through the sundry tones, so that tone 1 is used Holy Saturday and at Pascal matins on Sunday, tone 2 Sunday night and Monday, etc., skipping the least festive heavy tone 7 and ending with Tone 8 on Friday night and Saturday.

During all of Bright Week the Holy Doors on the Iconostasis are kept open—the only time of the year when this occurs. The open doors represent the stone rolled away from the Tomb of Christ, and the *Epitaphios* (Slavonic: *Plashchanitza*), representing the burial clothes, is visible through them on the Holy Table (altar). The doors are closed before the Ninth Hour on the eve of Thomas Sunday. However, the After-feast of Pascha will continue until the eve of the Ascension.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY ESPECIALLY THOSE SERVING IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ.**

**MAJOR CRAIG M. EYMAN DO~** is Fr. Bryan's 2<sup>nd</sup> youngest brother. He has reentered the Army Reserve and is currently serving with the 848<sup>th</sup> FST [Forward Surgical Team] stationed in Twinsburg, OH. He has returned to his family in Solon, OH.

**CAPTAIN BRIAN HEWKO~** has been a friend of Fr. Bryan. Brian is from St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church in Austinburg, OH. He is a 2008 graduate of West Point. Brian has completed his training in Army Intelligence and is serving in South Carolina awaiting deployment.

**CAPTAIN CHRISTINA MOMONIER~** is a friend of Fr. Bryan. Christina is from Baltimore, MD is a Byzantine Catholic She is currently serving at Ft. Benning, GA.

**CAPTAIN [FATHER] JOSEPH BRANKATELLI USA ~** is a friend of Fr. Bryan and a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and the Archdiocese for the Military Services USA. Fr. Joseph has returned to the United States and continues to serve the Military Archdiocese at Fort Bragg, NC.

**SPECIALIST 3 KATIE WELLER USAF and AIRMEN FIRST CLASS**

**JOHANN WELLER USAF ~** are friends of Fr. Bryan and members of St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church in Harrisburg, PA. Before entering the Armed Forces they were active with the BYZANTEEN Youth Rallies.

**PRIVATE CODY ROMERO USA, STAFF SERGEANT NIKO ROMERO, and STAFF SERGEANT RORY ROMERO** Sons of Sonia Stanton. Cody recently received the Military Blessing at our Church and is serving at Fort Benning, GA. His brother Rory has been deployed to Afghanistan.

**PRIVATE JACKSON RUANE USA~** Jackson is formerly from St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Parish in Ashtabula, OH. He has completed Basic Training and was deployed to Korea on September 9, 2013.

**PRIVATE ABIGAIL BROWN USA~** is the Grand Niece of parishioner Belinda Dorney. She was recently promoted to PFC and is training in Army Intelligence at a base in Arizona. She is serving in Oklahoma.

**2<sup>ND</sup> LT. AARON JACOBSON~** from Mounds View, MN is a friend of Fr. Bryan. He is a 2013 West Point graduate, who has just completed his special training as a platoon leader. He is serving in Ft. Drum, NY.

*May God, in His infinite Love and Mercy, guide and protect all of those serving our Republic in the Armed Forces.*

*Welcome to St. Athanasius Byzantine Catholic Church of Indianapolis, IN. We are a Byzantine Catholic Community that, as part of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy [Diocese] of Parma, is in Communion with Pope Francis I and the other Catholic Churches. If you remain until the end of the Divine Liturgy; you will fulfill your Sunday Obligation. [If you leave early you do not fulfill your Sunday obligation.] We welcome to Holy Communion all Orthodox and Catholic Christians, who are able to receive Holy Communion in their own parish Church. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, all should come forward to kiss the Holy Cross, or be anointed with blessed oil, and share in the Blessed Bread. Then join us in our St. Mary Hall for our Coffee Social. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!*