

## April Birthdays

**May God Grant You  
Many Blessed Years!**

Andrew Vinegra—Apr 3

Susan Drake—Apr 8

Monika Ceselka—Apr 11

Frantisek Chaba—Apr 12

Lukas Ihnat—Apr 23

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### *The Myrrh-Bearing Women*

The Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women ... reminds us that the love and faithfulness of a few individuals shone brightly in the midst of hopeless darkness. It calls us to ensure that in this world love and faithfulness do not disappear or die out. It judges our lack of courage, our fear, our endless and servile rationalizations. The mysterious Joseph and Nicodemus, and these women who go to the grave at dawn, occupy so little space in the gospels. Precisely here, however, is where the eternal fate of each of us is decided.

Today, I think, we are especially in need of recovering this love and basic human loyalty. For we have entered a time when even these are being discredited by harmful concepts of the person and human life now prevailing in this world. For centuries, the world still had the weak, but still

flickering and shining, glow from that faithfulness, love and co-suffering which was silently present at the sufferings of the Man cast aside by all. And we need to cling, as if to a last thread, to everything in our world that still thrives on the warm light of simple, earthly, human love. Love does not ask about theories and ideologies, but speaks to the heart and soul. Human history has rumbled along, kingdoms have risen and fallen, cultures have been built and bloody wars fought, but what has remained unchanging on earth and in this troubled and tragic history is the bright image of the woman. An image of care, self-giving, love, compassion. Without this presence, without this light, our world, regardless of its successes and accomplishments, would be a world of terror.

*Father Alexander Schmemmann*

## SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN



*Icon of the Myrrh-bearing Women*



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**DIVINE LITURGY**

Sunday - 9:00AM

**Confessions:**

Before and After Liturgy

**Pastor:** Very Rev. Francis Rella  
**Director of Music:** Pani Tammy Rella  
**Trustees:** Calvin Bastedo, Stephen Kurilla  
**Trustee Emeritus:** George Kresan  
**GCU Representative:** David Simon  
**Parish Bookkeeper:** Lori Grobelny  
**Hospitality:** Ed Bilavsky

**April 19, 2026**  
**Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women**

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| SUNDAY | April 19 | 9:00 a.m. | <b>Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women</b><br>Anniversary of Frantisek and Bozena Chaba |
| SUNDAY | April 26 | 9:00 a.m. | <b>Sunday of the Paralytic Man</b><br>+ Vincent Milano                                |

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**EPISTLE READERS**

SUNDAY, APRIL 19—Richard Rella

SUNDAY APRIL 26—Christina Simon

**OPENING OF THE NEW CHURCH:** The Most Reverend Kurt Burnette, Bishop of Passaic, will celebrate the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy consecrating the new church building on Saturday, August 8, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. immediately followed by a luncheon.

**TICKET INFORMATION:** Tickets are not required to attend the opening Liturgy and Consecration of the new church building. There will be no reserved seating. General Admission for everyone. Doors will open 1 hour before the start of liturgy. Parking is limited so please plan on carpooling.

**LUNCHEON INFORMATION:** Tickets for the Luncheon will be available for purchase **beginning today**. A link will be sent to current parishioners and former parishioners if we have your contact information. There is a five ticket limit per purchase. If you need additional tickets, please contact Father Rella. Tickets can also be purchased at church after Sunday Liturgy in person. If you do not have technology, see Father Rella and tickets will be set aside. Tickets will be available to the general public **beginning on April 26, 2026** and posted online.

**COMMUNITY THEATER AUDITIONS:** Auditions for Gilbert and Sullivan’s “H.M.S. Pinafore” will continue today at OLPH and on Friday May 8th, and Sunday May 10th. Visit the Jersey Shore Light Opera website at [JSLO.org](http://JSLO.org) for more information and sign-ups or speak with Father Rella. We would love to have you join our new theater company! No experience necessary.

**RADIO STATION** - Listen to **Eastern Catholic Radio**, our parish internet radio station on **TuneIn**, the **Live365** app, or at [olphtr.org](http://olphtr.org).

**MONTHLY ROSARY** - Recitation of the Holy Rosary is prayed on the first Sunday of each month beginning at 8:30 a.m. before Liturgy.

**MEN’S PRAYER & STUDY GROUP** - Meets in the hall for Catholic study, prayer, and fellowship, the second Friday of each month at 6:00 a.m. All are welcome.

**BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL 2025** - October 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026. Our parish goal is \$9800. You can contribute using the pledge form you receive at home, using the green monthly stewardship envelopes provided in your box, electronically at **PayPal/Eofferings** or [eparchyofpassaic.com](http://eparchyofpassaic.com).

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** - Please pray for our parishioners and family members that are in need of healing and are not able to attend liturgy, especially, Geoff Gawdun, Nella Jawernycky, and Ron Jawernycky. Please let us know if there are others that we need to add to our list.

**YOUNG ADULT CONVOCATION:** This summer, encounter The Heart of the God-Bearer at the 2026 Byzantine Catholic Young Adult Convocation, July 31st to August 2nd at St. Mary’s Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, New Jersey. Young adults ages 18-35 will gather. For more information and regular updates, go to [www.heartofthegodbearer.org](http://www.heartofthegodbearer.org).

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Many Happy Years in celebration of the 55th Anniversary of parishioners Frank and Bozena Chaba. Many thanks for the food and for your presence and support!