FOR THE HEALTH OF:

Steven Kovatch by Teresa Redmond
Tommy Kovatch by Teresa Redmond
Kovatch Family by Teresa Redmond
Anna Marie Laciak by Tim, Karen & Kiersten
Michelle & Jody by Mom & Dad
Violet Finzel by Larry & Helen
Mickey & Nancy Mucci by Larry & Helen
Mary Kossol by Larry & Helen
Julia Bilski by Larry & Helen
Bill/Dad by Carol & Michelle
Costella Family by Toni
Dudzinski Family by Jonathan, Jennifer, Ava & Nathan
Vernet Family by Jonathan, Jennifer, Ava & Nathan
Sara Morgan by Jonathan, Jennifer, Ava & Nathan
Dudzinski Family
Linda Vernet by John, Marie & Jacob
Charlotte Dacko by John, Marie & Jacob
Jeff & Nancy Konsugar by John, Marie & Jacob
Walter Trembach by John, Marie & Jacob
Bill Lofink by John, Marie & Jacob
Matushka Marsha by John, Marie & Jacob
Carol Dacko by John, Marie & Jacob

Justin & Jacob by Mom & Dad
Shannon Simon by Rebecca Bazzar
Family by Carol Dacko
Margaret Gnora by Tammy & Zachary Billie
Steven Kovatch by Mom, Dad & Tommy
Tommy Kovatch by Mom, Dad & Steven
Ronald by Martha
Mark by Mom
Ronald Anthony by Martha
Lofink Family by Bill & Patrick Lofink
Mica Family by Mariann
Yuschak Family
Claudette by Yuschak Family
Chuck & Mary Jo Yetsconish by Yuschak Family
Mom & Dad by Michelle
Jody by Michelle
Joan by Michelle
Mary Kossol by Michelle
Mucci Family by Michelle
Finzel Family by Michelle
Annie by Bill & Mary Jo
Greg by Bill & Mary Jo
Jonathan by Bill & Mary Jo
Sara by Bill & Mary Jo
Liam by Bill & Mary Jo
Alice by Bill & Mary Jo
Donna Hatalowich by Janet
Rose Janus by Janet
Patricia Rue by Peter & Mary Stephanie
Mary Gelli by Peter & Mary Stephanie

HEALTH & GOD'S STRENGTH:
Donnie by Dad & Mom

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Helen Evansky by Zeli Family
Jack W. Gaber by Marilyn Maskaly
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Jereme by Jonathan, Jennifer, Ava & Nathan
Ben & Sophie Dudzinski by Jonathan, Jennifer, Ava & Nathan
John & Carrie Konsugar by Jonathan, Jennifer, Ava & Nathan
Helen Koslosky by Jonathan, Jennifer, Ava & Nathan
Mike Backo by Jonathan, Jennifer, Ava & Nathan
Jereme by Mom, Dad & Jacob
Sophie & Ben Dudzinski by John, Marie & Jacob
Helen Koslosky by John, Marie & Jacob
George Konick by John, Marie & Jacob
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Helen Evansky by Bill & Carol
Helen Evansky by Toni & John
Helen Evansky by Karen, Doug & Family
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St. Mary of Egypt (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

By Very Reverend Fr. Michael Ellias

On the fifth Sunday of Great Lent, the Church provides us with one final theme of prayer and repentance before we enter Holy Week, the life of St. Mary of Egypt. St. Mary explained to Abba Zosimas, “I was born in Egypt, and when I was 12 years old, I left my parents and went to Alexandria. There I gave myself to unrestrained sensuality. For more than 17 years I lived like that.”

Mary described how she boarded a ship of pilgrims on its way to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Upon arrival she attempted to enter the church, but a force prevented her entrance. She realized that she had to repent of her sinful ways, and the Blessed Theotokos revealed to her that salvation awaited her in the desert beyond the Jordan River by means of continual prayer and fasting.

Abba Zosimas asked her, “How many years have passed since you began to live in the desert?” She replied, “It is 47 years.” Abba Zosimas asked, “What food do you find here?” She said, “I had two and a half loaves of bread when I crossed the Jordan. Eating a little at a time, I finished them after a few years.”

On this Sunday of Great Lent, the Church encourages us to emulate this powerful example of lifelong repentance by prayer and fasting. While we all surely eat more than two and a half loaves of bread in a few years, our meager fasting should heighten our compassion for the poor and the hungry, and whatever resources we are able to preserve by fasting become available for “the least of these my brethren.” Let us reach out to the poor and destitute throughout the world with the inspiration of St. Mary of Egypt, especially during his time of tumult and suffering.