

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

12th Sunday After Pentecost, September 4, 2011
9:00 AM Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners
11:30 AM Lit. + Anna and John Sawchuk
r/by Olga Hunchar
Monday, September 5, 2011
7:20 AM Lit. + Marie Setnyk r/by Rozalia Czaban
Tuesday, September 6, 2011
7:20 AM Lit. + Katherine Tymkiw r/by Helen Tulys
Wednesday, September 7, 2011
7:20 AM Lit. + Kathryn and Stephen Ilek - Legate
Thursday, September 8, 2011
Birth of the Theotokos
8:45 AM Lit. + Michael Duda (19th anniv.)
r/by Wife, Helen Duda
Friday, September 9, 2011
7:20 AM Lit. + Ed Gasior r/by Massopust Family
Saturday, September 10, 2011
8:00 AM Lit. + Rev. Antony r/by Family
5:00 PM Lit. + Giovanni Fazio
r/by Cathy and Ralph Iacuzio and Family
Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross, September 11, 2011
Epistle - Gal 6:11-18, Gospel - Jn 3:13-17
9:00 AM Lit. + Peter Dzioba; Paraskevia Dzioba
r/by Anna
11:30 AM Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners

Epistle Readers, 11:00 a.m. Liturgy:

Nancy Bialkowski	9/4/11
Joan Zaleski	9/11/11
Kenneth Bialkowski	9/18/11
Peter Baralecki	9/25/11

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
Donation Envelopes

It is that time of year that we prepare to order donation envelopes for our registered parishioners for 2012. If there are any changes or corrections to your name or address please contact the rectory, or drop a note in the collection basket addressed to the church secretary. If you will be moving away from the parish and no longer need envelopes, please let us know. If you attend church and do not have donations envelopes, please register. Forms are available in the church vestibule.

Please note - if you were issued envelopes for 2011 and have not used them, we will not order new envelopes for 2012, and you will no longer be listed as an active parishioner.

Senior Citizens Club will meet on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 12:00 noon in the church hall.

September Pyrohy Sale

If you wish to place an order please use the order sheets in the church vestibule. Potato pyrohy will be sold Sept. 15 and 18, sauerkraut pyrohy will be sold on Sept. 22 and 25. Please see the order sheet for details!

Cemetery

A large tree at the border of the cemetery (in the back area) fell due to the storm. We are in the process of having the tree removed.

Calendar, Bulletin

Parish organizations are asked to confirm usual monthly meeting date and time by notifying the rectory (in writing or by email) before the September meeting. Meetings will then be posted. Please notify secretary of any changes.

Back-to-School

It seems like it was just yesterday when we said good-bye to our graduates and wished them well as they begin High School. This week, on Tuesday September 6, we welcome back our students and staff and pray for their success and growth in the new school year. Whether this is their first year with us or their last, these students are a constant reminder of why we have embarked on our campaign. This is the legacy that we will leave. This is what we give back to our community. Throughout the year you will read in this bulletin or hear at Liturgy all of the great things happening at Assumption Catholic School. Even if you have no children attending the school, feel free to participate in these events as we unite parish and school into one strong - and growing - faith community.

Ukrainian Festival

St. Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church at 1344 White Oak Bottom Road in Toms River, NJ, will hold its 4th annual Ukrainian Festival on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM.

Delicious Ukrainian food and beverages; live music by “Cheremosh Band,” vendors, kid’s fun, raffles, 50/50 and so much more. The Ukrainian Dance Ensemble “Barvinok” from Bound Brook, NJ will perform at 3:00 PM. For more information call 732-505-6053; vendors call 732-928-5013 or 201-218-1114.

Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting

Members of the Pastoral Advisory Council, our next meeting will be on Monday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. in our church hall. We will be discussing our fall/winter program of events, upcoming 50th Anniversary of our school and other business. Any items for the agenda should be submitted to Fr. Ivan no later than September 9th for his consideration.

Generations of Faith Committee Meeting

In April of this year we started an exciting new faith formation program called Generations of Faith in our parish. As you may recall, over 100 people gathered in our school hall to listen to the presentation on the topic “Lent - Commission and Omission”. The program GOF seeks to encourage life-long intergenerational learning for all ages within the parish community. In November, we would like to have another session of GOF that will prepare us for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Fr. Ivan is asking all the members of the GOF Committee to meet in the church hall on Saturday September 17th after the 5:00 p.m. Liturgy. We welcome all new members of our parish to join the Committee and come to the next meeting.

Position available for part-time teacher. Our parish school is seeking a teacher for a part-time position teaching Ukrainian, four hours per week. The position requires someone fluent in Ukrainian and English. Please contact the school principal, Mr. Michael Szpyhulsky, 732-826-0767.

Getting Married in 2011 or 2012?

If you are considering getting married at our parish in 2011 or 2012 and have not already met with Fr. Ivan please contact him as soon as possible. If you are getting married in 2011, please call Father to schedule the final meeting.

How Happy Are You With Your Vocation?

The old saw “money can’t buy happiness” apparently holds true when it comes to work. Highly paid professionals like doctors and lawyers didn’t make the cut when researchers set out to find the most satisfied workers. Clergy ranked tops in both job satisfaction and general happiness according to the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago. Physical therapists and firefighters were second and third ranked in job satisfactions, with more than three quarters reporting being “very satisfied.”



Other occupations in which more than 60 percent said they were very satisfied included teachers, painters and sculptors, psychologists and authors. “The most satisfying jobs are mostly professions, especially those involving caring for, teaching and protecting others and creative pursuits,” said Tom W. Smith, director of NORC’s General Social Survey, a poll supported by the National Science Foundation. For the most satisfied workers, intrinsic rewards are key, the study suggests. “They’re doing work they’re very proud of, helping people,” Smith said, Clergy ranked by far the most satisfied and the most generally happy of 198 occupations.

- *Most priests are extremely happy in their vocations! The life of a priest is a very rewarding life, both in this world and in the next. A number of men who think God may be calling them to the priesthood put off seriously discerning this vocation, saying, “I’ve got my whole life ahead of me, I’ll think about it later.” Isn’t it time you let your life begin? If you feel God is calling you to the priesthood, talk to Fr. Ivan and he will help you discern God’s call on your life.*

Answering God’s Call

When Americans answer the telephone, most of them simply say, “Hello.” I have heard that the response is a bit different in other countries.

- Germans answer a ringing phone with their last name.
- In Denmark, the Danes will answer with both their first and last names.
- Russians say, “I’m listening.”
- The curious French say, “Hello, who’s on the line?”
- Italians greet callers with “Ready” upon which the caller demands, “Who’s speaking?”
- The Spanish give the command, “Speak!”
- The Chinese proclaim, “Hey, hey, who are you?”

Just as there are different ways of answering phone calls, there are also different ways to answering a call from God. Moses answered God’s call by saying, “Who am I?” (Exodus 3:11). Gideon answered, “I am the least in my father’s house.” (Judges 6:15). Zechariah answered, “How shall I know this?” (Luke 1:18). Isaiah answered, “Here am I. Send me.” (Isaiah 6:8). How will you answer God’s call in your life? It’s a call that demands much from you (God calls asking for nothing less than everything you have), but it is a call that offers the presence of God in your life as you fulfill your calling. Will you answer His call? Will you be the man or woman of God that He has called you to be? Are you willing to accept the responsibility that God has laid on you? God is calling. How will you answer?



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- **Sticharion** - all orders of the clergy wear a special outer garment a robe called a sticharion. This white robe represent the baptismal garment in which every Christian is clothed on his day of baptism. It also signifies the white robe of the angel who announced to the myrrh bearing women the glad tidings of the Lord’s Resurrection (Mark 16:5).
- **Stole or Epitrachelion** - the second fundamental vestment for clergy is the stole or epitrachelion which goes around the neck and shoulders. It is the sign of the pastoral office. This vestment symbolizes the grace of the Holy Spirit that flows down abundantly upon the officiating clergy. Adorning the Epitrachelion are two set of tassels; the set on top represents the souls of the living which the priest is responsible for and the set on the bottom represents the souls of those who have fallen asleep in the Lord.
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*** **Priest’s Vestments** serve to hide and submerge the personality of the priest so that worshippers, seeing Christ through the vestments, may know that it is He, Jesus, who teaches and sanctifies through the priest

SEPTEMBER 2011
ASSUMPTION UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, PERTH AMBOY, NJ

SUNDAY Неділя	MONDAY Понеділок	TUESDAY Вівторок	WEDNESDAY Середа	THURSDAY Четвер	FRIDAY П'ятниця	SATURDAY Субота
				1 <i>Beginning of the Church year</i>	2 <u>First Friday Sick Calls</u> BINGO	3
4 <u>Coffee Hour</u> resumes.	5 LABOR DAY	6 <u>Assumption Catholic School</u> First day of school, 12:30 PM dismissal	7 <u>ACS</u> 12:30 PM dismissal BINGO	8 <i>Birth of the Theotokos</i> <u>ACS</u> First full day of school. <u>Senior Citizens Club</u> meeting 12 noon.	9 BINGO	10
11	12 <u>Parish Advisory Board Meeting</u> 7 PM, Church hall	13 <u>ACS</u> Back-to-School Night <u>St. Ann's Society</u> meeting 7:30 PM, church hall.	14 <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> BINGO	15 <u>Pyrohy Sale</u> (Potato) Pick up Thurs. 5 PM, or Sun. 10:30AM	16 BINGO	17 <u>Generations of Faith</u> committee mtg. Church hall after 5 PM lit.
18 <u>Senior Citizens</u> bus trip to Atlantic City	19	20	21 BINGO	22 <u>ACS</u> Back-to-School Family Barbeque 5:30 to 7:00 PM <u>Pyrohy Sale</u> (Sauerkraut) Pick up Thurs. 5 PM, or Sun. 10:30AM	23 BINGO	24
25	26 <u>ACS</u> Scholastic Book Fair, browsing	27 Scholastic Book Fair	28 Scholastic Book Fair BINGO	29	30 BINGO	
Bingo: Wednesday and Friday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Games begin 7:30 p.m.						



PASTORAL SHARINGS

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