

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

1st Sunday of the Great Fast, February 17, 2013
 9:00 AM Lit. + Irene Ambrozewycz r/by Roman & Cathy
 11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
Tuesday, February 19, 2013
 7:20 AM Lit. + Petro Stachiw - Legate
 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, February 20, 2013
 8:45 AM Lit. + Charles Kopcho Sr., Charles Kopcho Jr.
 - Legate
Thursday, February 21, 2013
 7:20 AM Lit. + Nicholas Koval r/by Linda Coyne
Friday, February 22, 2013
 6:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Saturday, February 23, 2013
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy and
 Lenten Commemoration of the Dead
 5:00 PM Lit. + Charles Biloholowski r/by Son & Family
2nd Sunday of the Great Fast, February 24, 2013
 Epistle - Heb 1:10-2:3; Gospel - Mk 2:1-12
 9:00 AM Lit. + John Deliman r/by Nick Lyszyk
 11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

2013 Women's Day of Prayer, sponsored by the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, in partnership with the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, and the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God, has been structured to complement our Holy Father's establishment of a "Year of Faith" and his invitation to "an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world." This Day of prayer, ritual, guided spiritual reflection and group discussion will be held on **Saturday, March 9, 2013**, at the **Parish Hall of the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**, in Philadelphia. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., and the Day's closing ritual concludes at 4:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending and wish to reserve a seat on the church sponsored van, please submit your registration fee of \$25 to the rectory as soon as possible.

Valentine Zabava Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. The financial report will be presented to the committee.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet in the church hall on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7:00 p.m. All members of the new pastoral council are asked to attend.

Lenten Discussion Group

Following the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Fridays, Deacon Paul will lead a discussion on *Liturgy - The Heart of Our Worship* which will study the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom through Lent.

Getting Married in 2013 or 2014?

If you are considering getting married at our parish in 2013 or 2014 and have not already met with Fr. Ivan please contact him as soon as possible. The Pre-Cana meetings are already scheduled and you need to attend them in order to be married in our church.

ACS Brick Fundraiser

Memorial Bricks are being sold to raise funds for the parish school. Each brick can be personalized as a memorial for a family or loved one. The cost is \$50.00 per brick. For information call the rectory at 732-826-0767, or chairman Rozalia Czaban, 973-763-4273. The DEADLINE FOR ORDERING Bricks is Sept. 22, 2013.

Baralecki Family,
 IN MEMORY OF
 PETER BARALECKI SR.

Baralecki Family,
 IN MEMORY OF
 STEPHEN BARALECKI

Valentine Dance Thanks

Another great event has come and gone for the Assumption Church family. Our Valentine Dance last Saturday was a huge success. The decorations, food and deserts were great thanks to the chairpersons and all the volunteers. Everyone in attendance had a really nice time. Pictures from the event can be viewed at www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net.

An Evening of Friendship and Reflection

In the spirit of the Lenten season, St. Ann's invites one and all for a casual gathering on Saturday, Mar. 2, immediately after the 5:00 PM Liturgy. Those parishioners who traveled to the Holy Land last Fall will be on hand to share pictures and memories. Coffee and cake will be provided. Please join us in fellowship.

Gift Auction

The St. Ann's Society sponsored Gift Auction will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2013 at Assumption Catholic School Auditorium, 380 Meredith St, Perth Amboy, NJ. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. and auction starts at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$6. Cake and coffee are included. Great prizes will feature 4 Prize Levels and include I Pad Mini, 32" Flat Screen TV, Money Raffles and more. The kitchen will be open for lunch, featuring cabbage & noodles, sausage & peppers and more. Tickets are available in advance from St. Ann's members or at the door. For more information call the rectory, 732-826-0767.

ASK THE PASTOR: The most common excuses you may encounter when you invite someone to come to Church during Lent, as well as what YOU can say to answer them.

• **What THEY might say: " I can pray at home "**

What YOU reply: "We can and should say prayers at home, but we don't come to Church just to pray! We come to Church to be with God in ways that we cannot experience anywhere else. The Church is GOD'S home and God is with us in the Church through the Holy Icons, in Holy Scripture and in Holy Communion. It is not possible to experience so much of God's presence ANYWHERE else like this except in Church!

• **What THEY might say: " The Divine Liturgy lasts too long!"**

What YOU reply: "Is an hour too much to give to God who watches over us 24 hours a day, seven days a week? Jesus said to His own apostles, 'Can you not stay with me for just one hour?'

• **What THEY might say: " I work hard all week, I need to relax on Sunday"**

What YOU reply: "We are nothing without God. Our ability to work all week long and to enjoy the things that our hard work buys is really a gift from God who deserves our thanks, which we give most specially in Church!"

• **What THEY might say: " The Church is full of hypocrites"**

What YOU reply: "That is correct. Christ founded His church not for saints but for sinners! However, aren't WE the real hypocrites, when we judge other people when Jesus said all just judgment belongs to Him?

• **What THEY might say: " I don' t like the priest"**

What YOU reply: "The church is not just a building and it is not just one person, the priest. The Church is the living Body of Christ on earth and it is your family. It is where you belong! Even should the imperfections of the priest who is human just like you become hurtful, this

should not be a reason not to invite someone or stay away yourself.