

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday of the Prodigal Son, February 16, 2014

9:00 AM Lit. + Msgr. Victor Pospishil

11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Monday, February 17, 2014

7:20 AM Lit. + Fedir Vakulenko r/by Julia Reva

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

7:20 AM Lit. + Petro Stachiw - Legate

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

7:20 AM Lit. + Antonyna Horeniuk (40 days)

r/by Dyana Kravchyk

Thursday, February 20, 2014

No Liturgy Scheduled

Friday, February 21, 2014

8:45 AM Lit. + Charles Kopcho Sr., Charles Kopcho Jr.

Saturday, February 22, 2014

8:00 AM Lit. + Ustyna Demianyk (40 days)

r/by Olga Halawoza

5:00 PM Lit. + Charles Biloholowski r/by Son and Family

Sunday of Meat-Fare, February 23, 2014*Epistle - 1 Cor 8:8-9:2; Gospel - Mt 25:31-46*

9:00 AM Lit. + Stephan Banach r/by Wife, Melania

11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Gift Auction

The St. Ann's Society sponsored Gift Auction will be held on Sunday, March 2, 2014 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 Sony Blue Ray DVD player, Kindle Fire, Raffles and more. The kitchen will be open for lunch, featuring cabbage & noodles, kielbasa & sauerkraut and hot dogs.

St. Ann's members will be selling tickets after liturgies next week, Feb. 23. For more information call the rectory, 732-826- 0767.

Taras Shevchenko 200th Anniversary

On Sunday March 9, Assumption parish will commemorate the life of poet Taras Shevchenko with a moving concert of songs, a theatrical play, poems and recitations. The concert is organized by our choir "Boyan" and Mrs. Alla Korostil.

Chancery Meeting

Fr. Ivan will be in Philadelphia for a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 20

Pray for Ukraine

There are some very serious anti-government protests taking place in Kyiv, Ukraine. This unrest is very disturbing, especially to Ukraine, causing brutality and death against the peaceful demonstrators. It recalls the times of Stalin. Please include Ukraine in your daily prayers for peace and democracy. U.S. National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden said Ukraine's government "has moved to weaken the foundations of Ukraine's democracy by criminalizing peaceful protest and stripping civil society and political opponents of key democratic protections under the law."

Lent- Saturdays Of The Souls

In your box of donation envelopes you will find a sorokousty envelope, requesting inclusion of the names of your departed loved ones. Please list only the FIRST NAMES and return it to the priest by March 2.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Is a telling a white lie a sin? If you have to do something wrong to accomplish something good, it isn't a sin, is it?

Colossians 3:9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices.

Yes, telling a 'white lie' is a sin. Lies are lies, no matter the color or lack of it, and lying is a sin. Sometimes we think telling a lie is necessary to accomplish a good result but that doesn't make it any less a lie. Just because it's more convenient to lie than to tell the truth, just because it may be easier to lie than to argue or dissuade doesn't make it acceptable before God. And just because a lie would seem a better answer to another person, in order to avoid an unpleasant consequence, doesn't make it any less a lie, less sinful or less wrong.

Why wouldn't the priest bless my ring when I asked him?

What kind of ring would you want to have blessed? The only rings we bless in Church are wedding rings. Wedding rings are blessed at the time of the wedding. All other rings are only jewelry and decorations.

What's the difference between betrothal and engagement?

Engagement is an exchange of promises, usually symbolized by exchanging a ring or rings, between two people who decide to marry. These promises are not formalized or legally binding. Betrothal is the first part of the Sacrament of Marriage. When you are betrothed to someone in the liturgy of the church, those promises are legally binding and forever.

Why is it forbidden to bless homes during Lent?

It isn't forbidden. House-blessing just isn't usually done in Lenten times because of its festive nature. It's incongruous to sing "When You, O Lord was baptized in the Jordan," outside the feast, especially during Lent. In Lent, the Church services are more frequent and longer, and the priest would have to juggle his regular duties with Lenten services and house-blessings. It's too much for one man to handle.

New Jersey Devils Hockey**Ukrainian Heritage Night**

The Devils will face off against the Carolina Hurricanes on Saturday, March 8, 2014 - 7:00 PM at the Prudential Center, 25 Lafayette Street, Newark, NJ. **Come, join us, and represent our parish. The Holy Name Society has reserved a section of seats.** The cost per person is \$40. Wear your Ukrainian embroidered shirts, hats, and bring flags and banners.

Each ticket purchased comes with a one of a kind Ukrainian/Devils T-Shirt! Plus: Iskra Dance Ensemble and Academy, Strolling accordionists, Bandura players, Pysanka demonstration, Ukrainian cultural display, and a Zamboni riding Kozak and more.

If interested, please call the Rectory at (732) 826-0767 by February 28th.