

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

6th Sunday After Pentecost, July 20, 2014
Elijah - Great Prophet
9:00 AM Lit. Health of “Choir Boyan” members
r/by Alla Korostil
11:00 AM Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners
Monday, July 21, 2014
No Liturgy Scheduled
Tuesday, July 22, 2014
8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention George & Mary Kowal
Wednesday, July 23, 2014
8:00 AM - Lit. + Charles Patulak
r/by Joyce & Bill Adamshick and Sons
Thursday, July 24, 2014
8:00 AM - Lit. + Col. Joseph Petronis - Legate
Friday, July 25, 2014
8:00 AM - Lit. + Charles, Anna, Nick, Olga,
Judith Dachishen - Legate
Saturday, July 26, 2014
8:00 AM - Lit. and Pan. + Stephen Lahola (1 yr.)
r/by Family
5:00 PM - Lit. + Albert Gochal r/by Kwiecinski Family
7TH Sunday After Pentecost, July 27, 2014
Epistle - Rom 15:1-7; Gospel - Mt 9:27-35
9:00 AM Lit. + John Ilek r/by Helen and Jeff
11:00 AM Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners

Today’s Feast: Prophet Elijah

The most dramatic event in Elijah’s life was his departure from life. As the Second Book of Kings describes it: “...a fiery chariot, and fiery horses parted them both asunder, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.”

Because of this ascension of Elias into heaven on a fiery chariot, it became the Byzantine tradition to bless chariots on this day. Eventually, this spread to all types of vehicles so that today, we bless cars and any other type of vehicle on this feast day. This blessing is not only to preserve the car and its passengers from all evil, but we also pray that this blessing may show us the way of salvation. We pray that the grace of God may help us to be ever intent on doing good works so that we may attain everlasting joys and blessings after the trials in our earthly pilgrimage are over. Thus, this blessing like all blessings is not a mere superstitious formula, but rather a reminder that it is through the grace of God that we are able to live the type of life that will bring about our salvation. Today in our parish, we will have the blessing of all vehicles following the Divine Liturgies first on the streets around the church and then on the school parking lot.

Somerset Patriots vs Sugarland Skeeters - August 9

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a trip to a baseball game on August 9, 2014. See the Somerset Patriots vs Sugarland Skeeters at 7:05 pm. Cost is \$15.00 per person; transportation is on your own. Altar boys are invited at no charge, but must be accompanied by an adult. Price includes refreshments before the game. Please meet at church by 5:30 pm. There will be Fireworks after the game. Contact Charlie Boyko by July 31, 732-254-3966.

Christmas in July

Good Shepherd Parish is sponsoring a Christmas in July Craft Fair on Sunday, July 20 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Msgr. Gambino Hall, at Most Holy Rosary Church, 625 Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn, NJ. Unique Vendors, Gold Buying, homemade refreshments will be available; entertainment and a visit from Santa for children. Elevator accessed, air conditioned hall and free parking. Call Joyce (732-887-7800) for details.

From The Desk Of The Pastor

During the summer months, our church has lots of things that need to be done, nothing major, but we are planning to strip and re-wax the floor and paint the walls in the church hall. Also, we will replace the sink faucets and some plumbing work will be done in the men’s bathroom. As you probable already noticed, our pew kneelers were changed, the outside front steps were patched and painted, and some repair work was done to the church air conditioning and sprinkler systems. I cannot begin to tell you how many people from different parishes and churches comment on how beautiful our church and school buildings and grounds look. I would like to take this opportunity and thank all those who work so hard to make our House of God as beautiful as it is, both inside and out. We have dedicated men and women who come and help and for that I am very grateful. Now we need to do our part as well. I know many people take a bulletin and read them before Liturgy starts and hopefully, not during Liturgy. I ask you to please either take them home with you or return them to the vestibule after Liturgy. Please don’t leave them in the pews. So many times, I have watched our Sisters and other parishioners going through the pews cleaning up the mess others leave behind. We have too beautiful of a church and we have too many people working hard making it look wonderful for it to be sloppy. Thank you for you help and understanding in these matters.

Cemetery Graves - When are they Filled?

A number of parishioners have asked when their loved one’s grave would be filled and reseeded. Please keep in mind that when a grave is dug it must settle for at least 6 months to a year before any work can be done. A grave typically continues to settle for months after the body has been interred--especially if that section of the cemetery is/has been wet. If your loved one’s grave is not reseeded yet, please know that it must continue to settle before it can be filled in.

The parish does not install headstones or military markers. The families, not the parish, are also responsible for maintaining their monuments at the cemetery. There are some monuments that are ready to fall over and are a hazard. If they fall, someone could be injured. Please make arrangements for any necessary repairs to be made.

50 Years Of Educating Students

Assumption Catholic School in Perth Amboy, NJ *IS ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS*. Our Parish School provides a safe, Christ-centered, Catholic environment to a diverse population of pre-Kindergarten (age 4) through 8th-grade students. Before Care and After Care are available. If you or your friends have been looking for a place for your child to receive an education in a safe, caring environment, come and visit our school. Write to ACSchooloffice@gmail.com or call the school office 732-826-8721 to arrange for a school tour or pick an application. ACS summer office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday. Thank you for helping to spread the word!

Donation Envelopes for 2015

We will soon be ordering envelopes for 2015. If there are any corrections to name or address, please contact the rectory. If you don’t currently have donation envelopes and wish to be considered an active registered parishioner, please call us at 732-826-0767.