

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**7TH Sunday After Pentecost, July 27, 2014**

9:00 AM Lit. + John Ilek r/by Helen and Jeff

11:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Saturday, August 2, 2014

5:00 PM - Lit. + Walter & Mary Lykosh - Legate

8th Sunday After Pentecost, August 3, 2014

Epistle - 1 Cor 1:10-18; Gospel - Mt 14:14-22

9:00 AM Lit. + Charles Stek r/by Mary Ann Makar

11:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

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.

Ukraine's Independence Day**Flag Raising Ceremony in Perth Amboy, NJ.**

A flag raising ceremony and a short program on the occasion of the 23rd Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall Circle at 260 High St. The raising of Ukraine's flag will take place to show our support for the Ukrainian nation, that is committed to peace, democracy, sovereignty and national unity. This event is open to the public. ALL are welcome! Organizers: Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church and the Ukrainian National Federal Credit Union in Perth Amboy, NJ. Come and be counted!

Donation to Church

\$200.00 - Vasyl & Anna Kitchoula,

In memory of Mother, + KATERYNA

For Those Seeking To Re-Marry In The Church

Those who wish to know their status, or who want peace of mind and healing, the Metropolitan Tribunal of our Philadelphia Archeparchy is available to serve and help those in need. For more information, go online at www.ukrarcheparchy.us for information and forms, under the heading 'Tribunal' or call the Tribunal Office at 215-627-0143.

Thank You

We would like to thank Vasyl and Anna Kitchoula for cleaning and waxing the floor in our church hall. We also thank Volodymyr Derevensky, who at no charge painted the hall and installed new exit signs. Thank you for doing so much behind the scenes.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH ?

If you are new to Assumption Parish, we extend to you a warm and heartfelt welcome. To register, please call the rectory, 732-826-0767, or fill out the following information and drop it into the mail or the Sunday collection. We'll be in touch with you right away.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Youth Gathering Update!

Dear young people from Assumption Parish, it has been almost two months since our last gathering in Whippany, NJ and the positive buzz about the event continues. In reviewing the surveys completed that day, NJ Deanery Priests are delighted to say that event was a great success. The ad hoc comments included on the surveys emphasize the need to do more events such as this one; where there is an opportunity to provide Christian values based guidance in a friendly, wholesome environment, and for young adults to meet one another and share ideas and opinions freely. Recently we held a meeting and discussed the possibility of having another event, probably before Christmas and then during the Lenten Season. We will keep you posted with the future event date coming up soon on <https://www.facebook.com/NJUACYG>, our Facebook page. Please join us!

60th Dormition (Assumption) Pilgrimage

The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate will be hosting the 60th Dormition pilgrimage in Sloatsburg, NY on August 10-11, 2014. This year's theme is: "The Holy Family is the Guide for the Evangelization of our Families—'A Joy Ever New, a Joy Which is Shared'" (Pope Francis). A special display and presentation of "The Church of the Catacombs in the 20th Century", conferences, activities for children, the annual teen camp-out, the beautiful services and an opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, are part of the schedule for these two days of spiritual renewal for all who attend. For more information please visit our website: www.ssmi-us.org or if you have any questions please feel free to contact Sr. Kathleen at 845-642-6143, or Sr. Eliane at 845-499-9721, or ilnitskieli10@yahoo.com.

Pastor's Corner**Why do we wear a cross?**

In pre-Christian times, the Cross was the instrument of a shameful and horrible death. The Romans invented it and used it in order to intimidate the peoples whom they had subjugated. Everyone looked on this instrument of execution the shameful Cross with horror. But a remarkable change took place with respect to the Cross after Our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified on it. The Lord suffered and died on the Cross. He took horrible sufferings upon Himself in order to save us from sins. The Cross received great glory, such as no other object made by the hands of man has possessed. The Cross became the sign of our salvation, through which we receive the power of God, the grace of God.

The Cross is the first and greatest Christian sacred object. When the priest sanctifies water, he immerses the Cross in it, and the water becomes holy. When we wear the Cross on our chest, our body constantly touches it, and from this touch it, too, is sanctified. The Cross that we wear protects us from danger.

In Communist Ukraine, believing people would wear a Cross at great risk, since there could be much un-pleasantness from the godless for this. But these remarkable people were not afraid to confess their faith, and they would fearlessly wear a Cross. One ought not to look upon the Cross as some kind of jewelry like a bracelet or brooch. The Cross must adorn our soul and not our clothing, and must constantly re-mind us that we are Christians, called to live according to our faith, which is founded on the Savior's sufferings on the Cross.