

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**3rd Sunday of the Great Fast, Veneration of the Cross
February 28, 2016**

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
11:30 AM Lit. + Nicholas Koval r/by Linda Coyne
5:00 PM - Akathist to the Divine Passion of Christ

Monday, February 29, 2016

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

7:30 AM - Lit. + Lynn Kopi - Legate
6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (English)

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

8:45 AM - Lit. + Tomas Borsa r/by Lojko Family
6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (Ukrainian)

Thursday, March 3, 2016

No Liturgy Scheduled

Friday, March 4, 2016

6:30 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, March 5, 2016

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Lenten Commemoration
5:00 PM Lit. + Walter Makar r/by Daughter

4th Sunday of the Great Fast, March 6, 2016

Epistle - Heb 6:13-20; Gospel - Mk 9:17-31

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
11:30 AM Lit. + Andrew Mahasky
r/by Missionary Sisters of Mother of God

Today: Third Sunday of the Great Fast

On this Third Sunday of the Great Fast, we honor and venerate the Holy and Life-giving Cross of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the beginning of the Divine Liturgy the Cross adorned with flowers will be brought out in procession and placed on the Tetrapod in the center of the Church. During the entire week, the Cross will remain in the center of our Church, not merely to remind us of Christ's redemption and for us to keep the goal of their Lenten efforts, but also as a reminder: "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt 10:38). Following the Divine Liturgy, please come forward to venerate the Cross of Our Lord as we continue our journey of the Great Fast.

Gift Auction in Perth Amboy, NJ. - Next Sunday!

St. Ann's Society is sponsoring a "Bunny Hop Tricky Tray" Gift Auction on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at Assumption Catholic School Auditorium, 370 Meredith St., Perth Amboy, NJ. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. and auction starts at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$8. Cruise through our rows of TABLE PRIZES while listening to tunes from the 50's and 60's; rock on over to our STAGE PRIZES, 50/50 MONEY RAFFLE, CALENDAR RAFFLE, BASKET RAFFLES and more. Free Cake, Coffee and Tea. The kitchen will be open for lunch (No outside food please). For info or tickets call the church rectory (732) 826-0767. Tickets are also available at the door.

Lenten Food Drive

During the Lenten Season please leave your non-perishable food donations for the poor and homeless of Perth Amboy, NJ in the box at the church's vestibule. Thank You.

Lenten Mission

This year's Lenten Parish Mission will take place on Palm Sunday weekend, March 19-20. The mission will be conducted by Rev. Yuriy Banga. There will be a spiritual talk at each service scheduled during the Lenten mission and time for the Sacrament of Repentance. Please plan to attend.

Bishop Gabro School Endowment Fund

\$100.00 - Massopust Family,

In Memory of + RONALD Z. HUTNICK

Say Hello If you see someone in church that you do not know - stop and say hello and welcome them to Assumption. Your friendly greeting will help them to decide to make Assumption their spiritual home. Also if you see someone who may be unfamiliar with the services offer to give them a hand. Make sure you introduce newcomers to Fr. Ivan. Don't be shy!

The Holy Door at Assumption: Jubilee Year of Mercy

In accordance with the wishes of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Archbishop Stefan Soroka has designated three churches in NJ Deanery as places of pilgrimage for the clergy, religious and faithful of the Archdiocese. Our parish is honored to have been among those selected as a pilgrimage site.

This Sunday, February 28 at 5:00 PM, our parish will be the site for a special Service "Akathist to The Divine Passion of Christ" for the Holy Year of Mercy, including the rite for the Opening of a Holy Door. The main celebrant and homilist will be Rev. Taras Lonchyna, Dean for the New Jersey parishes and pastor of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Trenton, NJ. There will be a priest hearing confessions at 4:00 p.m. All Catholics who visit our church and its Holy Door of Mercy on pilgrimage and who fulfill the conditions ordinarily attached to an indulgence (remission of temporal punishment for sins already forgiven) shall, with the proper intention and disposition, receive the plenary Jubilee Indulgence available during the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.

The conditions for receiving this plenary indulgence are:

1. Must be a baptized Catholic in the state of grace (free from mortal sin) at time of indulgenced work (pilgrimage).
2. Must internally express a detachment from and rejection of sin at time of indulgenced work (pilgrimage).
3. Must make a sacramental confession within several days before or after the time of indulgenced work (pilgrimage), preferably, but not required, on the day itself.
4. Must receive Holy Communion within several days before or after the time of indulgenced work (pilgrimage), preferably, but not required, on the day itself.
5. Must pray for the intention of the Holy Father at the time of the indulgenced work (pilgrimage) fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary; nevertheless, one has the option of reciting any other prayer according to individual piety and devotion, if recited for this intention.

The Logo and Motto for the Jubilee of Mercy

The Logo and Motto taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36, serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure. The logo - the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik - presents a small summa theologiae of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his

shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father. The scene is captured within the so-called mandorla (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.