

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, October 2, 2016**  
9:00 AM Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners  
11:30 AM Lit. + Veronica Lopazanski  
r/by Michelle Henderson  
**Monday, October 3 to Saturday morning Oct. 8**  
No Liturgies Scheduled  
**Saturday, October 8, 2016**  
5:00 PM Lit. + Anna Stek r/by Ann Marie Stek  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, October 9, 2016**  
*Epistle - Gal 2:16-20; Gospel - Lk 7:11-16*  
9:00 AM Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners  
11:30 AM Lit. Sp. Int. Health of Paul & Mary Rudy  
r/by Nancy Bialkowski

Calendar Dinner Dance

St. Ann Society will sponsor its annual Calendar Dinner Dance on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016, in the school auditorium, Meredith & Jacques Sts. Enjoy a night of dining and dancing: appetizers and a lavish buffet by *Palms Plaza* and DJ music by *Touch of Class*. Doors open at 6:00 PM, appetizers at 6:30 PM followed by the buffet dinner. As always, byob. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased by calling the church office at 732-826-0767, or after liturgies from members. Get your tickets soon!

Autumn Breakfast Buffet

The men of our Holy Name Society are sponsoring an all-you-can-eat Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, October 9, 2016 in the school cafeteria. The menu includes scrambled eggs, made to order omelets, made to order pancakes and waffles, bacon, sausage, hash browns, egg soufflé, fruit, juice and coffee and tea. Donation is \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 for teens 12-17 (children under 12 free). Tickets may be purchased in advance after each liturgy, or by calling Charlie Boyko at 732-254-3966.

Bingo Meeting

We will have the Assumption Bingo workers meeting on Tuesday, October 4th at 7PM at the Church Hall. If you want to become a bingo worker, please join the meeting and the social that follows.

Holy Name Society

A meeting will be held in the church hall on Tuesday, October 4 at 8:00 PM.

Banns of Marriage

1. Banns of marriage are announced for PETRO SEMENKIV and IRYNA BYTSOK, members of our parish who will be married in Ukraine.
2. Banns of marriage are announced for DAVID C. MALDONADO, son of David Maldonado and Kristen (Balbi) Maldonado and JOAN E. KUCHIE, daughter of Robert F. Kuchie and Joan E. (Novak) Kuchie.

*If anyone knows of any reason either of these marriages should not take place, please contact the parish office.*

Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to CONNOR MICHAEL SHANNON, son of Ryan and Alysia (Von Hofen) Shannon upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist.

Donation to Church

\$500.00 - Pete Farinich, in memory of  
MARY GELETA and HELEN GURAL

October 1: Protection of the Mother of God

Since 911 A.D., our Church every October 1st has been celebrating the miraculous appearance of the holy Mother of God in the church of Blachernae in Constantinople (Istanbul, Turkey today) sparing the city a Mohammedan invasion. The Theotokos appeared spreading her holy mantle over the frightened throng beseeching her intercession.

Mary is called, among other titles, Mediatrix of all Graces because she cooperated with her Son in a unique manner in His labors among us. In heaven now she continues to intercede for us as we work out our salvation as pilgrims on this earth in the hope of heaven. The Second Vatican Council is careful to show, however, the primary role of Christ, her divine Son, as the one and only mediator: “All the salvific influence of the Blessed Virgin on men originates, not from some inner necessity but from the divine pleasure. It flows from the superabundance of the merits of Christ, rests on His mediation, depends entirely upon it and draws all its power from the same.”

It is no wonder that our Church calls Mary “more honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious than the Seraphim.” Although she is so highly exalted, Mary remains a human creature, and “No creature could ever be counted equal with the Incarnate Word and Redeemer” (Ibid. VIII, 62) Mary’s mediation is seen as a sheer gift of her Son. It no more detracts from His unique mediatorship than parenthood in human beings detracts from the fatherhood of the Creator.

Pastor’s Corner

Summer is coming to a close and autumn leaves have begun to fall. October has become one of my least favorite months. Mind you, I have always loved the changing colors of trees in autumn. However, over the past few years, we have witnessed the most grotesque lawn displays in preparation for Halloween. I won’t go into details but, as pastor, I ask you not to involve your family in this ever-increasing obsession with the demonic culture by decorating your homes and yards. This culture is evil and has absolutely no place in a Christian family. Parents are strongly urged to dress their children in costumes that are appropriate for “Trick or Treating.” Instead of decorating your homes for Halloween with evil spirits, put your efforts into displaying a Nativity scene in your yard at Christmas.

In Everything Give Thanks

How well we remember the instruction our Sunday School teachers gave us. After you receive Holy Communion, go back to your place with eyes downcast. Stand or kneel, say prayers of thanks to Jesus for the great gift you have received. Times have changed and, unfortunately, so have the traditions. Now almost everyone in the church, prepared and unprepared, fasting and non-fasting, go up for communion almost every Sunday. Following the reception of the Holy Gifts many go back to their places and plop down in the pew. Those who have not received are not standing as previously in the presence of the Eucharist - they are sitting relaxed or whispering with someone near them. What is indeed sinful is conversation with someone while in line to receive Communion. If you have fallen into this habit, break it now for St. Paul warns that you will be judged for this. A reminder - it is proper - the teaching has not changed to stand with respect once the priest comes out of with the Holy Gifts and until he returns with them to the altar. Whether you commune or not, you should pray or meditate. Bring your prayer book to church, use the pew book provided. What can be said about those who leave the church immediately following the reception of the Very Body and Blood of Christ without giving a word of thanks?

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to Assumption parish, we extend to you a warm and heartfelt welcome. Please call the rectory to register, or fill out the following information and drop it into the mail or the Saturday/Sunday collection. We’ll be in touch with you right away.

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