

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****Transfiguration of Our Lord, August 6, 2017**

9:00 AM Lit. + Katarzyna Hnat r/by Sister and Family

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

**Saturday, August 12, 2017**

5:00 PM Lit. + Helena Chalupa r/by Daughter &amp; Family

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 13, 2017***Epistle - 1 Cor 4:9-16; Gospel - Mt 17:14-23*

9:00 AM Lit. Special Intention Tekla Lewkowicz

90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, r/by Family

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

**New Principal - Meet and Greet!**

Join us Tuesday, August 8, 2017 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM on the Assumption Catholic School Playground, 380 Meredith Street, Perth Amboy, to meet and greet the new principal. Mrs. Lissette D Shumny will be available to answer questions about the new initiatives at ACS and tours of the school will be available. New families and current ACS families are all invited for ice cream and petting zoo fun for all ages.

We are an Advanced Ed accredited school which provides a Christ-centered Catholic environment and rigorous instruction to a diverse population of Pre-Kindergarten to eighth grade students.

If you are unable to attend, please call ACS at 732-826-8721 to schedule a tour and meet with a member of the ACS administration.

**Picnic and Baseball Game**

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a picnic at the Somerset Patriots vs. Bridgeport Bluefish baseball game on Saturday, August 26, 2017. The picnic will be held in the Picnic Area overlooking TD Ballpark starting at 6:00 PM. The game starts at 7:05 PM. Cost is \$26.00 per person, which includes Ticket to game and picnic. RSVP to Charlie Boyko, 732-254-3966, by August 12.

**Children's Bible Summer Camp.*****"The Journey with St. Luke Evangelist"***

Bible Summer Camp for the youth of our parish children Grades 1 to 5 has been scheduled for Mon.-Wed., August 28-29-30, 2017, 9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m. If you want your child/children to learn about God's love for them and meet other youngsters from our parish, please register your child for this FREE camp. The children will enjoy learning about Jesus' life in St. Luke's Scripture, as Luke was known as the Gospel writer for women and children. His was a Gospel of poetry, simplicity and beauty and children will appreciate St. Luke's exciting readings. Lunch provided, activities, games, crafts.

We have a sign-up sheet and a registration form in the vestibule. If your child is planning to go, put your name on that sheet and also take home the yellow registration form, fill it out and then return it to the rectory office or give it to Fr. Ivan no later than Sunday, August 20. The chairperson of the camp is Mrs. Melanie Fedynshyn.

**Assumption Catholic School Technology Fund**

\$500.00 - Ann Marie Stek

\$100.00 - Kenneth Brzozowski

In Memory of + CAROL HMIELESKI

\$20.00 - Joyce Adamshick

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**Bishop Gabro School Endowment Fund**

\$25.00 - Theresa Lenk,

In memory of + HELEN SAWKA

**Sincere Sympathies**

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of +KORNYLO HALUSHKA who was recently called to his eternal reward.

**PASTOR'S CORNER:**

- ***Why do we have Ukrainian and American flags in church?***

In point of fact, flags of any kind are not necessary in church at all. As it is the custom to have flags in public places, the church often is the place where they are placed and duly honored. There is a rule that both U.S. and foreign or state flags must be displayed in a certain order, which must be followed if they are to be ensconced in the church proper. One of our parishes in Jones, Oklahoma displays flags of all the various ethnic groups which make up their diverse parish. Besides the American and Ukrainian flags, there exist the flags of Georgia, Romania and a host of others. This shows a healthy recognition of the various cultures and heritages that make for a small but vibrant parish.

- ***Why is a priest's face covered when he is buried?***

Answer: Upon the death of a priest (or similarly for a bishop) the clergy in the area gather to wash, anoint, dress and vest his body. This putting on of the liturgical vestments is done with the same prayers that the priest has said before each liturgy that he has served, except that his face is covered with the "Aer" -- the vestment that covers the chalice and paten before the time of consecration at Divine Liturgy. (You see this aer during the Great Entrance of the Divine Liturgy on the shoulders of the deacon or priest, and you see it waved over the Holy Gifts during the reciting of the Creed, where it symbolizes the action of the Holy Spirit.) This may seem strange, but when we understand the symbolism of this final action it beautifully reminds us that the priesthood is a great gift - a gift to God and a gift from God. But first, we should turn to the book of Exodus to understand the importance of the liturgical vestments in the Old Testament, which is the context of Christ's priesthood; He is our priest, in whom our priests serve. Moses covered his face when he descended from Sinai. Having just been in the presence of the Lord of Glory, Moses' face was shining so brightly that he could not be looked upon by the rebellious Israelites over whom he was appointed as leader and teacher. (Would that all priests would have such faces!) Again, God directs a curtain, richly embroidered with images of the Cherubim, to veil the Ark of the Covenant which was the physical location of God's dwelling with his people, a proper covering of His glory. So, the priesthood as a gift that a family gives to God must be covered properly. Wrapping a gift shows the intentionality, integrity, and care of the gift - indeed, the manner of giving enhances the gift. When we present the holy gifts to God on His Holy Altar, we carry them in, covered by the finest brocade fabrics. Similarly, when a family and a parish offers a man as a priest, he is clothed in richly embroidered garments that have been carefully sewn and blessed for this holy purpose. When the priest is perfected, coming to the end of his days, he wears his vestments again and this time even his face is covered. Only his hand is exposed, holding a cross, which we reverently kiss, as an icon of Christ. When God receives a gift, He gives it back transformed. In the Eucharist, for example, the bread and wine become His Body and Blood, as He commanded us. But the heavenly glory of the Eucharist is veiled from our fallen minds and hardened hearts. Likewise the priest, transformed and often overwhelmed by the glory of heavenly worship, is offered back to us by God, as a reminder of His abiding presence with us. Thanks to God for this great gift of the priesthood offered and received in the Old Testament and in our time, pointing always to our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, the greatest gift, from God and to God, who was buried in a new tomb, wrapped in fine linens.