

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

24th Sunday After Pentecost, November 19, 2017

9:00 AM Lit. + Michael Duda r/by Wife

11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Monday, November 20, 2017

7:00 PM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Tuesday, November 21, 2017**Entrance of the Theotokos**

7:30 AM Lit. + Sr. Tatiana, MSMG

r/by Joyce Adamshick

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

7:30 AM Lit. + Osyp Woznyj r/by Lojko Family

Thursday, November 23, 2017**Thanksgiving Day**

8:00 AM Lit. Health and Blessings for Rev. Mark Fesniak

Friday, November 24, 2017

8:00 AM Lit. + Elena Fazio r/by Mary Ann Makar

Saturday, November 25, 2017

8:00 AM Lit. Health of Joseph Yurechko

r/by Petro & Nadia Horbatiuk

5:00 PM Lit. + Nicholas & Rose Stepash r/by Family

25th Sunday After Pentecost, November 26, 2017

Epistle - Eph 4:1-6; Gospel - Lk 13:10-17

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

11:30 AM Lit. + Joseph & Rose Bigos

r/by Ron & Irene Bigos

Thursday is Thanksgiving Day

Join us for a special Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving at 8:00 a.m. Come to the House of the Lord and give thanks for all the gifts received this past year.

Visit with Saint Nicholas

A party for parish children will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017 in the church hall after each liturgy. A Sign-up sheet for children age 16 and under is available in the church hall or church vestibule, or you may register your child by calling Charlie Boyko at 732-254-3966. All registered children will receive a gift from St. Nicholas!

Grave Blanket Sale

The Holy Name Society is again sponsoring a Grave Blanket Sale. The price is \$27.00 for blankets picked up at Assumption Church (December 2, 2017, before or after liturgy), or \$32.00 for blankets installed at the cemetery (December 3, 2017). Forms are available in the church vestibule. Order by Nov. 26! Please complete all information and check (payable to Holy Name Society), and drop off at the rectory. For questions contact Mark Boyko at 732-586-0398 or Charlie Boyko at 732-586-0405.

Customer Appreciation Bingo

Join us for our Bingo Customer Appreciation days with complimentary prizes. Starting on Wednesday, November 22, 2017, we will have TEN DAYS OF PRIZES! Yes, for ten bingo nights in a row, there will be a prize raffled each night. Over \$1,200 worth of prizes will be given out! We are so excited to do this for you because we so deeply appreciate you coming to our bingos all year long.

Here's the prize list:

- 11/22 & 11/24 - 8 QT Power Pressure Cooker XL (one on Wednesday, one on Friday)
- 11/29 & 12/1 - Hoover Vacuum Cleaner (one on Wednesday, one on Friday)
- 12/6 & 12/8 - Keurig Coffee Maker, & 15 K-cup pods (one on Wednesday, one on Friday)
- 12/13 and 22 - Samsung 24" LED Smart TV
- 12/15 and 20 - Samsung Galaxy Tablet

Now, how do you qualify? It is easy. Attend bingo. All paid admissions will receive one free raffle ticket. That's it. Bingo is held twice a week on Wednesday and Friday. Doors open at 6 P.M. Food and refreshments are available for purchase. Bingo games start at 7:30 P.M.

Assumption Catholic School Technology Fund Donation

\$75.00 - Tony & Marcella Massopust, in honor of Ron Mascenik's 75th Birthday

Christmas Bazaar 2017 - a big "Thank You"

The festive season has officially started here at Assumption School with our annual Christmas Bazaar taking place last Sunday. This is one of the highlights of our school calendar and the success of this fundraising event boils down to the commitment of our FSA (Family & School Association). A special thank you goes to Mrs. Allyson Fizer, President of FSA and her Board who worked tirelessly in the build up to the day and at the Bazaar. They planned and executed a great event for the school. By all measures, it was a huge success! The turnout was great and the atmosphere fantastic. The success of our Christmas Bazaar can only be attributed to the tremendous effort, cooperation and enthusiasm of so many people from the parish and Assumption Catholic School working together. It's a wonderful example of what working together and loving together can accomplish!

Philip's Fast / Nativity Fast

Both the Western and Eastern Churches used to observe Advent with the traditional Lenten practices: fasting and abstinence, prayer, and almsgiving. While fasting during Advent has fallen by the wayside in the West, the Eastern Catholic Churches continue to observe an Advent fast: Philip's Fast, named after the Apostle Philip, because it begins on November 15, the day after his feast day (November 14, in the Eastern calendar). It runs through Christmas.

The purpose of Philip's Fast is to draw closer to God through denying the body by fasting with repentance and humility. Although fasting most apparently affects the body, however, what happens to the body has an effect on the soul and one's consciousness of the spiritual. The fast is not solely based on refraining from eating certain foods. It is also based on fasting from sin, increasing one's prayer life, increasing the practice of almsgiving and good works.

St. Ann Society November meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 21.

THOUGHTS FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings. Thank you, Lord, that I can hear. *There are many who are deaf.*

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible. Thank you, Lord, that I can see. *Many are blind.*

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising. *Thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.*

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short, and my children are so loud. *Thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.*

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the picture in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced. *Thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.*

Even though the routine of my job often is monotonous. *Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.*

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest. *Thank you, Lord, for life.*

Stuffed Cabbage from the Bazaar will be sold after Saturday evening Liturgy, Nov. 18. A package of 6 will be sold for \$18.00. See Fr. Ivan after liturgy.

Sincere Sympathies

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

Memorial Tree Lighting

Flynn and Son Funeral Home will be hosting its 17th Annual Memorial Tree Lighting at the Metuchen location (319 Amboy Avenue) on Wed., Dec. 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. For information on how to participate, please call 732-548-2134 10 am to 4 pm or visit www.flynnfuneral.com/CommunityEvents to register.