

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**25th Sunday After Pentecost, November 26, 2017**

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Joseph & Rose Bigos

r/by Ron & Irene Bigos

Monday, November 27, 2017

7:30 AM Lit. Special Intention Lissette Shumny

r/by Sr. Yosaphata, MSMG

Tuesday, November 28, 20177:30 AM Lit. + Brad Deter (40th Day) r/by Family**Wednesday, November 29, 2017**

No Liturgy Scheduled

Thursday, November 30, 2017

No Liturgy Scheduled

Friday, December 1, 20178:45 AM Lit. + Nicholas, Olga, Frank, Michael, Mary,
John, Steve, Joseph Koval r/by Linda Coyne**Saturday, December 2, 2017**

8:00 AM Lit. + Petro and Maria Palka r/by Lojko Family

5:00 PM Lit. + Ray Otlowski r/by Joan Zaleski

26th Sunday After Pentecost, December 3, 2017

Epistle - Eph 5:9-19; Gospel - Lk 18:18-27

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Ed and Katherine Canty r/by Family

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.

Thanksgiving Tradition Continues at ACS

On Wednesday, November 22, 2017 a Thanksgiving tradition at Assumption Catholic School continued. What began several years ago as a simple gathering to give thanks to God together as a school, has grown into a real Thanksgiving Feast. This year students in the Senior Drama Club prepared a short program about the history of Thanksgiving: Fact or Fiction. The FSA board member, students and volunteers, under the direction of Mrs. Maria Derevenska, our kindergarten teacher, prepared and served a full Thanksgiving dinner. In addition to pie baking, the students of ACS also helped with the preparation of the cornbread and potatoes. They took turns peeling, cutting and rinsing a lot of potatoes for the Thanksgiving meal. At the end of the day all of the students felt good that they had contributed to what would be a wonderful Thanksgiving meal that was shared by everyone in school. This year, we were highly honored by the presence of the Mayor of the City of Perth Amboy, Mrs. Wilda Diaz, and Perth Amboy's New Fire Chief.

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.

The Way Newspaper

Want to know the latest news and be informed of what is happening in our Philadelphia Archeparchy? Visit our archieparchial website at:

<http://ukrarcheparchy.us/>.

You may also view our "Archeparchy of Philadelphia" Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Archeparchy-of-Philadelphia-197564070297001/>

and our YouTube Channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thewayukrainian>

The Way, our archieparchial newspaper is published twice a month in both an English language version and a Ukrainian language version. The website for *The Way* is: <https://ukrcap.wordpress.com/>.

The Way can be emailed directly to you for FREE through the internet. To receive *The Way*, simply send your email address to: theway@ukrcap.org. You may also share *The Way* with family and friends by sending their email addresses to: theway@ukrcap.org. All parishioners are encouraged to receive and read *The Way*, the Catholic newspaper of our Philadelphia Archeparchy.

Donations to Church

\$1,500.00 - Ann Marie Stek

In memory of STEK and PIKUS Families.

\$111.00 - Stanley Stempinski

In memory of + MARYANN SMEREKA

The End of the Year

As we approach the end of the year, you may wish to review your offering envelopes to see if you postponed or overlooked any that you want to make up before the books are closed on December 31, 2017.

Questions about Our Faith

• **What exactly is a Deacon and how is he different from a Priest?**

Deacons are ordained members of the Clergy who are beneath the priest in the Church hierarchy. All priests and bishops are ordained as deacons before being further ordained as a priest or bishop. In that case they are called "*transitional deacons*."

Permanent Deacons are those men ordained as deacons but who do not plan to move on to the priesthood. Permanent Deacons can be married if they were married at the time of ordination, but are normally not allowed to marry again (if their wife dies). Deacons can do pretty much what a priest can do, except they cannot say Liturgy or do the Consecration. They cannot hear confession, and they are not allowed to anoint the sick (since that may involve confession).

The traditional garb of the Deacon is an alb (a white robe) with a stole that goes over the left shoulder (as opposed to the Priest's stole which goes over both shoulders).

• **What does the Catholic Church mean by Sacred Tradition?**

Sacred Tradition are those practices and beliefs that were passed down by the apostles to us. Some of Sacred Tradition is contained in the Bible, but some of it is not. For instance, the belief in the Holy Trinity is a Sacred Tradition which is not defined in the Bible.

The Gospels and the Epistles of the New Testament were written somewhere between 50 AD - 100 AD. These were not officially put together as Canon until the 4th Century, and were finally confirmed by the 2nd Council of Carthage in 419 AD. That was the birth of the New Testament that we know today. During the time prior to the New Testament Canon, the Church was maintained through oral traditions and practices which we call Sacred Traditions and which we practice to this day.