

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross, Sept, 15, 2019**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Mary Ann Smereka

r/by Stanley Stempinski

**Monday, September 16, 2019**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Harold, Olga Lawley - Legate

**Friday, September 20, 2019**

8:45 AM - Lit. Special Intention Del &amp; Noah Vazquez

r/by ACS Faculty

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

8:00 AM - Lit. &amp; Pan. + Vera Lahola r/by Family

5:00 PM - Lit. + Joseph &amp; Anna Sobczyk r/by Children

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, Sept, 22, 2019***Epistle - 2 Cor 4:6-10; Gospel - Lk 5:1-11*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Michael Tulys r/by Daughter

**Elizabeth Parish Re-Dedication Celebration**

Our neighbor, St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, is having a Church Re-Dedication Celebration on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 10 AM (Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by Metropolitan Borys) to 5PM (Picnic following Liturgy on the Church Grounds - 309 Grier Ave., Elizabeth). Our parishioners have been invited to attend this joyful Celebration. Our choir BOYAN will sing the Liturgy. There will be food, beverages, live music, games of chance and fun/games for children of all ages.

**Designer Bag Bingo at Assumption Parish****Sunday, September 29, 2019**

Designer bags by: Armani; Kate Spade; Coach; Ted Baker; Tommy Bahama; Leibeskind; Dooney & Bourke; Michael Kors. ALSO -- MOSCHINO BAG.

The night includes 13 rounds of bingo with amazing designer purses as the prize for each round. In addition, there will be an abundance of fabulous raffle prizes, a TRICKY TRAY and 50-50 RAFFLES. Location: Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption School Auditorium, 380 Meredith St., Perth Amboy, NJ Doors Open: 12:00 pm, Fun begins at 2:00 pm .

Entry Fee: \$25.00. Kitchen will be open for purchases. To get your tickets call: (732)254-3966 or (732) 904-8710, OR on BINGO NIGHTS at the Bingo Office or at the door.

**Seasons of the Calendar Dinner Dance**

The St. Ann Society sponsored *Seasons of the Calendar* dinner dance will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 6:00 PM to Midnight. Appetizers will be served at 6:30 and the Buffet Dinner will begin at 7:00. Music for Dancing is by *DJ BoJO*. BYOB. Ticket \$40. See any St. Ann member for tickets or call the rectory at 732-826-0767.

**Annual Spiritual Clergy Retreat**

This week, Monday to Thursday, Sept. 20, Fr. Ivan will be away on Spiritual Retreat, together with the priests and deacons of our Archeparchy.

**Donation to Church**

\$111.00 - Stanley Stempinski, in memory of  
+ MARY ANN SMEREKA

**Sincere Sympathies**

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of + VERA LAHOLA who was recently called to her eternal reward.

**Memorial Donation**

In Memory of + VERA LAHOLA, donations to the Ukrainian Orphanage Fund:

- \$500.00 - Ron & Irene Bigog
- \$500.00 - Nick & Olga Tulnew
- \$100.00 - Vera Roumani

**Upcoming Sobor**

A Sobor (Council) of our church on the topic "Emigration, Settlement and Global Unity of the UGCC" will take place in Lviv in 2020. In preparation, archeparchial and eparchial sobors will be convening between now and 2020. Archeparchy of Philadelphia will hold its archeparchial sobor in two sessions - on Wednesday, October 9 and on Saturday-Sunday, December 7-8, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA. Two representatives from each parish are invited to attend the first session in the Cathedral hall on October 9, 2019.

Fr. Ivan is looking for parishioners from our parish who would like to represent our parish in Philadelphia. If you are interested, please let Fr. Ivan know.

**Religious Education For Children**

The First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion Instruction classes led by Mrs. Nancy Bialkowski will be held starting SUNDAY, October 6, 2019 for our parish children (6-7 years old). Mrs. Ana Mascenick will teach older children but a substitute is needed when she is absent. Please, register your child on the yellow form at the back of the church or contact Fr. Ivan at 732-826-0767. Catechism classes for all children are held Sundays in the parish school from 10 to 11 AM.

**Why does Pope Francis wear a silver cross?**

The tradition of popes wearing a pectoral cross has a fascinating history and deep spiritual symbolism. Pope Francis, along with other bishops and cardinals, wears every day a "pectoral cross" on a chain that hangs over his chest. It is a tradition that is centuries old and has deep spiritual symbolism. For many centuries each pectoral cross contained a small piece of the True Cross, but this tradition was not practiced in every part of the world and the relics were not always traceable.

The pectoral cross also carries much symbolism, which is revealed in the vesting prayers of the bishop when he puts on the cross, reminding him of the Passion of Jesus and the sacrifice of the martyrs.

This tradition also reminds bishops of Jesus' words to his disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

When Pope Francis was elected, he chose to keep the pectoral cross that he wore while a bishop in Argentina. The details of the cross are rooted in the Gospel of Luke. That is, the parable of the good shepherd and the lost sheep. Luke 15:4-7 says, "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?"

In the center is the figure of a man who represents Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who has found one of his sheep and carries it while the other sheep follow closely. At the top of the cross, the dove representing the Holy Spirit descends from God the Father to God the Son, helping those who are lost and in darkness, and bringing them new life! The linear style is intended to be a symbol for a new ecclesiastical era, a poor Church among the poor, as Pope Francis has indicated.

So while it may seem like a simple piece of jewelry, the cross Pope Francis and other bishops wear is a daily reminder that keeps them focused on their special task of leading souls closer to Jesus Christ.

**Come to the Ukrainian Heritage Festival**

Sunday, September 15, 2019 at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Passaic, NJ ( 217 President St) . Join over 1,500 participants in enjoying Ethnic and American food, Live music and entertainment - Something for everyone.

**Donation Request**

Dear benefactors, if anyone has an extra used vacuum cleaner and does not need it, please consider donating it to the church. We will find a good use of it.