DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

5th Sunday After Pentecost, July 5, 2020
9:00 AM - Lit. God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners
11:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention Jerry Myron Rajsz
on his birthday r/b by Festival Volunteer Friends

Monday, July 6, 2020
6:30 PM - Lit. 8th Grade Graduation - by invitation only

Tuesday, July 7, 2020
8:00 AM - Lit. + Sabadish Family r/b by Kathy Ginda

Wednesday, July 8, 2020
9:00 AM - Lit. + Steve Romanko - Legate

Thursday, July 9, 2020
9:00 AM - Lit. + Michael Shary r/b by Tom Dochych

Friday, July 10, 2020
9:00 AM - Lit. + Ivan Donlon (40th Day) r/b by Vera Gochal

Saturday, July 11, 2020
9:00 AM - No Liturgy Scheduled
5:00 PM - Lit. + Michael & Glenys Romanko r/b by Children

6th Sunday After Pentecost, July 12, 2020

Epistle - Rom 10:1-10; Gospel Mt 8:28-9:1; Tone 4

God Bless America
This weekend we celebrate the Fourth of July. Our country is going through some self-reflection, but I am glad we live in a country in which that is possible. While never condoning violence or destruction of property, it is good that we live in a country where ideas can be debated without fear of retaliation. I hope everyone passes this holiday remembering the freedoms we have as well as the responsibilities we must fulfill to retain these freedoms. Happy Fourth of July.

Memorial Donations
$2,500.00 - Ann Marie Stek, in memory of
   + STEK and PIKUS FAMILIES
$500.00 - Winiarczyk and Janiw Family,
   In Loving Memory of + STEFANIA JANIW

Welcome Back!
Please share this news with your family and friends! We have resumed our regular Saturday and Sunday Liturgy Schedule. Please keep in mind all protocols that were set out for us, with the blessing and guidance of our Metropolitan Borys and Bishop Andryi. These will be followed for the foreseeable future, given that the Covid19 pandemic is not over. All social distancing applies. The faithful must wear a mask to enter the church and during the celebration of Liturgy, except for the brief moment while receiving Holy Communion. Sit in designated pews and respect social distance between others of 6 feet or more unless you are one family unit. Sanitize your hands as you go in and out of Church. No handshakes, hugs, kissing of icons, etc. Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well. The obligation to attend Sunday Liturgy remains lifted until further notice, especially if you are part of a vulnerable population and/or have an underlying health condition. While these protocols are intrusive, they are necessary as they allow us to celebrate the Sacraments in person while doing our part to help stop the spread of Coronavirus. May the Lord keep us protected and healthy and, as always, well prepared for the gift of eternal life!

IMPORTANT NEED: Special collection for Flood Victims in Ukraine the weekend of July 4-5. Please send your donations to the rectory or put it into a collection basket with a notation: Flood in Ukraine. Last weekend we collected over $700 that will be send to the Archeparchy in Philadelphia. When we think of being good stewards, we may think God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

Please Note: We are using old bulletin backs to deplete our unused inventory and reduce waste.

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!
Slava Issu Christu! Slava na v’iki!
Welcome Back!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
The COVID-19 pandemic has obviously changed our world, forcing many plans within our own families and scheduled events involving our school and church community.

Although these many changes are disheartening, I am thankful for so many things. Firstly, I am most grateful to all the many of you who join me in celebrating online Lenten services, the Sunday Divine Liturgy, the May Moleben to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and other services. May you find comfort in our virtual communal prayers.

Thank you for all the generous donations that have been mailed in to support our church and to help pay our many bills. Please continue with your offerings as they help us to sustain our parish obligations.

Thanks to all the parents who are paying the monthly tuition bill for their child(ren) enrolled at Assumption Catholic School. This, of course, is instrumental in keeping our school doors open, and to maintain our dedicated principal and faculty who have responded quickly to a new teaching environment, and who strive daily in providing a top-quality education for our students.

This has been a challenging time for our school but the school was able to secure a payroll protection loan for 3 months amid the pandemic. That support was crucial in allowing us to maintain our faculty and staff in the short term. This Monday, we will have a graduation ceremony for 14 proud graduates of ACS.

As we already have observed, our Parish Festival was canceled. Your health and safety is our top priority. As a precaution due to Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Bingo is closed until further notice. The 12 children who were preparing to receive their first solemn penance and holy communion in May will have to wait for a new date.

We were locked out for a few months, and no one has ever experienced anything like this ... There’s fear and uncertainty. But while you, the faithful, have been physically away, work is still being done on the parish grounds. Our school is now being thoroughly cleaned and prepared for an anticipated 2020-2021 school year. General maintenance and repairs of our buildings continues. We are living through a difficult and incomprehensible period of time but with God’s help and mercy we will be able to overcome all hardships.

We need to believe and pray like the psalmist David, “I trust in the Lord; I say ‘You are my God’” (Psalms 31:14), and like the prophet Isaiah, “Trust in the Lord forever! For the Lord is an eternal Rock” (Isaiah 26:4).

I ask you to place your hope in the Lord. He is alive and loves us. I humbly ask you to pray for each other and pray for me too. I missed everybody. I missed serving you and loves us. I humbly ask you to pray for each other and pray for me too. I missed everybody. I missed serving you in person. I’m sure, the time will come when I’ll see not only few of you but all of you, as we will be able to reunite in our church in prayer and fellowship.

May the blessing of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with all of you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Ivan - Pastor

Thank You
We would like to express our special thank you to Robert Kuchie and Kuchie's Alpine Florist shop in Perth Amboy, NJ for donating flowers for our graduation. Thank God there are still empathetic hard working people with great customer service. I highly recommend this Florist!

Home visits (Sick calls) will be resuming in the following weeks, especially for those not able to return to church at this time. If you would like Fr. Ivan to bring the Sacraments to you at home, call to make an appointment.

Sincere Sympathies
Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of + HELENA KAWANKA who was recently called to her eternal reward.