

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils, July 19, 2020**

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Gerry Palyla, Loretto Suto r/by Family

Thursday, July 23, 20209:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessing on Olga and Oleksiy Lytvyn
(15th Wedding Anniversary)**Friday, July 24, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. Sp. Int. Dn. Paul r/by FSA

Saturday, July 25, 2020

9:00 AM - Lit. + Rose Ann Rudy r/by Nancy Bialkowski

5:00 PM - Lit. + John Adamshick r/by Joyce, Mike, Bill

8th Sunday After Pentecost, July 26, 2020*Epistle - Rom 15:1-7; Gospel - Mt 9:27-35*

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Katherine Melnyk (10th Anniversary)
r/by Daughter and Family**Donation to School**

\$100.00 - Donna Pankulics

HOLY MYSTERIES**at Assumption Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, NJ**

- **CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

The Mysteries of Christian Initiation take place at the church on Saturdays, Sundays or Feast Days. Parents should contact the priest preferably before the birth of their children. At least one of the godparents must be a practicing Catholic. He or she must provide a letter of good standing from his or her pastor. It is presumed that parents and godparents will participate in the life of the Church as much as they are able, both before and after their children have been baptized.

- **HOLY MATRIMONY**

Couples should contact the clergy at least six months before the desired date of marriage, in order to make the necessary preparations. Couples must attend the Pre-Cana marriage preparation program. It is expected that the new family will participate in the life of the community as much as they are able, both before and after marriage.

- **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

If anyone needs a pastoral visit, please contact the priest. In cases of emergency, and if you live far from the parish, please contact your nearest Catholic church and ask for the Anointing of the Sick. If you need a hospital visit or wish Fr. Ivan to visit a sick relative, please call and let us know. Hospitals no longer give out information to non-relatives without express permission, so if you want the priest to know you or your loved one's condition you must inform the hospital or nursing home in writing.

- **CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

If a member of the Christian faithful has fallen asleep in the Lord, please contact the priest to arrange for the Order of Christian Burial. The family of the deceased, especially those who have been away from the life of the Church, are encouraged to benefit from the occasion by renewing their commitment to Christ and His Church. Assumption church has its cemetery and the right to purchase burial plot at our parish cemetery is limited to parishioners only. If you wish to purchase burial rights at our parish cemetery, the cost is \$500.00 per grave per registered parishioner. Call the parish office, 732-826-0767

- **BLESSINGS**

Blessing of holy objects take place during or after the Divine Liturgy. Please speak with the priest before the Divine Liturgy. Blessing of persons on special occasions can take place at the end of the Divine Liturgy. For the blessing of homes, please speak with the priest directly.

Eternal Memory

Our parishioner + LESYA KOVALCHUK was buried from our church this past week. We pray to our Almighty Father that He accept her into His Heavenly Kingdom. May she rest in peace.

Pastor's Corner

Each week, more of us are attending Divine Liturgies on weekends. Please remember to follow all procedures and regulations given to us by the Archdiocese, for the safety of ourselves and those around us. As the summer sun gets warmer and temperatures continue to climb, please remember to take care of yourselves and your loved ones. Spending time with family is so important as is making memories that will last. Make sure you take the time God has given you and use it in the best way possible. Be extra careful during these extremely hot days. Check up on your elderly relatives and neighbors. It is what we as Catholics are all about: doing the work of Jesus. Remember also to connect with God and gain spiritual strength for the rest of 2020. God bless everyone who celebrates their birthdays, anniversaries, and jubilees this week. Let us also pray to God for peace in our homeland and for people to respect themselves, their neighbors, and their environments. May you all have an enjoyable week!

"THE BLIND MEN AND THE DEAF MAN"

It is again Jesus as a healer who is shown to us by the gospel for the seventh Sunday after Pentecost. Our Lord opens the eyes of two blind men and He gives speech to a dumb man possessed by the devil. Blindness and dumbness: these are both also great spiritual infirmities.

The man who is spiritually blind does not see the Light of the World. He moves about in darkened space. Not only does he not see the divine reflection, but he does not know how to see men - for it is only possible to see men properly by the Light from above.

And he who is spiritually dumb cannot speak to other men; real dialogue, the exchange of the supreme values a "you" and an "I," is inaccessible to him; he is condemned to a continual and sterile monologue, for, basically, he seeks only himself, in an egotistical way. Let us always pray: "*O my Saviour, open my eyes and free my speech.*"

2021 Donation Envelopes

We are now in the process of ordering envelopes for 2021. If there are any changes to name or address, please contact the church secretary. If you did not receive envelopes and wish to be a registered parishioner, please fill out the blue registration form at the back of the church or contact the rectory. Anyone wishing to act as a sponsor for a baptism, confirmation, etc., must be a registered parishioner.

Why do we light candles in our Church?

We Christians don't just pray with our lips. We pray with all of our senses, sight, hearing, touch, smell, taste, to even include that sixth and often neglected sense, the nous which is sometimes called the eye of the soul. Candles are just one small part of that. Upon entering the church it is customary to light candles and offer prayers for one's personal needs or that of a family member or friend. Candles are lit before icons as a sign of one's faith and hope in God's help that is always sent to all who turn to Him and His Saints with faith and prayers. In practice, when lighting a candle in Church the faithful usually make a small offering to the Church. By lighting a candle and offering a prayer, one enters into closer contact with the Church and her ministry to the faithful, invisibly warming the soul by the visible light of the candle

USING OUR TIME WISELY

A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce, then; because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so we won't waste a single one. We wouldn't feel that same urgency about honey. In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce.

Today's pandemic time urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone.