

## DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 16, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Katarzyna Hnat r/by Sister and Family

11:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**Thursday, August 20, 2020**

Fr. Ivan at consultants meeting in Philadelphia

**Friday, August 21, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Arthur Kara - Legate

**Saturday, August 22, 2020**9:00 AM - Lit. and Pan. + Vera Lahola (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.);

+ Stephen Lahola r/by Family

5:00 PM - Lit. + Gordon Inverno Jr.

r/by Ron &amp; Ana Mascenik

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 23, 2020**

Epistle - 1 Cor 15:1-11; Gospel - Mt 19:16-26

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Mary Ann Makar

r/by Caterina &amp; Ralph Iacuzio

**THANK YOU** to everyone who continues to support our parish financially in our weekly collections. I realize that the economic impact hurts some households greatly, and please know of my prayers and genuine offer of any support the parish can provide for you. Please don't worry if you can't contribute. Trust in God and know of my prayer. If you are staying home, and are able to still send any amount, it would be a blessing.

**Church Donation**

\$2,000.00 - Kernitsky Family

**SUNDAY SCHOOL MESSAGE**

Even though we had to cancel our Summer Bible Camp this year due to the pandemic and do not have Sunday School in the summer, we love seeing all of the kids in church. Summer is a great opportunity to get them acclimated to being in church and learning more about our faith. Matthew 18:20 "*For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst*". Religious Education For Children First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion Instruction classes led by Mrs. Nancy Bialkowski will start in October. This year again, we will try to offer classes for children who already received First Penance and Communion. Please contact Fr. Ivan at 732-826-0767 to register your child for the program. More info is coming in future bulletins. Enjoy the rest of your summer, be safe and we are looking forward to October!

**Myths About Marriage Annulments**

- **Myth -Annulment is Just "Catholic Divorce"**

**Truth:** The truth is that civil divorce and a church annulment are two vastly different things. A divorce is concerned with the legal realities of marriage only; an annulment is concerned with the religious and spiritual element—the sacrament of marriage. A divorce focuses on the end of a marriage; an annulment looks at the beginning, the very moment the couple said "I do." A divorce looks at marriage in civil law; an annulment looks at marriage from the perspective of the Gospel and of Church doctrine. It is a myth that an annulment is "Divorce, Catholic style."

- **Myth-An Annulment Means The Marriage Never Took Place**

**Truth:** The truth is that an annulment can't erase history, and doesn't try to. An annulment in the Catholic Church deals only with the sacrament of marriage, and not the legal, historical, emotional truth of marriage. An annulment states that the sacrament was never present in the marriage, and not that the marriage never took place. It is a myth that an annulment means that the marriage never happened.

Please consider your personal situation and be in good standing with the Church. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Fr. Ivan directly.

**THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS**

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition) or "falling-asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos. The Holy Scriptures tell us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and His disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, "*Woman, behold your son!*" and to John, "*Behold your mother!*" From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home. At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven. Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles. It is the custom in some churches to bless flowers on the feast of the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos.

**ON CHRISTIANS***From the Epistle to Diognetus**Written before the 4th century.*

Christians are not distinguished from other men by country, language, nor by the customs which they observe. They do not inhabit cities of their own, use a particular way of speaking, nor lead an eccentric form of life... They live in their own countries, but they do so as those who are just passing through. As citizens they participate in everything with others, yet they endure everything as if they were foreigners... They marry, like everyone else, and they have children... They share a common table, but not a common bed. They exist in the flesh, but they do not live by the flesh. They pass their days on earth, but they are citizens of heaven. They obey the prescribed laws, all the while surpassing the laws by their lives. They love all men and are persecuted by all. They are unknown and condemned. They are put to death and restored to life. They are poor, yet make many rich. They lack everything, yet they overflow in everything. They are dishonored, and yet in their very dishonor they are glorified; they are spoken ill of and yet are justified; they are reviled but bless; they are insulted and repay the insult with honor; they do good, yet are punished as evildoers; when punished, they rejoice as if raised from the dead. They are assailed by the Jews as barbarians; they are persecuted by the Greeks; yet those who hate them are unable to give any reason for their hatred. To sum it all up in one word, what the soul is in the body, that is what Christians are in the world. The soul is dispersed through all the parts of the body, and Christians are scattered through all the cities of the world. The soul lives in the body, yet is not of the body; Christians live in the world, yet are not of the world.

**Riddles and Answers**

- Q: What travels around the world but stays in one corner? A: A stamp
- Q: What goes through towns, up hills, and down hills but never moves? A: The road!
- Q: Where is the ocean deepest? A: The bottom!
- Q: It belongs to you, but other people use it more than you do. What is it? A: Your name.

**Meet the Pastor**

If you would like to meet with Fr. Ivan, please call him at 202-368-2408 to arrange a time and place that is convenient for you. If you are in church already and need to see him, please don't be afraid after the liturgy to go through the side glass door and meet him at the sacristy. The sacristy is located next to the altar where the priest vests and prepares before the service.