

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**14th Sunday After Pentecost, September 6, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
11:30 AM - Lit. + Joseph Yurechko r/by Helena Blyskun

Monday, September 7, 2020 Labor Day

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, September 8, 2020**Birth of the Theotokos**

8:00 AM - God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit. + Tekla & Wolodymyr Lewkowicz
r/by Ann & Roger Allen

Thursday, September 10, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit. and Pan. + Vera Lahola (1 yr.) r/by Family

Friday, September 11, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit. + Anna (40 Days)

Saturday, September 12, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit. + Anna Kozak r/by Kwiecinski Family

5:00 PM - Lit. + Helen & Stephen Hutnick

r/by Daughter, Eleanor

14th Sunday After Pentecost, September 13, 2020

Epistle - Gal 6:11-18; Gospel - Jn 3:13-17

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Faustino Rodriguez

r/by Ana & Ron Mascenik

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MESSAGE

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.

And we're off.... With small class sizes and a sensible approach, Assumption Catholic School in Perth Amboy, NJ welcomed back 152 students for in-person learning five days a week. All virtual classes are also offered. We had an amazing first week of school. The students were great and we had no issues with wearing masks.

This year, we will continue to educate our students in faith and academics and I pray this school year brings back the joy of a family atmosphere that our school is known to foster in our community.

We want to reassure all parents that our opening plans are based upon CDC guidelines and protocols, as well as directions we have presently received from the NJ Diocese of Metuchen and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and never looking to compromise the health and safety of all.

We will continue to work, adopt and plan, accepting changes with patience and common sense. Our Principal Mrs. Shumny and I thank all parents for entrusting their children to ACS and also parishioners of Assumption Catholic Church, for continued support through these unpredictable times. Blessings and good health to all as we continue our school year! For more info visit us at <http://assumptioncatholicschool.net>

NEVER FORGET 9/11.

For years, those numbers simply meant a call for help. Now they also remind us of Sept. 11, 2001, the date of the worst terrorist attack on the United States of America and one of the deadliest days ever on American soil. Those whose lives were lost on September 11 will remain in our thoughts and prayers forever.

Pastor's Corner.

In the book of Acts, Peter addresses a crowd of people and says, *"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."* (Acts 2:17) As you and I dream, this is the time for remembering where the church came from, how the church came to be, what the purpose of the church is, and where the church is going.

What is the dream for Assumption Catholic Church? I believe it is - Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith.

Over one hundred years ago our ancestors heard the voice of God say - If you build it, they will come. Assumption Parish was born and when it was being realized, there was excitement, hope, daring, optimism, and visioning. For many Christians today, the pandemic, rioting, protesting, racial tensions, and more have challenged their faith and connection to the church.

Despite all the obstacles facing the world, the United States of America, and the church universal, Assumption church never really closed. We dared to dream a new reality for the ministry of the church. Livestream Liturgies, social media, texting, emailing, and phone calls all became creative ways of ministering in the name of Jesus Christ. Today, our Parish and School continue to dream the impossible amid the chaos of an uncertain tomorrow. Join us in sharing this dream for our church and world.

The Nativity of the Theotokos (September 8)

On the feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, as on all liturgical celebrations of Christ's Mother, we proclaim and celebrate that through God's graciousness to mankind every Christian receives what the Theotokos receives, the "great mercy" which is given to human persons because of Christ's birth from the Virgin. The fact that there is no Biblical verification of the facts of Mary's birth is incidental to the meaning of the feast. Even if the actual background of the event as celebrated in the Church is questionable from an historical point of view, the divine meaning of it "for us men and for our salvation" is obvious. There had to be one born of human flesh and blood who would be spiritually capable of being the Mother of Christ, and she herself had to be born into the world of persons who were spiritually capable of being her parents.

The feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, therefore, is a glorification of Mary's birth, of Mary herself and of her righteous parents. It is a celebration as well of the very first preparation of the salvation of the world. For the "Vessel of Light," the "Book of the Word of Life," the "Door to the Orient," the "Throne of Wisdom" is being prepared on earth by God Himself in the birth of the holy girl-child Mary. This year, we will celebrate this feast on Tuesday, September 8, with the Divine Liturgy at 8:00 AM.

Wedding Banns:

The wedding of DANIEL JAMES VALLEAU, son of James and Licia (Rigatti) Valleau and CHRISTINA ANN IACUZIO, daughter of Ralph and Caterina (Fazio) Iacuzio and a member of our parish, will take place on Sunday, September 6. If anyone knows of a reason this shouldn't take place, please contact Fr. Ivan.