

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

24th Sunday After Pentecost, November 15, 2020
9:00 AM - Lit. + Anne, Victor and Mark Lawrence r/by Family
PANAHYDA for victims of Holodomor-Famine
11:30 AM - Lit. God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
Monday, November 16, 2020
No Liturgy Scheduled
Tuesday, November 17, 2020
8:00 AM - Lit. Health of Myron Rajsz r/by Wife, Maria
Wednesday, November 18, 2020
8:00 AM - Lit. + Maryann Smereka r/by Stanley Stempinski
Thursday, November 19, 2020
8:00 AM - Lit. + Marta, Stepan, Michailo, Anastasia and
Kateryna (20th Anniv.) r/by Daughter
Friday, November 20, 2020
8:00 AM - Lit. + Helen & George Melnykevich r/by Family
Saturday, November 21, 2020
8:00 AM - Lit. Health of Michael r/by Family
5:00 PM - Lit. + Johanna, Thomas Beres r/by Family
25TH Sunday After Pentecost, November 22, 2020
Epistle - Eph 4:1-6; Gospel - Lk 12:16-21
9:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
11:30 AM - Lit. + Joseph & Rose Bigos r/by Ron & Irene

Pastor's Thought

Recent news reports on a "spike" in coronavirus cases are troubling. Many - most - of us are following the sensible guidelines to wear a mask, wash our hands, and keep social distance. Thanks to you, we've been able to open our church for public Liturgy and sacraments, and our parish Catholic school is open for in-person and distance learning instruction, always mindful of the need to be attentive to safety precautions. Keep up the good work! Still, we've seen rising numbers of cases, especially on our beloved NJ state. This is not the time to drop our guard! For everyone's sake, let's all continue to follow the advice of medical professionals and our civic leaders, and stay safe and healthy!

Feed the Hungry in Our Community.

In preparation for the Christmas Holiday, Saturday, Nov. 14 until Sunday Dec. 22, our parish will have a special collection of nonperishable goods and children's new toys for the needy people in Perth Amboy, NJ. Please leave your donation in the Church foyer or downstairs on the bench next to the bulletin board. You may also donate a gift card that will be given only to our parish or school families in need. "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?...". And the King will answer and say to them, "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even to the least of them, YOU DID IT TO ME." - Matthew 25:35-40

Archeparchial News

A wonderful and interesting online encounter with the Apostolic Nuncio in the United States, Archbishop Christophe Pierre took place last week. Approximately 80 representatives (clergy, religious and lay) from our UGCC eparchies across the US, met via ZOOM for an unprecedented opportunity to engage the representative of the Holy Father. The evening was hosted by our very own Metropolitan, Archbishop Borys Gudziak. Fr. Ivan participated at the meeting.

Wedding Banns:

The wedding of MATTHEW F DISTIFANO and BROOKE BILOHOLOWSKI, members of our parish, will take place on Saturday, November 21st. If anyone knows of a reason this shouldn't take place, please contact Fr. Ivan.

Baptism Congratulatio.

God's blessings on the newly baptized servants of God:

- ANGELINA VOVK
- KRISTAL JESSICA COLON

Welcome to the Church and to our community! May God grant them and their parents many long and happy years!

Sunday's Gospel Reading

The Samaritan overcame his group's antipathy to Jews and came to the aid of one in need. In today's Gospel, our Lord challenged his Jewish listeners to overcome their antipathy to Samaritans. He continues to challenge all people of all cultures of all times. We are only "Catholic," i.e. truly universal, if we see others with the eyes of the Samaritan.

AdvancED/Cognia Evaluation

Every 5 years all the schools in the Diocese of Metuchen undergo a reaccreditation process. Last week we finished this process and are happy to report that it went well. Assumption School is accredited by the nationally-recognized AdvancED-Cognia School System Accreditation. AdvancED-Cognia is a school accrediting agency that conducts rigorous, on-site external reviews of PreK-12 schools and school systems to ensure academic growth.

Thank You

I want to take the time to sincerely thank many parishioners for their donations to our school. As you know, we started this fundraiser to purchase new chromebooks for our students and your contributions of almost ten thousand dollars help us get one step closer to our goal. Thanks again for your generosity and support.

87th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine

This year people of Ukrainian descent throughout the world commemorate the 87th anniversary of the Holodomor - the man-made famine in Ukraine that occurred in 1932-1933. This great tragedy continues to cry out to the world for its recognition as a crime against humanity and pleads never to be erased from the memory of the human race. Although the lands and people of Ukraine have suffered famine as a natural phenomenon throughout history, never was such an atrocity purposely engineered and enacted upon our people for political motives. This indeed was as an act of genocide by the government of the Soviet Union under Joseph Stalin.

Let us render homage to the millions of our Ukrainian brothers and sisters who perished in the Holodomor-the great man-made famine in Ukraine. Let us spread the knowledge of this tragedy with the means available to us. And let us raise our voices in solemn prayer for their eternal memory - vichnaja pamiat.

Pfizer's new Coronavirus vaccine was not created with fetal cells from aborted babies

The announcement last week that Pfizer's new coronavirus vaccine was found in clinical trials to be more than 90% effective is a promising step in the battle against the deadly virus. Unlike other vaccines in development, the Pfizer vaccine was not created using fetal cells and should not present any ethical problems for pro-life advocates. In fact, Pfizer's vaccine makes use of a technology that does not need to use any cells at all.

How does Pfizer's vaccine work?

Typically, a vaccine is developed by placing a virus inside cells. The coronavirus vaccine being developed by the University of Oxford and Astrazeneca relies on the HEK-239 cell lines from a baby aborted in the Netherlands in the 1970s.

Pfizer's vaccine, if approved by the FDA, would be the first vaccine to use mRNA technology, which does not require any cells at all. The vaccine is instead developed in test tubes using chemicals (RNA) and an enzyme. According to the American Council on Science and Health, this creates mRNA molecules which can then be injected into the human body. The vaccine then prompts the individual's own cells to produce the protein that stimulates an immune response.