

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council, May 16, 2021

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

First Solemn Holy Communion

11:30 AM - Lit. + Mary Clements r/by Joyce Adamshick

Monday, May 17, 2021

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. + Mary Konyk - Legate

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. + John Celecki r/by Joyce Adamshick

6:30 PM - Rosary to Mary

7:00 PM - May Devotions to the Mother of God

Thursday, May 20, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. + Stefan Palka r/by Patricia Bernstein

Friday, May 21, 2021

8:45 AM - Lit. + Mary Ann Makar r/by ACS Teachers

Saturday, May 22, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. and Pan. + Visiliy, Magdalena, John

r/by Nick & Olga Tulnew

5:00 PM - Lit. + Anna & Frank Iras r/by Diane Basniak Wiesen

Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021*Epistle - Acts 2:1-11; Gospel - Jn 7:37-52 & 8:12*

9:00 AM - Lit. + Olha and Ivan Wowk r/by Ulana Wowk

11:30 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**Celebrating First Penance (Reconciliation) and Holy Eucharist**

Congratulations to the following, who confessed their sins and received Jesus in Holy Eucharist today:

VINCENT ROMAN BERRY
ADAM RICHARD BURZYNSKI
ISABELLA MIA CARMONA
SKARLET SOPHIA GARCIA
GIANNA BELLA GAZZANI
SOFIA ISABEL GOMEZ
ALEXANDER GYSHTA
ANDRIIY IVANOVYCH HRAD
SAMUEL WOLF PAUL MAKAR
ANNA MARTIAK
JASON MICHAEL NOGUERAS JR.
VIKTORIIA OLIINYK
ADRIAN FERNANDO OLIVEIRA
BIANCA PALHAIS
MICHELE VICTORIA RASHKEVYCH
JOHN MICHAEL RENNER JR.
RENATA MARTA SKORATKO
JACOB KELAN TORRES-VEGA

This is indeed a happy occasion for our parish community, school and for the children's families. Even in the midst of the pandemic, Assumption school religion instructors, parish Catechist Mrs. Nancy Bialkowski and her husband Kenneth, and substitute Ana Mascenik were able to have in-person instruction for our communicants. That is quite a tribute to them, students and parents! One more example of what can be accomplished when everyone works together!

Pyrohy Sale!

Once again, we will be selling pyrohy (from Passiac parish) in the church hall following this week's Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 9:00 and 11:30 am liturgies. Potato pyrohy only, \$8.00. Fr. Ivan only brought 80 dozen, so buy quickly.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Last Saturday, the Parish Pastoral Council meeting was conducted in our parish hall. The meeting was specifically oriented to a comprehensive overview of the parish and school plans, projects, and ministries this year. The decision was made to remove existing asphalt, full depth to stone-base, and repave the parking lot and to put in new windows in the church basement. The existing windows are original and don't open anymore. Joe Britton will chair the parking lot project and 3 estimates will be procured. If you know companies who can provide us with estimates for these projects, please call Fr. Ivan on his cellphone, 202-368-2408.

Warm Welcome to Our Guests.

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Just as our Lord welcomed all, so do we gladly receive all who wish to be with us in our worship of God in the Divine Liturgy. No one should feel intimidated or uncomfortable while worshipping the Lord, and we freely welcome anyone who wishes to join with us in our services. Please note that participation in Holy Communion is limited to members of the Catholic Church in good standing, who have prepared through prayer, fasting and confession.

Love and prayers, Fr. Ivan Turyk - Pastor

TODAY: Sunday of the Fathers.

On this Sunday, following the Ascension of Our Lord, we commemorate the victory of the true faith over its enemies and we affirm the importance of the First Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea in 325 A.D. It was at this First Ecumenical Council that the Bishops gave us a written summary of our Holy Faith that we call today the "Creed". As followers of Christ let us always love one another so that in oneness of mind we may continue to profess our faith and say the "Creed" as a community of faithful.

St. Ann Society

Members of St. Ann Society will gather next Sunday, May 23, after the 11:30 a.m. Liturgy in the church hall. The regular business meeting will be brief and without refreshments. Members are encouraged to attend.

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **We are Proud of the Cultural Mosaic in Assumption Catholic School.**

Last Tuesday *Diversity Day* was celebrated at ACS. We celebrated the uniqueness of our students by honoring their cultural diversity. Planned and organized by teachers, Ms. Drayton and Mrs. Garcia, classes explored the question of "What is it to be me?" This led to a better understanding of individual ethnicity and pride in what makes us who we are. Using that theme, students created videos using the Flipgrid program. The day's highlights included the premier of the students' "flipgrid" videos followed by a delicious international lunch served outside. Thanks to the ACS Family and School Association for providing the lunch.

- **God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten son Jesus. And what a blessing: He loved us so much, He also gave us the Blessed Mary.**

The month of May is the month dedicated to the Mother of God and each year the students at Assumption Catholic School in Perth Amboy, NJ make special efforts to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by learning and spreading knowledge, love and devotion to her. We pray to Mary, Our Heavenly Queen each day, we sing special songs in her Honor and we pray the rosary. Last Friday, the student body and faculty gathered in front of the Grotto to the Mother of God and sang a very special prayer service, the Moleben to Mary. As the sun appeared on a beautiful blue sky over our gathering, we prayed and asked the Blessed Mary to spread Her veil of protection over all the people in the USA during this pandemic time. We also asked the Blessed Virgin Mary to bless Bishop James F. Checchio on his fifth episcopal anniversary as shepherd of Metuchen Diocese and to protect Bishop Andriy Raby who is recovering from Covid-19. The Pastor, Father Ivan Turyk spoke to the students about Our Blessed Mother's love and care for her children and how Mary is never too busy to hear a sincere request for our aid and guidance. As we sing in one of our songs to Mary "*Remember, most loving Virgin Mary, never was it heard that anyone who turned to you for help was left unaided. . . . I run to your protection for you are my mother.*"

Next Sunday, May 23 is Pentecost Sunday.

This Sunday we will celebrate the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

8th Grade Graduation

On Friday, June 4th at the 6:30 pm Graduation Liturgy, Assumption Catholic School in Perth Amboy, NJ will graduate thirteen 8th Graders. Many of them have been at ACS for their whole school life. We certainly wish them our best and promise to accompany them with our encouragement and prayers. "Congratulations!"