

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, July 4, 2021****Independence Day**

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Joseph W. Yurechko r/by Natalie Basniak

**Tuesday, July 6, 2021**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Anton Massopust r/by Lopazanski Family

**Wednesday, July 7, 2021**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Sabodish Family r/by Kathy Ginda

**Thursday, July 8, 2021**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Steve Romanko - Legate

**Friday, July 9, 2021**8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention Vega Family  
r/by ACS Faculty and Staff**Saturday, July 10, 2021**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Stephania Janiw r/by St. Ann Society

5:00 PM - Lit. + Edward Bishop r/by Family

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, July 11, 2021**

Epistle - Rom 15:1-7; Gospel - Mt 9:27-35

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

11:00 AM - Lit. Health of Peter Baralecki  
r/by ACS Faculty and Staff**LITURGY SCHEDULE CHANGE**During the months of July and August, the 11:30 AM  
Sunday Divine Liturgy is moved to 11:00 AM.**Church Office**

The Rectory office will be closed Friday, July 2 to Friday, July 9. Summer office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Mornings, 9 to 12. Should you have need of anything, please contact Fr. Ivan's cellphone 202-368-2408

**Welcome to our New Religious Sisters**

I am writing to share with you the news that two religious sisters from Ukraine are arriving in the USA at the beginning of September and will be residing in our parish convent. The two sisters are from the Servant of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, SSVM, which is part of the Institute of the Incarnate Word. I was informed by Archbishop Borys and Bishop Andriy, that the Sisters are experienced in working with youth, children, and young adults, and therefore, will be helping the parish in its catechesis efforts. I am also hoping that the arrival of the nuns will help boost the school's enrollment and will help grow and mold our students into responsible, faithful adults.

Since the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God left our parish for Philadelphia in 2018, you may know that the convent has been unoccupied and is in need of various items for sisters' stay. Those interested in donating new items for the kitchen (coffee maker, toaster, pots and pans, kitchen tools and gadgets, dinnerware, glassware, utensils, etc.), towels, full size bedding (sheets, blankets, comforters), non-perishable food items (canned, dried and boxed), or cash donations, please bring items to the church hall on weekends or the rectory during the week. Call the rectory at 732-826-0767 if you have any questions.

Let's prepare to give the sisters a warm American Welcome! Please make sure you keep them in your prayers that they may have a successful apostolate in our Assumption community and help many people come closer to the Lord through their service.

*God bless you, Fr. Ivan Turyk - Pastor***Donation Envelope Information**

Due to the pandemic, not all 2021 donation envelopes were picked up in the church hall. If you have returned to church and would like your 2021 envelopes, please call the secretary at the rectory or leave a note in the collection basket, and we will leave your envelopes in the church vestibule.

**Safety In Church**

We are very happy that more members of our church returning to the services. It is cleaned and disinfected each week for your safety. MASKS may be worn if you feel the need to do so, but they are not required.

**WELCOME!***Our warmest greetings are extended once again to all visitors and guests who are participating in today's Divine Liturgy. It is always a joy to have you praying with us. After the service please do not hesitate to introduce yourself to Fr. Ivan and find out more about our faith and our parish.***Pastor's Corner**

As we celebrate this week the birth of our nation, I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday with their family and friends. Holidays are special times when we can enjoy one another's company in a relaxing setting. Whether we are home, at the beach or in the mountains, we have an opportunity to slow down. So much goes by us so quickly. Pause. Stop. Look around. See the presence of God in nature, in the people who are special to you and the gifts that were so freely given to us by the Lord who loves us. Please drive safely and remember to pray and ask God's blessings upon your journey and vacations. God grant you a happy and safe holiday!

**Assumption School 21st Century Community Learning Center Learning.**

The program is held Monday through Friday until July 16. This summer program supports the creation of community learning centers that provide these afterschool and summer programs and services to students. We have an incredible team of educators who are providing the best possible learning experience for over 80 students this year. Our Parish School Registration is now open for the 2021-2022 school year. We gladly accept those coming from a public or charter school. Don't delay your visit. Call us. Our summer hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00am to 1:00pm and evening tours by appointment - call Mrs. Shumny 732-343-0750.

**A Call for Gardening Volunteers**

If you happen to be at church and see that the flowers need watering, please feel free to water them with the hose kept at the front of the church. If you want to donate flowers to be planted, please bring them and leave them outside the rectory of in front of the Grotto of Mary.

A major weeding is done every week by Father but feel free to lend a hand. This is a big job for one person but with a few extra hands, the front of the church can be a colorful welcome to church goers. God bless!

**Questions About Our Faith**

- *Why can't we have our Catholic wedding at our favorite inn?*

A beach, a lake house, an inn, or your favorite restaurant are all places that hold personal meaning to you. So when it comes time to tie the knot, those places may come up as options for the wedding ceremony. But when planning a wedding, please remember that a wedding is not a private ceremony, but a public act of worship to God. Why does the Church want the wedding to happen in a church? The Church's clear preference for weddings within familiar churches is meant to stress the interconnection among all the sacraments. For example, years ago many brides celebrated their weddings in the churches where they received Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. In those cases the spiritual connection was abundantly clear. Now of course the mobility of families makes this somewhat rare. However, it is praiseworthy - and beautiful - to have your wedding in the place where you regularly partake of the Eucharist. After all, your 'spiritual home' is your true home... your living relationship with the Lord. What a joy to be able to publicly worship God and say your marriage vows in the house of the third person in the marriage - Christ Himself.

**THE PASTOR STOLE OUR SPOON!**

A pastor had dinner at the home of a couple in his church. After he left, the wife said to the husband. "I think he stole our spoon!" This bothered her for a whole year. A year later the couple had the pastor for dinner again. Unable to resist, the wife asked, "Did you steal our spoon last year?" The pastor replied, "No, I put it inside your Bible."

- \*\*\* So, if I come over and you are missing a spoon, fork, etc. CHECK YOUR BIBLE!