

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**19th Sunday After Pentecost, October 3, 2021**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Mecha, Ed, Karl r/by Family

Monday, October 4, 2021

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

7:30 AM - Lit. + Ethel Melnykevich r/by

M/M Donald Melnykevich and Family

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

7:30 AM - Lit. + Michael, Maria; Thomas, Florence

r/by Grandchildren

Thursday, October 7, 2021

7:30 AM - Lit. + Lesya Kovalchuk r/by M. Popewny

Friday, October 8, 2021

8:45 AM - Lit. Special Intention Portocarro-Vazquez

Family r/by ACS

Saturday, October 9, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. and Pan. + George & Maria Tulnew

r/by Nick & Olga Tulnew

5:00 PM - Lit. + Cheryl Weigle r/by Galetta Family

20th Sunday After Pentecost, October 10, 2021*Epistle - Gal 1:11-19; Gospel - Lk 7:11-16*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Dolores Peles r/by Tom Smith

Welcome

Everyone is invited downstairs following all Divine Liturgies for Coffee Hour and small Fellowship. Come down and meet our new Sister Veronica from Ukraine.

Weekday Liturgy Time Change

Please note that weekday morning Liturgy times have been changed to 7:30 am.

Holy Name Society will meet on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:30 PM in the church hall.

Children's Liturgy

Next Sunday, the 9:00 am Liturgy will be a children's Liturgy. Fr. Ivan will deliver a children's homily, bless our Catechists, present students who start their First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion classes next Sunday with a special folder that includes materials for the class. Children are asked to sit in the first pews after the Gospel reading.

Religious Education For Children.

Please register your children for the 2021-2022 First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion classes. The Catechetical classes will be led by Mrs. Nancy and Kenny Bialkowski, Sr. Veronica starting NEXT SUNDAY, October 10 for our parish children (6-7 years old). Classes will be held at the Assumption Catholic School building from 10 -11 am. Please, register your child on the yellow form at the back of the church or contact Fr. Ivan at 732-826- 0767 if you need further assistance. Drop this form, completed, in the collection basket.

Divine Liturgy Intentions

It is a holy act to remember individuals in Divine Liturgies. We remember our living loved ones on birthdays, baptism and wedding anniversaries, health needs and any intention. We should remember our deceased family and friends on the anniversaries of their death or any other time we wish. Offertory stipends are traditionally given to the priest for these services but no one is ever denied a Divine Liturgy intention based on a stipend. To pray for one another is directly from Our Lord and His holy church. "Pray for those who love us and pray for those who hate us". See Fr. Ivan to schedule Divine Liturgy intentions or call the parish office. The book for 2022 will be open on November 1, 2021.

Memorial Donation

\$50.00 - Marcella Massopust, in memory of
+ MSGR. LEON A. MOSKO

Welcome to Sister Veronica.

I am happy to announce that one of two sisters from Ukraine, Sister Veronica, arrived in America this week. Sister will be residing in our parish convent and help with ministry at our parish and school. We are hoping that another Sister Maria will arrive soon too.

The two sisters are from the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, SSVM, which is part of the Institute of the Incarnate Word. The Institute Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, a religious community of Diocesan Right, was founded by Rev. Carlos Miguel Buela on March 19, 1988 in San Rafael, Argentina. The Institute Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará and The Institute of the Incarnate Word (IVE), comprised of religious priests and brothers, along with the Third Order make up the Religious Family of the Incarnate Word. The two religious Institutes share the same charism, wear blue have twin constitutions and both include active and contemplative branches.

Sisters that will be serving at our Assumption community belong to an Eastern branch of sisters that opened their mission in Ukraine in 1998. When their mission in Ukraine opened, the General Superior recognized the importance of the black habit to conform to the culture, whose liturgy is that of the Greek-Byzantine Rite of the Catholic Church. Religious sisters of this rite traditionally wear black habits. Today in Ukraine and Siberia, our Eastern Rite sisters wear the black habit, which, except for the color, is the same as the blue and grey habit, including the Cross of Matará.

Let's give the sisters a warm American Welcome! I hope they will play a key role in organizing and working with parish youth, working alongside parish kids, students and teachers at Assumption in providing catechesis for the children, preparing them to receive the Sacraments and encouraging them in their friendship with Jesus Christ. Welcome, dear Sisters!

- **PASTOR'S Corner**

The Distracted Mind and Our Spiritual Life

Have you ever seen this sign at a church door: "Please turn off your cell phones"? We all know that we need to turn them off before Liturgy. We know that only the gravest emergency should interrupt church. When we think about cell phones, we think about how connected we are, nowadays, to a wide community through the internet. We might think that our age poses a unique challenge for the Christian soul. We are connected with all kinds of news, events, and other people's passing thoughts, in an instant, and constantly, in a way that human beings never experienced before. However, the problem of the distracted mind was quite well known to the Fathers and saints of our church, since ancient times. The distracted mind is nothing new. Passing thoughts can spoil our peace. Even if our cell phone is off, we may still be distracted by our thoughts.

That is why we have a narthex. That is the area in the back of the church where we cross ourselves, say a short prayer before we enter. This helps us to take a breath and leave the outside world behind. Now our mind is ready to focus on Liturgy. During the Liturgy, do not get angry with yourself and say, 'Why am I thinking about my garden during church? Or someone else's shoes? Here's what to do. Immediately move your mind on to something else. "Say Lord has mercy." Notice where we are in the Liturgy and focus on the actual words being said. Look at an icon and contemplate it. Bring yourself back to where you are standing, or sitting, or kneeling. Make your cross to remind yourself to pay attention. In a minute you will even forget you had the thought. We know that St. John Chrysostom knew about the distracted mind, because there are so many times in the Liturgy where our attention is called back. For example: "Let us be attentive!" "Wisdom! Let us attend!" "Wisdom, arise!" Literally, we might say that this means, Straighten up! People's minds always need to be reminded to pay attention! It's not just us in the 21st century. So... this means we have no excuse. We are still able to quiet our minds, as Christians in earlier ages have been able to do. When our mind is quiet, then we can pray and participate fully in our beautiful Liturgy.