

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****Sunday, January 13, 2019**

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners  
11:30 AM Lit. + Deceased Members of St. Ann Society  
r/by St. Ann Society

**Monday, January 14, 2019**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

8:00 AM Lit. + Olga Kanuschak

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**Thursday, January 17, 2019**

8:00 AM Lit. + John Kopi - Legate

**Friday, January 18, 2019**

8:45 AM Lit. For Peace in the World

**Saturday, January 19, 2019**

9:00 AM Lit. Theophany (Julian Calendar)

5:00 PM Lit. + Anna, Dmytro Pikus r/by Ann Marie Stek

**35<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, January 20, 2019**

*Epistle - Col 3:12-16; Gospel - Lk 18:18-27*

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Linda Crowley r/by Linda Rader

**St. Ann Society**

The January meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, January 15**. Rosary will be recited at 7:00 PM and the meeting will follow. **Gift Auction, March 3, 2019**, will be discussed. Please bring donations and grocery items for the Gift Auction.

CORPORATE COMMUNION will take place at the 11:30 Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 13, 2019. The annual Christmas Party will be held after Liturgy at the Armory Restaurant.

**Theophany Service (Julian Calendar)**

Saturday, January 19, 2019, 9:00 a.m. Liturgy and Blessing of Water.

Blessing of water ceremony will take place outdoors in front of the most exquisite Ice Cross that is being sculpted for our parish. After the liturgy the parish community is invited to the "Meat Fest." Delicious "shish-kabob" will be served for all parishioners and visitors. The donation is \$5 for a plate. All proceeds will go to Revived Soldiers Ukraine (RSU) for the assistance and rehabilitation of the paralyzed/wounded soldiers, injured during the war in Eastern Ukraine. If you cannot attend Theophany but would like to donate to the fund for Ukrainian soldiers, leave your donation in the box located in the back of the church.

**Classroom Blessing 2019**

The Feast of Holy Theophany is celebrated each year on January 6 and commemorates the Baptism of Christ and the divine revelation of the Holy Trinity at the river Jordan. On this very special feast, people traditionally attend a prayer service where the priest blesses regular water into holy water during the "Blessing of the Water" ceremony. This year, after morning Liturgy Fr. Ivan walked around the school and blessed each room with a sprinkle of the newly blessed holy water. He was accompanied by a small choral group lead by 8th grade students who beautifully sang a Theophany hymn. In each class, Fr. Ivan asked students various questions about the feast and was very pleased by their answers. The pre-k students papered a special art work depicting the scene of Christ's Baptism. Some of the kindergarteners had a chance to use Fr. Ivan's sprinkler and bless their classmates with holy water.

**Come and take the Blessed Water**

Last week we commemorated the Lord's Baptism with the celebration of the Divine Liturgies and the Great and Solemn Blessing of Water. Some of the blessed water is still reserved so that you can drink it. You may also bottle some of the water and take it with you for the sanctification of your homes. *Fr. Ivan will be BLESSING HOMES in the Parlin area on Monday, Jan. 21.*

The blessed water is in the container in the front of the church.

**Sunday of Baptismal Renewal**

The Archeparchy Office of Stewardship and Service designated today, the Sunday After Theophany as a Sunday of Baptismal Renewal. They composed a brief renewal ceremony of our Baptismal vows that will take place after each liturgy in our church. The ceremony is designed to give all of you the chance to state your choice, to realize we are stewards of the gospel message by our own baptism, and it is a life vocation we live within our Church and community. Use the Renewal Service brochure printed on purple paper.

**Christmas Eve Holy Supper**

On Christmas Eve, January 6, 2019 our parish held a traditional Holy Supper (Sviaty Vechir) for parishioners and guests. Many tasty meatless dishes were prepared and shared. Filled with the spirit of the carols and poetry, more than 220 people truly enjoyed traditional Christmas foods in anticipation of Christ's birth. The parishioners shared a meal with one another while the parish choir "Boyan" and children sang beautiful carols, along with other songs of the season. The pastor, Fr. Ivan Turyk and parishioners immensely enjoyed the visit of our bishop, Most Rev. Andriy Rabyi, Apostolic Administrator for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, who joined parishioners for the Holy Supper. After sharing a meal, His Excellency spoke thanking the choir and children for the songs and a Christmas play, commending Assumption parish for their faith and hard work, and encouraging us to spread the Christmas spirit and joy with other people. Thank you to the Holy Name members for sponsoring this event, St. Ann's Society for providing baked goods, and ladies from the parish for cooking lenten foods for the Holy Supper.

**Bishop Andriy Rabyi celebrates the Divine Liturgy of the Nativity of the Lord (Julian Calendar) at our parish.**

On Sunday, January 7, 2019 His Grace, Most. Rev. Andriy Rabyi served the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with the Assumption Catholic Church community of Perth Amboy, NJ. As His Grace arrived to celebrate the Liturgy, he was greeted with the traditional bread by the parish financial officer Michael Raab Jr. Anastasia Lytvyn presented His Grace with a bouquet of flowers. During the Christmas Divine Liturgy, His Grace spoke movingly about the meaning of Christmas and reassured all the faithful that no matter how long since their last visit, they will always find their spiritual home ready and waiting to welcome them at Assumption parish. It was really an inspiring and a beautiful Christmas Liturgy, with melodious responses sung by our Church Choir "Boyan".

**To know, to love, to serve God when our mission began.**

The purpose of ACS is to help children to know God, to create a community of students who love God and each other, and to put all this into action through service. Come and see for yourself how these elements are present in our school and how Assumption Catholic School brings the tradition of high-quality Catholic Education to the city of Perth Amboy, NJ.

**OPEN HOUSE** - Assumption Catholic School Sunday, January 27th, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. **Raffle drawing for a Chromebook! Recommend a family to visit Open House and they will have a chance to participate in the free drawing and win a Chromebook.**

AdvancEd accredited, the school provides a Christ-centered, Catholic environment to a diverse population of pre-k (age 4) through 8th grade students. • STREAM focused Curriculum. • Pre-K through 8th grade Chromebook and iPad technology integrated with Google Classroom. • Smartboards, Technology-Media Center, and Science Lab all enhance our academic programs. • After School Extra Curricular Activity Opportunities: Track, Bowling, Drama, Musical Groups, Student Council and many others. • Before Care and After Care are available. Tours are available for prospective students and their parents. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-732-826-8721 or visit [www.assumptioncatholicsschool.net](http://www.assumptioncatholicsschool.net) We speak Spanish, Portuguese, and Ukrainian.