

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****26<sup>TH</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, November 29, 2020**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Raymond Otlowski r/by Joan &amp; Bob Galetta

**Monday, November 30, 2020**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Ray Rudy r/by Olga M. Yurechko

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Stefania r/by Maria Dzeva

**Thursday, December 3, 2020**8:00 AM - Lit. + William, Philip, Rose, Catherine, Anna,  
Sophie, Anastasia; Blois/Lasiw Family - Legate**Friday, December 4, 2020**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**Saturday, December 5, 2020**8:00 AM - Lit. Health of Joseph Yurechko  
r/by Helena Blyskun

5:00 PM - Lit. + John Adamshick r/by Lojko Family

**27<sup>TH</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, December 6, 2020****Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra***Epistle - Eph 6:10-17; Gospel - Lk 17:12-19*

9:00 AM - Lit. Blessings to all choir members - Alla Korostil

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

**Covid-19**

Due to increased Coronavirus infections in our area and seasonal flu which will come with cold weather, and out of Christian love and care for the safety and health of our faithful and people around them, our Archbishop requires all who come to church for worship to wear a mask. The old instructions including social distancing in church are still in effect. If any of our faithful do not feel safe and/or are not healthy, please stay home. During the service singers, chanters and cantors are required to wear a mask. Hand sanitizer is available in several areas in our church. Any faithful who feel it is not safe to attend Sunday 9:00 am Liturgy worship, please attend Saturday evening at 5:00 pm or Sunday at 11:30 am which are attended by much fewer people. You are always welcome to come and pray in our church, light candles, and receive the Holy Mysteries at any time!

**Thank You.**

During this Thanksgiving season at Assumption Parish and a School, we have continued our tradition of collecting food donations to give back to our Perth Amboy community. We are so grateful for our two alumni, Anali and Amarilis for making their annual food baskets for those in our community who could use these blessings. We contributed enough donations to provide over twenty baskets to families in need for Thanksgiving Day.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to JAKE RYAN ROCHE, son of Christian and Christina (Laschuk) Roche, upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist.

**Help the Elderly.**

Women's monastery of the Ternopil-Zboriv archeparchy of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic church located in Petrykiv village is a home to 10 elderly women, some of them disabled. Due to financial constrains they are reaching out for assistance with the personal hygiene items which they need daily: diapers (size S, M and L), disposable waterproof underpads, wipes, pads. Branch 135 of the UNWLA is collecting the above necessities and will be grateful for any contribution of the items. PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS!**

The church will be decorated for Christmas soon by members of the Holy name Society. Philip's Fast- Advent began on November 15th! In addition to fasting on Fridays, please consider fasting on Wednesdays as well during the Pre-nativity season! Prepare faithfully for the Birth of Our Lord! Due to covid St. Nicholas celebration is canceled this year.

**Chromebook Donations**

\$300.00 - John Redus

\$300.00 - Cynthia Redus Tarchis

**Pastor's Corner**

It is important to periodically remind ourselves about the proper way of entering and behaving in church during worship services. The church is the House of God and even before we enter, we must prepare ourselves and realize where we are entering. All loud talking and laughing should stay outside. Please take candy or gum out of your mouth since it is inappropriate to chew in church. Immediately after you make your entrance into the church, you are in the church and you should cross yourself with a bow and say "Lord, have mercy upon me a sinner". Proceed to the nave of the church and venerate the icon in the middle isle on the tetrapod table. After this, purchase and light your candles and go to your place and piously wait for the beginning of the service. Please read all prayers before the Liturgy. Loud conversations and congregating in the back is not appropriate in church. If you come to church you should be participating in the worship with all the faithful and not socializing in the back. Please come to church on time and before the service starts. During the service try to sing responses and actively participate in the worship. In the Divine Liturgy book, it is marked when you should stand and when you may sit down. If you have health issues and/or children and elderly, you may sit down at any time. When the deacon/priest censes you, you should bow down and cross yourself. When the priest turns and gives blessing to the faithful, they should bow down and not cross themselves. If you are late for the service, please wait at the back during the reading of Scripture and during the homily. The end of the 2020 calendar year is coming soon and let us examine our conscience: did we do everything we could to improve our spiritual life in this year, strive to become more Christ-like, and did we support our parish church, truly and wholeheartedly. And how strong has our love, time, talents and treasure towards Assumption church been so far and should we improve it?

**The New 2021 Envelopes**

The contribution envelopes already arrived and NEXT WEEK will be available for pickup in the church hall. If you do not see your envelopes, please contact the parish Office. If you would like to have envelopes, please speak to Fr. Ivan or contact the parish office @ 732-826-0767 and a number will be issued to you.

**PLEASE WEAR A MASK!**

We are asking all who come to Sunday services to please continue wearing a mask and keep a "social distance" of 6 ft or more from each other as much as possible until further notice. Please note: Recent research has shown that scarves, bandanas or gaitorstyle face coverings are NOT as effective as the surgical/medical or handmade cloth masks in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Please refrain from wearing these types of face coverings at church.

\*\*\* Please remember that the main reason we wear a mask is to protect others, not ourselves! \*\* Thank you!

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

We would like to thank everyone for continuing to send in your weekly contributions for the past few months! Your generosity has been a blessing to the parish and your continued assistance is crucial during this time! As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused us to cancel a few of our most important fundraisers that we rely on to keep the parish going. Please keep this in mind as you continue to send in your weekly contributions. Your assistance is needed MORE THAN EVER! This won't be forever, Lord willing, but every little bit will help us to bridge the gap until we are fully functioning again! If you have not been able to attend on Sundays, PLEASE continue to send your weekly envelopes to the church address.

**Advent Reflection**

"Take time to be aware that in the very midst of our busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in the Bethlehems of our homes and daily lives. Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary yet is wondrously present.