

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday After Theophany, January 10, 2021**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Philip, Anna, Helen, John, Nicholas, Steve, Marie Romanko - Legate

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

Monday, January 11, 2021

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, January 12, 20218:00 AM - Lit. + Carolyn Terefenko (40th Day)**Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

8:00 AM - Lit. +Dianne Zaremba r/by Richard & Gail Zaremba

Thursday, January 14, 20218:00 AM - Lit. + Maria Worobel (40th Day) r/by daughter, Bobbie and Family**Friday, January 15, 2021**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Helen & Rose Gurneak - Legate

Saturday, January 16, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. + Walter and Anna Sefchek - Legate

5:00 PM - Lit. + Stefan Lajkosz r/by Bobbie Karanevskii

33rd Sunday after Pentecost, of Zacchaeus, Jan. 17, 2021*Epistle - 1 Tim 4:9-15; Gospel - Lk 19:1-10*

9:00 AM - Lit. + Anna Kozak r/by Peter & Allyson Fizer

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

Church Attendance and COVID Reminder.

We are asking all who come to Sunday services to please continue wearing a mask and keep a "social distance" of 6ft or more from each other as much as possible until further notice. If you cough or sneeze (even a little-- no matter for what reason), please stay home from Church. With the rise in Covid cases, it's best to keep EVERYONE around you safe, even if you don't think your symptoms are "contagious."

I hope we get back to normal as soon and as safely as we can in our parish. As Christians, our first priority should be for all of us to get back to Liturgy as soon as we safely can. I worry that many of our parishioners will continue to use the virus as an excuse to continue to miss Liturgy. And even though the dispensation from the obligation to attend Liturgy granted by Archbishop Borys is still in place, let's not abuse it. To our knowledge, no one has become ill from attending our Liturgies.

Sorokousty Memorial Services

As in the past, we will honor the memory of our beloved deceased with Sorokousty Memorial Services at 9 a.m. on all Saturdays of Lent beginning February 20, 2021. This is a time to remember our departed family and friends.

If you would like your deceased family members commemorated during these services, please submit your envelope with the names clearly listed, by Feb. 7.

Envelopes for Sorokousty are available in the church vestibule. If you use the one in your envelope box, please clearly PRINT the first names of the deceased on the blank side. It is a pale grey envelope with only your name and number printed on it. If there is no change from last year, please write "same as last year" on the envelope.

2021 Parish Registration Form

Registering at Assumption parish is the expression of your commitment to being part of our parish community. Being a registered parishioner also makes the process much simpler when it is time for receiving sacraments, registering for religious education, sponsoring a sacrament recipient and even planning funerals.

Parents of Assumption school students, in order to obtain parishioner tuition rates, you MUST register as a parishioner and use your weekly donation envelopes in order to get credit for your donation.

Registration is very easy. On weekdays, stop by our parish office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. On Sundays, a blue registration form is available on the desk in the church vestibule. Fill it out and return it to Fr. Ivan or our parish office. Please contact us with additional questions at 732-826-0767.

WITHOUT PRIESTS THERE CAN BE NO LITURGY!

Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, especially among the young men of our Parish and of our Archdiocese!

Pastor's Corner**SPF 50 - Scripture, Prayer, Family**

Beloved in Christ,

With the start of the New Year, we would like to begin a new ministry in our parish: SPF50. This ministry is adopted for our use from different dioceses and SPF stands for "Scripture, Prayer, Family" and is designed to equip individuals and families to read the Scriptures and pray together at home.

Why "50"? I was told that on average, if a family uses the recommended Bible readings and prayers, they will spend approximately 50 minutes per month in these spiritual exercises. This is not a time limit, but rather meant to encourage even the busiest family that they can make these a part of their life and learn to love encountering God in prayer and the Scriptures. Praying together and reading Scripture together are pillars of a Christ-centered Christian family.

Attached to today's bulletin is a guideline of weekly scriptural readings for the next 3 months. As one parish family, we will start reading together important stories from the Book of Genesis and work forward. Quality time with our Lord is hard to come by. Quality time with your family is hard to come by. SPF50 intends to help individuals and families have both.

Baskets for the Needy this holiday season.

(from Amarilis and Anali Rodriguez, two Assumption Catholic School alumni)

Thank you Assumption Catholic School and Parish for donating nonperishable foods and toys to Baskets for the Needy, a nonprofit organization started by two Assumption Catholic School alumni. This organization is aimed at decreasing hunger and food insecurity in Perth Amboy, N.J. With your continuous help, we were blessed to contribute 50 baskets of food with whole chickens and toys to families suffering from poverty, illness, domestic violence, homelessness, and unemployment this Thanksgiving and Christmas. Baskets for the Needy would not have been able to reach 50 different families in need without your constant dedication in serving one's neighbor, especially during these challenging times. Thank you again for all your love and support this holiday season! May God bless you all as we journey together into the new year!

Holy Water House Blessings.

It is with great regret due to Covid-19 pandemic Fr. Ivan won't have in-person house blessings for our parishioners this year. Small bottles of holy water that were blessed on the Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord are available at the front of the church. The donations from it will be used to pay a one year tuition (\$600) for a seminarian in Ukraine.

Those parishioners who purchased a NEW house and who wish to have it blessed are asked to call Fr. Ivan, 202-368-2408, and schedule a house blessing after current COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Buy Your Own Gift

Last Christmas, grandpa was feeling his age and found that shopping for Christmas gifts had become too difficult. So he decided to send checks to everyone instead. In each card he wrote, "Buy your own present!" and mailed them early. He enjoyed the usual flurry of family festivities, and it was only after the holiday that he noticed that he had received very few cards in return. Puzzled over this, he went into his study, intending to write a couple of his relatives and ask what had happened. It was then, as he cleared off his cluttered desk that he got his answer. Under a stack of papers, he was horrified to find the gift checks which he had forgotten to enclose with the cards

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH ?

If you are new to Assumption parish, we extend to you a warm and heartfelt welcome. Please call the rectory to register, or fill out the following information and drop it into the mail or the Sunday collection.

Name _____
Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____