

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, May 2, 2021**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Anna Baralecki r/by Rozalia & Joe

Monday, May 3, 2021

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. + Joseph Yurechko r/by Joyce Adamshick

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. God's blessings and good health

for Olesia Kuchirka r/by Souzyianky Branch 135

7:00 PM - May Devotions to the Mother of God

Thursday, May 6, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. + Olena Kuch - St. Ann's Society

Friday, May 7, 2021

8:45 AM - Lit. + Christopher Troche r/by ACS

Saturday, May 8, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention for Bishop Andriy Rabi

5:00 PM - Lit. + Anton Massopust r/by Tom & Lynda Molnar

Sunday of the Man Born Blind, May 9, 2021**Mother's Day***Epistle - Acts 16:16-34; Gospel - Jn 9:1-38*

9:00 AM - Lit. for Living Mothers of our Parish

- Pan. + Deceased Mothers of our Parish

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

Memorial Donations**Bishop Gabro School Endowment Fund:**

\$25.00 - Nancy L. Rosivack,

in memory of + ALEXSANDRA MELNYK

Donations to Church

\$200.00 - Kerzetski Children,

in memory of + SONIA KOCHBARSKI

\$100.00 - Anna & Vasyl Kitchoula

\$50.00 - Yuliya Sosinovska

May Devotions

The month of May is devoted to our heavenly Mother, Mary. A Moleben service will be offered on Wednesdays in May, at 7:00 p.m. Come to church, join us in honoring her, who God first honored, by choosing her to be the Mother of His Son.

Parish Advisory Board Meeting

This is to inform all members of the Parish Advisory Council of the meeting which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 8 after the 5:00 pm Liturgy, in the church hall. Fr. Ivan asks all members of the council to attend to discuss and develop future plans for our parish and school.

Bingo News

Due to the Pandemic, Bingo has been suspended indefinitely. Observance of school and state requirements for safe distancing and sanitizing does not make reopening Bingo economically feasible. We will continue to monitor health and scientific information as it becomes available to guide the determination of opening safely for our parishioners and Bingo patrons. God willing, we would like to reopen this fall.

First Solemn Holy Communion

On Sunday, May 16 at the 9:00 am Liturgy, we will welcome our school 2nd graders and parish children around the Eucharistic table for the first time. The girls will be dressed in white dresses and the boys in their Sunday best with their hair combed and shirts tucked in. The purity and innocence of the children will be on full display. The day is full of faith, hope and love. Faith as we gather in Church, the great hope we have in these kids and the unconditional love they receive from their parents and families. An innocent day, I pray will be grace filled.

Candles

Upon entering our church, it is customary to light candles and offer prayers for one's personal needs, or that of a family member or friend. Candles are lit before icons as a sign of one's faith and hope in God's help that is always sent to all that turn to Him and all His Saints with faith and prayers. Candles symbolize what is known as the Light of God or the Light of Christ.

FROM FATHER'S DESK

• If you would like to meet with Father, please call him @202-368-2408 to arrange a time and place which is convenient for you.

• Emergency Sick Calls: Father is available for emergencies at any time.

• Marriages. Consult Father at least six months in advance and before plans have been made for the wedding reception.

• Baptisms are normally scheduled on Saturday or Sunday. Consult Father for scheduling. Two God-parents are required, at least one of whom must be Catholic by faith and the other a practicing Christian.

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

For two thousand years, the Church, the well of the New Testament, has been springing forth the living water, the word of God and the grace of the Holy Spirit, meant to quench the thirst of the souls of those who desire to be in communion with God through the Church established by the incarnate Christ. The dialogue between Christ and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well is an indication of how God reveals Himself to people. The Son of God initiates the dialogue with the Samaritan woman with a simple request "Give Me a drink."

Once she is engaged in dialogue, slowly, slowly He reveals Himself to her; first, as the one who possesses the living water; then as the one who knows her secrets: "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly;" Having captured her total attention, He reveals to her His true identity: The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."

Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." When God reveals Himself to us, a restructuring of priorities takes place in our lives. The woman abandons her daily routine and becomes an apostle: The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" May the risen Lord continue to give us the living water!

Ascension

The feast of the Ascension, May 13, commemorates the ascending of Christ into heaven witnessed by His Apostles. It took place on the Mount of Olives the fortieth day after the Resurrection. It marks the triumphant close of the post-Resurrection period during which Christ repeatedly appeared to His Disciples and spoke to them of 'the things concerning the kingdom of God'. Thus, Christ's human nature was taken into Heaven, wherefrom 'He now exercises all power in Heaven and on earth'. The Ascension is one of the principal feasts of the Christian year irrespective of denominations. It falls on the 6th Thursday after the day of Easter. St. John Chrysostom gives indisputable evidence of its celebration in the later years of the 4th century.

SCHOOL NEWS: Small school with a big heart!

Over 55 years ago when Assumption school opens its door, a chalkboard was a classroom staple, but now chalkboards and dry erase boards have been replaced with nine Promethean boards. Promethean boards and other new devices are now in all classrooms of Assumption Catholic School in Perth Amboy, NJ as part of more than \$70 thousand dollars in new technology, funded mostly through the CARES Act grant funds. With our continuing focus on Technology, our teachers anticipate using them to support student learning and engagement across the curriculum in a variety of ways. Since September, through the efforts of the principal and many dedicated people, we were able to purchase cleaning supplies to help prevent spread of COVID-19, new chromebooks with carts, robots and science equipment for the new STEM room and science lab and many other great things that will enhance and enrich the learning experiences for our students.