

## DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, June 13, 2021**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Cheryl Weigle r/by Galetta Family

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021**

8:00 AM - Lit. + John, Catherine, Andrew Bodnar;

Rose Chanel - Legate

6:30 PM - Akathist to Our Lord Jesus Christ

**Thursday, June 17, 2021**

8:00 AM - Lit. Health of Tara Vitale r/by ACS Faculty &amp; Staff

**Friday, June 18, 2021**

8:00 AM - Lit. Health of Kth Mitchell

r/by ACS Faculty &amp; Staff

**Saturday, June 19, 2021**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Anna Baralecki r/by Ron &amp; Ana Mascenik

5:00 PM - Lit. + Rev. Gus Molodowitz r/by Fr. Roman

Pan. + Deceased Fathers of Our Parish

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, June 20, 2021****Fathers Day***Epistle - Rom 6:18-23; Gospel - Mt 8:5-13*

9:00 AM - Lit. Living Fathers of Our Parish

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

**Note from Father Ivan -****The Divine Liturgy During a Time of Pandemic.**

I'll use a mask for the distribution of the Holy Communion and also use precautions when handling the gifts or singing or speaking near the gifts. I'll also continue using two spoons for the Holy Communion, that will be sterilized with an alcohol solution. People in the congregation are not required to wear a mask. People are free to wear a mask for personal protection or as a courtesy to the vulnerable.

**Welcome.**

Fr. Ivan is away from the parish this weekend. We welcome to our parish Rev. Ihor Kolisnyk, CSsR, a Redemptorist Father from St. John Parish in Newark, NJ.

**Baptism Congratulations**

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to LEV ANDREI BOUADANA, son of Matthieu Bouadana and Alexandra (Kachala) Bouadana upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation - Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist.

**Take note:** Please remember to take your Sunday Bulletin home with you rather than leaving it on the pew, it will help you to remember the services and the events going on in your church. Much time and effort go into the publishing of our bulletin so, please use it as a resource! If you haven't yet picked up last Sunday's bulletin, it is available on the side table in the church vestibule, or on our website, <http://www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net>.

**Attention 2021 Graduates**

If you are graduating from High School, College, or Graduate School this year please inform Fr. Ivan so that you receive recognition in our parish bulletin. You can email us at [assumptionchurch@verizon.net](mailto:assumptionchurch@verizon.net).

**Pyrohy Sale!**

Once again, we will be selling pyrohy (from Passiac parish) in the church hall following this week's Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 9:00 and 11:30 am liturgies. Potato pyrohy only, \$8.00.

**Planning a Wedding in 2021?**

Engaged couples should contact Fr. Ivan regarding their proposed wedding and upcoming marriage classes. 732-826-0767.

**Sincere Sympathies**

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of + IRENE DOCHYCH who was recently called to her eternal reward. We pray to our Almighty Father that He accept her into His Heavenly Kingdom. May she rest in peace.

**8th Grade Graduation Liturgy and Ceremony.**

The class of 2021 worked hard to arrive at this moment and nothing, not even global pandemic, could take that away from them. Their final year at ACS has been a challenging one. A year ago, last March, they were sent home to finish school remotely. They returned in September, but it has not been easy. It was a year of masks and social distancing, but through it all, THEY ALL have endured. No matter these unusual circumstances, 13 graduates tackled challenges and successfully got to the finish line. You've made it! And we are all so proud of You! Thank God, we found the strength, the courage, the perseverance and the love to come through it together.

**Cemetery Monuments.**

Just a reminder that families are responsible for maintaining their monuments at the Cemetery. There are some monuments that are ready to fall over and are a hazard. If they fall, someone could be injured. Please make arrangements for any necessary repairs to be made.

**ASK Pastor Questions About Our Faith.**

- **Question:** *Why is incense used during Liturgy?*

**Answer:** We may wonder why the priest or deacon incenses the congregation as well as the icons. The best icon of Christ God is men and women who are made in His image. This is why the priest or deacon, during the liturgy, turns and incenses the living icons of God in the congregation (the worshippers) after having incensed the icons on the icon screen/ikonostas and walls. The usage of incense also adds a sense of solemnity and mystery to the Liturgy. The visual imagery of the smoke and the smell remind us of the transcendence of the Liturgy which links heaven with earth, and allow us to enter into the presence of God. Note: It is proper to simply bow from the waist when being incensed. The sign of the cross is not necessary since a blessing is not being imparted.

- **Question:** *In the Cherubic Hymn sung at every Liturgy, we sing, "Let us who mystically represent the cherubim..." What does it mean for us to mystically represent the cherubim? Does "us" refer to all of us assembled together at the Liturgy? Or only to those ministering at the altar?*

**Answer:** To mystically represent the cherubim refers to our "putting aside all earthly cares so we may receive the King of all..." Representing the cherubim points to those who concelebrate the Divine Liturgy (i.e., all the faithful) and who are to maintain vigilance while awaiting the Second Coming of the Lord. Thus, every celebration of the Liturgy is a celebration of the Kingdom which is to come. In the Chrysostom anaphora, we give thanks to our heavenly Father, "who has endowed us with [his] kingdom which is to come." Being like the cherubim ranks us with those who now anticipate and participate in the new creation.

- **Question:** *I was wondering why we don't celebrate Passover. Jesus was holding a seder the night of the Last Supper, so where along the line did that become something that we did not consider part of our religion?*

**Answer:** For Christians, the death and resurrection of Christ form the "new" Passover. The Greek word Pascha (Πάσχα) is derived from the Hebrew *pesakh* (פסח), which means "to pass over" and refers to God "passing over" or "skipping" the homes of the Israelites in the last of the Ten Plagues that afflicted Egypt (cf. Exodus 12:27). For Israel, Passover marked its liberation from Egypt. From a Christian perspective, the Jewish Passover was a prefiguration of Christ's "passover" from death to life. While Christians do not hold a *seder*, we cannot disassociate the "Passover" of Israel from the "Passover" of the Lord. In the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, Jesus is presented as the new Moses who leads not only Israel, but also the Gentiles, from the bondage of sin to the freedom of salvation, and from death to life.