

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

4th Sunday after Pentecost, July 3, 2022

9:00 AM - Lit. + Olga Michaelina Yurechko
r/by Diane Basniak Weisen

11:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Friday, July 8, 2022

8:00 AM - Lit. + Helen Sabodish r/by Kathy Ginda

Saturday, July 9, 2022

8:00 AM - Lit. + Joseph Oberc (40 Days) r/by Vera Gochal

5:00 PM - Lit. + Charles Logan r/by Biloholowski Family

5th Sunday after Pentecost, July 10, 2022

Epistle - Rom 10:1-10; Gospel - Mt 8:28-9:1

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Peter Baralecki r/by Marie Frankel

Pastor's Corner: Happy 4th of July.

My dear Parishioners and friends,

We approach this Monday the Fourth of July. It is a wonderful time, as we celebrate the birth of our country, to reflect on the fundamentals of our Nation and our Catholic tradition truths endowed by our Creator. They are the truths which will help this wonderful Nation continue to grow as our forbearers envisioned -- if only we do not grow weak, if we, especially as Catholics, continue to speak, and not give up hope, in our efforts in particular fashion to protect the "life" of the unborn, the frail elderly, the terminally ill, and the poor in our midst. To their lives, like our own, are attached the transcendent dignity and value of the human person which must be protected at all costs. This is, after all, a fundamental self-evident truth upon which our beloved Nation was founded. This truth we can never forget or take for granted. As we prepare to celebrate the Fourth of July, we rededicate ourselves to insuring that our freedoms and liberty--in a special way our religious freedom--are never taken for granted.

Rectory Office Closed

Due to the holiday, the Rectory Office will be closed July 4 to July 7, 2022.

Ukraine Relief

As a parish, we are accepting monetary donations to aid in relief efforts in Ukraine. If you desire to give, simply place your donation (made payable to Assumption Church) in the collection basket in a clearly marked envelope.

As a parish family, we are committed to pray for peace in Ukraine and to financially support humanitarian assistance for the people of Ukraine. Tremendous THANKS to all of you for your most generous donations towards Ukraine and the needs of the people in times of war. Today I would like to provide a 4th Report of Money Distribution.

- \$3,000 - Brucki Law, helped people with immigration papers in the USA.
- \$2,000 - Olena Onushkanets, for a car CC) Azov, Kyiv
- \$1,500 - Ivan Dyriv, contributed toward car purchase for the battalion
- \$1,000 - 135 Soyouz Ukrainok organization
- \$700 - Purchased protective gear for soldiers.
- \$500 - Nadia Dance Concert in support of Ukraine.
- \$1,300 - used a credit from MEEST, and paid the shipping cost of two containers of medical supplies to the Ivano-Frankivsk hospital and one electric wheel chair to Kyiv.

Since the war started in Ukraine, our parish distributed \$47,786,10 of Financial Aid towards Individual Families, churches and soldier battalions.

Children's Bible Summer Camp.

"Vacation With God Camp" for the youth of our parish, children Grades 1 to 8, has been scheduled for Mon.- Wed., August 1 - 3, 2022 from 9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m. If you want your child/children to learn about God's love for them and meet other youngsters from our parish, please register your child for this FREE camp. Lunch provided, activities, games, crafts. This year Assumption School Teachers offered to run this camp for our parish. The camp will take place at the church hall and the school and children will be separated by age groups.

We have a sign-up sheet and a registration form in the vestibule.

If your child is planning to go, put your name on that sheet and also fill out the yellow registration form and then return it to the rectory office or give it to Fr. Ivan no later than Sunday, July 31st, 2022.

Sr. Veronica Professes Her Solemn Vows.

Last Sunday was a glorious day at Assumption parish, as our Sr. Maria Veronica of Jesus professed her solemn vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and Marian consecration. The vows were taken after reading of the Holy Gospel during the Divine Liturgy and in front of Most Rev. Andriy Rabyi, Auxiliary Bishop for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and the Mother Mary of the Immaculate Conception Ambrogio, the Provincial Superior of the Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará. Present at the Liturgy were Fr. Alberto Barattero, IVE, the Provincial Superior of the Institute of the Incarnate Word, Fr. Ivan Turyk, Pastor of Assumption Church, alongside many religious sisters, guests and parishioners. Sister Veronica was especially grateful for the presence and support of Major Superiors of Women's Ukrainian Religious Congregations in the USA, Sr. Eliane Ilnitski, SSMI, the Provincial of the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Conception and Mother Maria Kelly MSMG, Superior of the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God.

At the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, the beautiful symbols - the ring of espousal with Jesus, the white crown of flowers, the lighted candle and the Constitution of the Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará were presented to the newly professed. The rite of perpetual profession also included the prostration of Sister during the Litany, the pronouncement of the handwritten formula of vows into the hands of the Provincial Mother Superior, the signing of the document of the vows, and greeting by other perpetually professed members of the community. The final profession of Sr. Veronica was like a wedding day, because consecrating her life entirely to God through life-long vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, Sister accepted a vocational call to become a bride of Jesus Christ. The solemn ceremony was followed by a beautiful reception at our school hall.

Sr. Veronica is greatfull to our parish and all volunteers for making her celebration very memorable.

Ask a Priest Anything.

- *If prayer is supposed to be for good, why do priests use it as punishment (or penance) after confession?*

The prayers of penance are not punishment. Although our sins are forgiven by God through the sacrament, the effects of our sin are still present in the world. The prayers are given for our penance not as punishment but as an attempt on our part to make up for the effects of our sins. Then the priest imposes an act of penance or satisfaction on the penitent; this should serve not only to make up for the past but also to help him to begin a new life and provide him with an antidote to weakness. As far as possible, the penance should correspond to the seriousness and nature of the sins. This act of penance may suitably take the form of prayer, self-denial, and especially service of one's neighbor and works of mercy. These will underline the fact that sin and its forgiveness have a social aspect.

Did You Know this about the Declaration of Independence?

John Hancock, the President of the Continental Congress at the time, was the first and only person to sign the Declaration on July 4, 1776 (he signed it in the presence of just one man, Charles Thomson, the secretary of Congress). According to legend, the founding father signed his name bigger than everyone else's because he wanted to make sure "fat old King George" could read it without his spectacles. But the truth is that Hancock had a large blank space and didn't realize the other men would write their names smaller. Today, the term "John Hancock" has become synonymous with a person's signature. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the only two presidents to sign the document, both died on the Fourth of July in 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration. Adam's last words have been reported as "Thomas Jefferson survives." He did not know that Jefferson had died only a few hours before. James Monroe, the last president who was a Founding Father, also died on July 4 in 1831. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President, was born on July 4, 1872, and, so far, is the only President to have been born on Independence Day.