

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**8th Sunday After Pentecost, July 23, 2023**

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Mary Felice r/by Shumny Family

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

8:00 AM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

10:30 AM - Lit. + William Payne r/by Family

Thursday, July 27, 2023

8:00 AM - Lit. + John Ilek r/by Helen and Jeff

Friday, July 28, 2023

8:00 AM - Lit. + Olesya Kuchirka r/by Daughter Ilona

Saturday, July 29, 2023

8:00 AM - Lit. + Natalia Mertiach - son Andriy

5:00 PM - Lit. + Jeanette Diakun r/by N.N.

8th Sunday After Pentecost, July 30, 2023*Epistle - 1 Cor 3:9-17; Gospel - Mt 14:22-34*

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Anniversary Banquet

This year our Pastor celebrates his 20th anniversary of his priestly ordination and Assumption parish will hold a celebratory banquet in the school hall at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 24th following ONLY ONE Divine Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. Please save the date if you wish to attend.

We will be selling tickets in the church office July 17 to 31 during office hours. Tickets will be sold in church after liturgies in August and September.

Tickets are \$40 per adult, \$20 per child age 5-17, children under 5 free. Everyone attending must have a ticket so we have enough seating. Tickets must be purchased in advance (no tickets sold at the door).

We are looking forward to this celebration, and expect Fr. Ivan's parents to attend.

Note to our Guests and Friends.

We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to Assumption Catholic Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Byzantine catholic Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Catholic Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

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., July 31 - August 2 from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm.

Please register your child for this FREE camp. Lunch provided, activities, games, crafts. This year Assumption School Teachers, Fr. Ivan, a visiting seminarian and Sisters will 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 yellow registration form in the vestibule. If your child is planning to go, put your name on that sheet and also take home the yellow registration form, fill it out and then return it to the rectory office or give it to Fr. Ivan no later than Sunday, July 30th.

VISITORS IN CHURCH

It may happen that, especially during the warm summer months, vacationers in NJ may appear in our parish. They may be from anywhere in the Archeparchy or from across the country - even from abroad. They may even be local members of our community, wishing to simply join you in prayer - even on a long-term basis. Whatever the circumstances, welcome them as our guests! They've come to meet Christ among us. Show Him to them - if necessary, guide them in following the pew book. Being inviting is every Christian's "job." The impression you make on visitors will travel on with them - at home, and everywhere else they go! It may be that someone who is searching for a Church will find it by what YOU do, not what the priest says. Your welcome may be what opens the eyes, ears and heart of the searching soul to the Gospel.

TODAY: 8th Sunday After Pentecost.

I have always wondered about how Jesus responds to the disciples in today's Gospel when they report that there is not enough for the enormous crowd to eat. They advise the Lord to send the people away to forage for themselves. However, Jesus instructs His disciples to feed the crowd. His disciples immediately protested.

They said: "*We only have two fish and five loaves of bread! This small amount of food will never be enough for this huge crowd!*" Jesus, however, was not disturbed or worried. He told His disciples to bring the fish and the bread to Him. Then He instructed the crowd of people to sit down on the grass.

I wonder what the disciples were thinking as they gathered the food? Did they think Jesus was crazy? Or were they anticipating another miracle? Jesus took the bread and the fish and He blessed them. He then gave the bread and fish to His disciples and instructed them to distribute the food to the people. They did so. And as we know, everyone was well fed and there were quite a few baskets of leftovers.

Do you ever get concerned that you may not have "enough" for what seems to be needed? It may not be enough money, energy, time, love, or _____ (you fill in the blank). These are the times when we need to come to Jesus and ask Him to supply us with what we truly need. And Jesus will give us what we need. However, it may not be exactly what we asked for. At these times, will we trust that Jesus is supplying us with "the loaves and fishes" that we need? Or will we complain because Jesus had disappointed us.

Coffee and Fellowship

After 9:00 Divine Liturgy today join us for the coffee hour sponsored by the UNWL (Branch 135).

2023 Donation Envelopes

You may have noticed that there is no envelope for Sunday, July 30, 2023. This is due to a printer's error. Please use any other envelope, or a plain envelope with your name and the amount of your donation.

Holy Name Picnic

Last Saturday, our parishioners and guests enjoyed a free picnic dedicated to the long-time parishioner Peter Baralecki who was very involved in our Church activities including fixing things around the parish and school, and especially enjoyed cooking borsch and making chili for the parish events. He is greatly missed by all. To all ladies of St. Ann's Society who brought baked goods and all those who helped wherever it was needed YOU truly made the picnic what it was! Thank you, dear members of the parish Holy Name Society, for organizing this event, for BEING community, for remembering your deceased brother Peter and for your open hearts and hands. We had many laughs and shared a lot of great memories.

School Camp

The last day of the four-week Assumption School Summer Camp Program was an epic success! Bouncy Houses, cotton candy, face painting and pizza.... What more could we ask for? Each day the campers had a structured physical activity, a structured STEM learning, field trips, beautiful Arts and Crafts Creations and free lunch.

Our Gratitude and Thanks

Thank you so much to the "garden fairies" who have appeared to help tend the flowers in front of the church. Their hard work is very much appreciated

Orchid Flower Donations

The lovely white orchid flowers on the side altar were recently donated by: Cathy and Ralph in loving memory of Russ. Dear parishioners, please be aware that throughout the year, you can buy orchids, bring them to the church as a donation and place them before the side altar. Your donation will be listed in the church bulletin.

Ordination: On Monday, July 24th, 2023, Fr. Ivan will attend a the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Andrii Rubel at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia.