

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****Sunday Before the Exaltation, September 8, 2024****Birth of the Theotokos**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Lydia Kernitsky r/by Chrystyna Kozak

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

7:30 AM - Lit. + Joseph, Catherine Skurka

r/by Gail &amp; Richard Zaremba

**Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

7:30 AM - Lit. Health Dianka and others family members

**Thursday, September 12, 2024**

7:30 AM - Lit. + Joseph Neubauer - Legate

**Friday, September 13, 2024**

8:45 AM - Lit. + Ronald Halosz r/by Patrick Pickering

**Saturday, September 14, 2024****Exaltation of the Cross**

8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention

5:00 PM - Lit. + Marilyn Gee r/by Anna

**Sunday After the Exaltation, September 15, 2024***Epistle - Gal 2:16-20; Gospel - Mk 8:34-9:1*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Maryann Smereka

r/by Stanley Stempinski

**St. Ann Society Meeting**

The ladies of St. Ann Society would like to invite all ladies of the parish to come to the meeting which will be on today, September 8, after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. Plans for the upcoming Fall events will be discussed. New members are always welcome to join these hard-workers as they strive to help and support the parish wherever and whenever it is needed. Please consider offering your time to this very busy group. The meeting will be held downstairs in the church hall. Lunch will be served.

**Religious Education For Children.**

The First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion Instruction classes led by our Sisters: Sr. Veronica, Sr. Svitanku, Sr. Trijtsi will be held starting SUNDAY, October 6, 2024 for our parish children (6-7 years old). Please bring your child to the parish school for the first day of catechism class. While your child attends class, parents are encouraged to attend the morning Divine Liturgy. After the Catechism class is finished, Sister will bring kids back to the church for the Liturgy. The blue form at the back of the church needs to be filled out and returned to Fr. Ivan or Sr. Veronica by Sunday, September 29. Lessons are held Sundays in the parish school from 9:00 AM till 10:00 AM.

**Special Visitor**

This week, our religious sisters welcomed to their monastery Sr. Maria Zarvanytska. Sister Maria Zarvanytska belongs to the Order Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará (SSVM) in Ukraine and will spend one month in the USA with a special mission. With the Blessing of Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak, Sister will visit four parishes in our Archdiocese with a fundraising presentation about construction of a new Catholic school in Ukraine. She will have the presentation in our parish following all Liturgies on the weekend of October 5-6. Please financially support the Sisters' project in Ukraine.

**Designer Bags Bingo**

This week we received the State of NJ License and officially announce that sponsored by the parish Holy Name Society Designer Bags Bingo will take place on Sunday, September 29, 2024. The afternoon includes 10 rounds of bingo with amazing designer purses as the prize for each round. In addition, there will be an abundance of fabulous raffle prizes, a TRICKY TRAY and 50-50 RAFFLES.

Doors Open: 12:00 pm. Games Start at 2:00 pm  
Entry Fee: \$30.00. Kitchen will be open for purchases.

**Baptized in the Lord**

With great joy, our parish family welcomes the newest Children of God, Baptized and Chrismated in our church today:

- ANNA BRONSHTEYN
- LEV ZAGURSKIY

**Nativity of the Theotokos.**

On September 8 in the Church we celebrate the Nativity of our Most-holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary. The Holy Virgin Mary was born of aged parents, Joachim and Anna. Her father was of the lineage of David, and her mother of the lineage of Aaron. Thus, she was of royal birth by her father and of priestly birth by her mother. In this, she foreshadowed Him Who would be born of her as King and High Priest. Her parents were quite old and had no children. Because of this they were ashamed before men and humble before God. In their humility they prayed to God with tears, to bring them joy in their old age by giving them a child, as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and his wife Sarah by giving them Isaac. The Almighty and All seeing God rewarded them with a joy that surpassed all their expectations and all their most beautiful dreams; for He gave them not just a daughter, but the Mother of God. She was Mary, Full of grace,

- *Blessed among women, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Altar of the Living God, the Table of the Heavenly Bread, the Ark of God's Holiness, the Tree of the Sweetest Fruit, the Glory of the race of man, the Praise of womanhood, and the Fount of virginity and purity. Through the intercessions of Thy Mother, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen*

**Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great**

93rd Annual Pilgrimage Sunday, September 29, 2024

*Mother of God: Fountain of Healing*

11:00 a.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)

Main Celebrant: Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak,

Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia

Choir "Boyan": Assumption of the BVM Choir, Perth

Amboy, NJ

Address: Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great,

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*And we're off.... It is with pleasure that we welcome 181 students and families of the Assumption Catholic School community to the 2024-2025 school year.*

- **Wednesday: FIRST DAY of SCHOOL grades 5-8!!**

Welcome Middle School! Grades 5 through 8 started their day in prayer and in gratitude this morning. The first day is always full of excitement! After getting settled in their classrooms and going over procedures and classroom schedules, they all gathered in the cafeteria for their first middle school meeting. They discussed expectations for this year, and how to have a positive year. The Classes of 2024, 2025, and 2026 also played a few ice breakers to meet new classmates and reconnect with old friends. They put themselves in birthday order without talking. It was pretty hilarious to watch! Yes, they could not talk. They played a game of This Or That, and finally, Find a Friend Who. This was a great way to celebrate the start of our school year!

- **Thursday: SECOND DAY of SCHOOL for grades PK through 4 grade**

Oh what fun!! Mrs. Shumny was not sure who was more nervous, and cried more, the students or the parents! PK through fourth grade entered ACS and the excitement could be felt. We started our day with prayers and each student followed their teacher to their class. Together they went over classroom rules, what to expect in each subject, homework and summer projects.

- **Friday: First full day of school and our first day with PK to 8th grade all together!**

Everyone including sisters, teachers, administration and staff were on hand to welcome our ACS families. Students are settling in and we are looking forward to a great year. All students attended our beautiful church for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy followed by a blessing of the backpacks.

**Religious Education for our Parish Youth.**

Sunday, September 15 at 11:15 a.m. after coffee hour we'll have a gathering for young adults, (18 years and older).