

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

4th Sunday after Pentecost, July 6, 2025
9:00 AM - Lit. + Volodymyr (1 yr.) r/by Korostil family
11:00 AM - Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners
Tuesday, July 8, 2025
8:00 AM - Lit. + Steve Romanko - Legate
Wednesday, July 9, 2025
8:00 AM - Lit. + Helen Sabodish r/by Kathy Ginda
Thursday, July 10, 2025
8:00 AM - Lit + Steve & Helen Zaremba
r/by Gail & Richard Zaremba
Friday, July 11, 2025
8:00 AM - Lit. + Walter, Mary and Maryann Makar - Leg.
Saturday, July 12, 2025
8:00 AM - Lit. Blessings and health for Eric and Anastasia
5:00 PM - Lit. + Glenys & Michael Romanko
r/by Children and Grandchildren
Fathers of the 6 Ecumenical Councils, July 13, 2025
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. + Mary Ann Makar r/by Joan Galetta

Pastor’s Corner

The pilgrimage to Rome for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope was a deeply spiritual and unforgettable journey. One of the most moving moments was a powerful encounter with Pope Leo XIV at St. Peter’s Basilica, where he delivered a message of hope to Ukrainian pilgrims amidst the ongoing war. It was a profound honor for me to pray for all our parishioners and to receive the Holy Eucharist at the altar built over the tomb of Saint Peter, located beneath the main altar of the Vatican Basilica.

The following day, we celebrated another beautiful liturgy at St. Sophia Cathedral, where two young altar servers from our parish, Nicholas Derevenskiy and Andriy Hrud, had the privilege of participating in the service.

Our pilgrimage also included visits to the four Papal Basilicas and the Holy Stairs, offering moments of deep prayer, reflection, and penance. We visited several Marian shrines and paid our respects at the tomb of Pope Francis – each stop enriching our spiritual experience.

The journey concluded with awe-inspiring visits to the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, Spanish Steps, and the Pantheon – each place offering a deeper connection to our faith and the timeless beauty of the Eternal City.

Bathroom Renovations

As you may have noticed, renovations to the ladies' bathroom are currently underway. While I was in Rome this past week, I received a call from our parish secretary reporting that, over the weekend, all the bathrooms – as well as part of our parish hall floor – had been flooded.

I’m very grateful to the parishioners who quickly stepped in and spent several hours cleaning up the water.

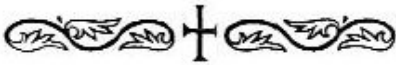
A plumber was called, but initially, no visible leaks could be found. Water continued to appear, so it was decided to drill holes in the bathroom walls. It was only then that the source of the problem was discovered: an old pipe inside the ladies’ bathroom had sprung a leak. The wall between the two bathrooms had to be opened, and the pipe was replaced.

Following this discovery, we made the decision to proceed with a full renovation of the ladies’ bathroom. We understand this may cause some inconvenience, and we truly appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

In the meantime, if you need to use a ladies’ restroom, please feel free to use the handicapped-accessible restroom located in the hall area.

Work is actively underway, and we thank you again for your continued support and patience.

Summer is finally here –a time of rest and relaxation. Many will be away at camps and cottages– we ask for your continued financial support to our parish. While many of us enjoy vacations and time away, the work of the church remains constant



Our Way to Heaven – Bible Summer Camp 2025
This past week, our parish was filled with joyful laughter, music, and prayer as we welcomed around 60 children for Bible Summer Camp 2025. This year’s camp, themed “Hope” in celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope, became a true journey of faith, creativity, friendship, and fun. A heartfelt thank you goes to Mother Veronica, Sr. Svitanku, Sr. Trijtsi, and our dedicated school teachers for organizing and leading the camp with such love and energy. Here’s a brief look at the highlights from each day:

Day 1 – Hope in Our Hearts
The camp began with great excitement! Children were divided into three age-based groups and welcomed the day with energizing morning exercises led by our teenage volunteers. We learned our camp anthem, “Hope in Our Hearts”, sang together with joy, and listened to the story of Abram and the parable of the talents, reflecting on the gifts God gives us.

Creativity flowed as the children made cookies, enjoyed team games, and shared lots of laughter throughout the day. It was a beautiful start filled with unity and enthusiasm.

Day 2 – Our Way to Heaven: Commandments of Love and Works of Mercy
On the second day, we focused on how love leads us to Heaven. Children were grouped into two teams with inspiring patrons: Saint Dominic Savio and Blessed Carlo Acutis—examples of youthful holiness and joyful faith.

Catechesis centered on the Commandments of Love and the Works of Mercy, helping kids understand how we live out our faith in everyday acts of kindness. During the creative session, children expressed their ideas through drawings and posters, illustrating what mercy and love look like in action.

Of course, outdoor games brought even more joy and connection, reminding us that shared fun builds community and love.

Day 3 – Grace, Sacraments, and Summer Sun
The third day was the hottest so far—but also full of light and joy! Our catechetical theme was Divine Grace and the Holy Sacraments. Children reflected on how God's grace strengthens and renews us.

Outdoor activities continued with great energy, including a bouncer, team challenges, and plenty of surprises. The day ended on a delicious note with a pizza party that left everyone full and smiling, already eager for the final day.

Day 4 – A Special Ending
The final day of camp began reverently with the Divine Liturgy and during his homily, Father Ivan shared moving stories from his recent pilgrimage to Rome, including reflections on the new Pope and sacred places he visited.

As a heartfelt gift, he brought back rose-scented rosaries for each child—a lasting reminder of this special week.

Afterwards, Mrs. Melanie, a devoted parishioner, led a church tour, explaining the meaning behind our icons and sacred images. The children listened with wide eyes and open hearts.

We closed the camp with a joyful picnic lunch—hot dogs, fries, nuggets, and plenty of refreshing drinks—and finished with a splash-tastic water game celebration! Water balloons, laughter, and soaking fun brought smiles to all, children and adults alike.

As our camp came to an end, we are filled with gratitude. These four days have been a blessing—planting seeds of faith, nurturing friendships, and reminding us all that our way to Heaven is paved with love, hope, and joyful service. May this camp continue to bear fruit in the hearts of our young disciples!