

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

17th Sunday After Pentecost, October 5, 2025
9:00 AM - Lit. Blessings for Bogdan Leszczyk
11:30 AM - Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners
Tuesday, October 7, 2025
7:30 AM - Lit. + Lesia and Olga
r/by Ihor & Nadiya Kalinichuk
Wednesday, October 8, 2025
7:30 AM - Lit for deceased Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará
Thursday, October 9, 2025
7:30 AM - Lit. + Harry & Marie Fedynyshyn - Legate
Friday, October 10, 2025
8:45 AM - Lit. + Madison Rose r/by Family
Saturday, October 11, 2025
8:00 AM - Lit. + Liuba Boychuk r/by husband, Michailo
5:00 PM - Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners
Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council, October 12, 2025
Epistle - 2 Cor 9:6-11; Gospel - Lk 7:11-16
9:00 AM - Lit. + Anna & Steve Mysak
r/by daughter, Susan
11:30 AM - Lit. + Luba Botka r/by Kukuruza Family

Religious Education For Children.

The First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion Instruction classes led by our Sisters will be held starting **TODAY**, October 5, 2025 for our parish children (2nd Grade, 6-7 years old). Lessons in English are held Sundays in the parish school from 9:00 AM till 10:00 AM.

Designer Bag Bingo- TODAY!

Sponsored by the parish Holy Name Society.
Doors Open: 12:00 pm. Games Start at 2:00 pm
Entry Fee: \$30 and extra sheets packs will be \$20.
Kitchen will be open for purchases. FREE COFFEE AND COOKIES.
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 RAFFLE.

FALL DINNER DANCE!

The St. Ann Society Fall Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025. Doors open at 6:00 PM; buffet at 7:00 PM. Catering by The Barge, music by DJ BOJO. There will be a Raffle, a 50/50 and door prizes. As always, byob. Tickets: adults -\$50, children 12 and under- \$25. Tickets are available from any St. Ann Society member, or at the rectory (732-826-0767).

Sick Calls.

Fr. Ivan is distributing the Eucharist and administering the Sacraments of Healing Penance and Anointing of the Sick to the homebound. If you are sick and unable to make it to the Liturgy and want to be put on the list for a priest’s visit, please call Fr. Ivan directly 202 368 2408.

Wedding Bans

For GARY MARANI and STEPHANIE KARANEVSKII who will be married on Saturday, October 26, at our parish. If anyone is aware of any reason why they should not be married, please make it known to Fr. Ivan.

Come, Learn, and Grow in Faith

- October 8 - women (Ukrainian), Wednesday, 6:30 pm
- October 10 - children 8-10 years old (grades 2, 3, 4), Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- October 12 - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday at 11:15 a.m. after coffee
- October 14 - women (English), Tuesday, 6:30 pm
- October 17 - children 10-12 years old (grades 5, 6, 7), Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- October 19 - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday at 11:15 a.m. after coffee.

A Word of Thanks

Dear Parish Family,
I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all who organized last Sunday’s beautiful tribute in honor of my 15 years of service at the Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Your love, support, and kind words have truly touched my heart.
A special thank you to the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, for putting together the wonderful video that so beautifully captured the journey we’ve shared together. Your time, effort, and creativity mean more to me than words can express.
It has been one of the greatest blessings of my life to walk with you in faith over these past 15 years. I thank God for the privilege of serving you, and I pray that He continues to guide and bless our parish community for many years to come. *With heartfelt appreciation, Fr. Ivan*

Sunday Confessions

As you know, it can be challenging for a parish with only one priest to offer Sunday Confessions, as the priest is also preparing for and celebrating the morning Divine Liturgy. However, I want to reassure you that every Sunday, I am available for confessions before the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy. I am always in the church before 8:00 a.m., preparing the Proskomedia and praying in the sanctuary, while also keeping an eye out for anyone who comes for confession. Most Sundays, no one is in line until around 8:20-8:30 a.m. As soon as I see someone waiting, I go straight to the confessional.
If you come for confession and are in line by 8:00 a.m., I guarantee your confession will be heard. However, if you arrive at 8:45 a.m., there may already be people ahead of you, and I may not have time to hear your confession before the Divine Liturgy begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. This prompt start is out of respect for those who arrive on time to pray and participate fully in the Liturgy.
Please don’t be upset if I need to leave the confessional to begin the 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Confessions are also available with me at other times. Feel free to call or text me to schedule an appointment.
Additionally, I make a point to invite visiting priests for both our Lenten Mission and Christmas Confessions each year to provide more opportunities to receive this beautiful sacrament.

Church Posture - Leaving Church.

When communion has been distributed, is church over? No! There are prayers praising God in Thanksgiving for allowing us to be present and receive His body and blood in the Holy Eucharist. We are escorted through the singing of the final songs into the outside world and to bring our prayers with us as we prepare to leave the church. We are empowered to return to the world with the message of God’s presence. As we prepare to leave the church, we should again say our ending prayers, go to the table in the center of the church, bless ourselves two times, kiss the icon and the cross, bless ourselves once more and exit the church.

Jokes of the Day

A couple of dog owners are arguing about whose pet is smarter. “My dog is so smart,” says the first owner, “that every morning he waits for the paperboy to come around. He tips the kid and then brings the newspaper to me, along with my morning coffee.” “I know,” says the second dog owner. “How do you know?” “My dog told me.”
The ninety-five year old woman at the nursing home received a visit from one of her fellow church members. 'How are you feeling Mary?' the visitor asked. 'Oh,' said the lady, 'I'm just worried sick!' 'What are you worried about, dear?' her friend asked. 'You look like you're in good health. They are taking care of you, aren't they?' 'Yes, they are taking very good care of me.' 'Are you in any pain?' she asked. 'No, I have never had a pain in my life.' 'Well, what are you worried about?' her friend asked again. The lady leaned back in her rocking chair and slowly explained her major worry. 'Every close friend I ever had has already died and gone on to heaven. I'm afraid they're all wondering where I went.'