

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, Jan. 25, 2026**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Michael and Helen Duda r/by Randy

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

8:00 AM - Lit. + Wilson r/by Miller

Wednesday, January 28, 20268:00 AM - Lit. + Orysia Terentia Landry
r/by brother, Andrei Kachala**Thursday, January 29, 2026**8:00 AM - Lit. + Edward M. Baidy
r/by Sr. Mary Catherine**Friday, January 30, 2026**8:45 AM - Lit. + Anna, Oleksand, Bohdan, Michailo,
Vasyl, Rev. Bohdan, Rev. Orest, the souls in purgatory**Saturday, January 31, 2026**8:00 AM - Lit. God's blessings for Anna Elizabeth
r/by Yuri and Iryna Rashkevych

5:00 PM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko

Sunday of the Prodigal Son, February 1, 2026*Epistle - 1 Cor 6:12-20; Gospel - Lk 15:11-32*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. Health and blessings
for Robert and Helen Cheloc*All liturgies will be followed by
the Blessing of Candles.***Individual Contribution Statements**

Thank you for your contributions! You may find Individual Contribution Statements for 2025 year for tax purpose in the back of the church.

St. Ann Society Gift Auction - Save the Date!

St Ann's Gift Auction March 1, 2026.

Doors open at 11am Tickets \$20 presold.... \$25 at the Door... We are currently looking for Donations of brand new Items or a cash donation to sponsor a prize.... For more information about donations call Anna at the rectory or email Colette@Ketrn@comcast.net. Thank You!

Tickets are now available from St. Ann members.

Donation to School

\$500 - Selfreliance Federal Credit Union, Perth Amboy.

2026 CHURCH ENVELOPES

For those parishioners who did not receive envelopes due to problems with our Printing Company, we expect the replacement envelopes to be delivered soon. In the meantime, please use the envelopes located in the vestibule, being sure to write your name and the amount of the donation on the envelope.

Thank you for your continued generosity - May God bless you always!

- If you have 2026 envelopes, please throw away any unused envelopes from previous years.
- If the envelope does not have your name, please write it on the envelope.
- Please check or write in the amount of your donation.

Sacraments of Initiation

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to the following upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist:

MILANA BILOVUSIAK

Daughter of Mykola Bilovusia and Iryna Gutsuliak

SANDRA TULEIKIS and VALENTINA TULEIKIS

Daughters of Vidmantas Tuleikis and Alena Korzh

KATRINE YEHOROVA

Daughter of Pavlo Yehorov and Ivanna Kulbaba

Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican.

Today's gospel story occurs in the Holy Gospel according to Luke the Evangelist (18:10-14).

In our Savior's parable, Jesus uses a Pharisee, a leader of the synagogue who was regarded in public opinion as virtuous, and a publican, a tax collector who was regarded as oppressive, greedy and a sinner. In their prayers to God, we discover the real hearts of these two men. We thus learn of the harm that comes from pride and the good that comes from humility.

The godly Church Fathers sought to alert and prepare the Christ-loving clergy and laity for the upcoming period of the Great Fast.

Therefore, on this Sunday we are reminded that humility is the greatest weapon against pride, as we imitate the humility of the publican to ascend to the divine heights.

To the parents of our young children may we suggest...*Relax! If a parish isn't crying, it's dying.*

Silence has its place in church, but don't forget that 'God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.

But do prevent them from kicking people in the pews or playing in the confessional booth at the back of the church. Don't be afraid to sit towards the front where it is easier to see and hear. Quietly explain the parts of the Liturgy to your children. Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behaviours by copying you. If you need to leave Liturgy with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back. You can also take advantage of the "cry room". Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to Church, to God and to Christ.

Let them know that they are at home in this sacred space. Do your best to attend Liturgy on time. In fact I would love it if you and your child would come up to me at the Coffee Hour and give me a "high five". When kids know the priest they feel more comfortable. To the members of our parish... A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children.

Bingo Volunteers Christmas Party.

This Sunday, we enjoyed a memorable appreciation dinner honoring the remarkable dedication and contributions of our Bingo volunteers.

This event was a small token of our immense gratitude for the countless hours, energy, and passion our volunteers pour into this important fundraiser that benefits Assumption Catholic. We had a wonderful time enjoying great food at the Ria Mar Restaurant in South River, NJ, sharing lots of laughs with fellow bingo volunteers, and scratching scratch-off tickets brought by Fr. Ivan.

A special thank-you to our Bingo chairperson, Colette K. Baginsky, and her husband, John. Without you, our bingo nights would just be people yelling numbers in a room! You always show up early, stay late, keep everything running smoothly, and somehow do it all with joy.

Assumption Bingo is held every Wednesday. Please consider being a volunteer — just 1-3 hours each Wednesday! Doors open at 6:00 p.m., with food and refreshments available for purchase. Bingo games begin at 7:30 p.m. Come and have fun!

THANK YOU to the men of the Holy Name Society who came out to take down the Christmas decorations inside the church. Your time and service are greatly appreciated! Please remember that even though the decorations are down, the Christmas Season lasts until February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord. On this day, we also celebrate the Blessing of Candles.

*** Attached to this week's bulletin is information about the youth Vertep caroling. Thank you for your support.

