

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Christina -- July 24th

July 24, 2016: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 4: 9-16

Gospel: Mt. 17: 14-23

Mon., July 25

to

No Divine Liturgies This Week

Fri. July 29

Sat., July 30

No Morning Liturgy Today

10:30 **No Confessions Today**

2:00 pm **No Confessions Today**

4:00 pm + Johanna Dudka (Dolly Daniels)

Sun., July 31

9:00 + Johanna Dudka (John & Mary Ann Turko)

11:30 For Our Parishioners

In Case of Emergency...

Father Nestor will be away on vacation from Monday, July 25 to Monday, August 1, 2016. In case of an emergency,

please call Fr. John Wysochansky at 570-449-2020.

2016 Bingo / Summer Raffle

Thank you to all the Parishioners who helped to make our 2016 Bingo / Summer Raffle a great success. We **ESPECIALLY THANK SANDRA BERTA** for preparing the Summer Raffle and organizing and running both Bingos. Thank you to everyone who bought and sold Summer Raffle tickets,

volunteered at Bingo, or played some games and supported this Fund Raiser.

Congratulations to the winners in our Summer Raffle: Irene Stepien (1st Prize); Ann Marie Borowski (2nd Prize); and Diane Beckage (3rd Prize).

A detailed report will be given in next Sunday's Church Bulletin.

The Wooden Bowl

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old

grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his

step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled onto the tablecloth. The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about Grandfather," said the son. I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor. So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl.

When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food. The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just

as sweetly, the boy he responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food when I grow up." The four-year-old smiled and went back to work. The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. The tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently lead him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days, he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth spoiled.

Children are remarkably perceptive. Their eyes ever observe, their ears ever listen, and their minds ever process the messages they absorb. If they see us patiently provide a happy home atmosphere for family members, they will imitate that attitude for the rest of their lives. The wise parent realizes that every day the building blocks are being laid for the child's future. Let us be wise builders.

It's Vacation Time... (But Not for Church Bills)

It's that time of year again... Vacation Time. We take time out of our normal routine for rest and relaxation. Sometimes we stay at home; sometimes we

take trips to visit friends, explore new places or go on adventures. We may even forget about our normal routines for a little while.

Unfortunately, our bills and financial obligations never take a vacation. This includes our Church's bills, which always seem to INCREASE during summer time. Please, when

you prepare to go on vacation, **don't forget about YOUR CHURCH!** You can always mail in your Sunday Collection envelopes and then can enjoy your vacations.

Sincere Request...

On behalf of those who process our weekend collections, we sincerely ask of each and every one of you who use our weekly donation envelopes to make your offerings: PLEASE, DO NOT USE ANY TAPE, STICKERS, LABELS, OR ANY OTHER ADHESIVES TO SEAL YOUR ENVELOPES ON THE BACK, ESPECIALLY ON THE CENTER FLAP. There is already a small bit of safe, non-tox adhesive on the envelope flap - just moisten it and seal it. That's it.

Each donation envelope is designed not only for your convenience, but also for ease of use for those who have to open it, that they can do so quickly and simply. When you add all the extra tape, stickers, labels, etc., on top of the center flap and other parts, you are slowing down the process and making it problematic for those who are volunteering their time to serve you, their fellow parishioners, by processing the church collections. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

A Note of Sympathy

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family, relatives and friends of the late + **Joanna Beckage**, who recently passed away in the Lord. + Joanna was

laid to rest on Saturday, July 16th. We pray that her soul may rest in the bosom of Abraham and that her memory be everlasting. Vichnaya Pamyat!

Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Savannah Sedlak**, along with her parents Jonathan and Kristal on her occasion her reception of the Holy Mysteries of Initiation during the 11:30 Divine

Liturgy. Savannah, we welcome you into our Parish Family and pray that God may grant you Many Happy and Blessed Years. Mnohaya Leeta!

L.U.C. Meeting

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, 70 Zerbey Avenue in Edwardsville, extends a warm invitation to a beautiful Prayer Service -- Moleben to Our Blessed Mother on Sun-

day, July 24, 2016, to be followed by a meeting of our North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC). All Parishioners and friends are welcome.

Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day

The Clergy and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery of Pennsylvania will host the 82nd Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day on Sunday, July 31, 2016 at St. Nick's Picnic Grove in Minersville, PA. The theme for this year's event is the 75th Anniversary of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary and the celebration of all who have dis-

cerned their vocation to the Priesthood through the years in the seminary. All funds raised will go to support St. Josaphat Seminary in Washington, D.C. We encourage all our faithful to go and observe 82 years of celebrating our Ukrainian Catholic Faith, culture and heritage. You will have a good time!

Pilgrimage for Peace

The 2016 Pilgrimage for Peace will be held Sunday August 7 at Holy Dormition Friary in Sybertsville. Bishop Kurt of Passaic will be the celebrant at the 1 pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. As in recent years, we will be using both Ukrainian and Ruthenian chant at the Divine Liturgy.

You are invited to the 2016 Pilgrimage for Peace, Sunday August 7, at Holy

Dormition Friary in Sybertsville.

- 10am Matins
- 11am-5pm Food Service (except during Divine Liturgy)
- noon Holy Anointing for Healing
- 1pm Divine Liturgy
- 3:30-4:30 Children's Program
- 4-4:30 Spiritual Talk
- 5pm Vespers

Classic Pennsylvania Dutch Dinner

ST. MARY'S INTERNATIONAL DINNER, 320 MFFLIN AVE.,

SCRANTON, PA. 18503 is presenting "CLASSIC PENNSYLVANIA

DUTCH” on Thursday, August 11, 2016. Seatings are at 5:30pm and 6:30pm and Reservations can be made by calling 570-343-5151 by August 8, 2016. The Menu will start with a Broccoli Raisin Salad, Schnitz und Krepp (Special ham, apples

and dumplings), Maple Butter Beans and Herr Davidius Bread Pudding. Coffee, tea, Water and Soda is included and a Cash Bar is available (Alcoholic). The cost is only \$20.00 per person!

Summer Flea & Food Fest

Mark your calendar! Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Peckville, will be holding their annual Summer Flea & Food Fest on August 13th-August 15th in the parish air-conditioned auditorium. Please come and enjoy the treasure hunt along with delicious homemade ethnic foods from our concession stand: Saturday –

8am-6pm; Sunday and Monday – 8am-4pm. A take-out pasta & meatball dinner will be served on Sunday from 11am to 3pm. Tickets are \$10, purchased in advance only, by phone or visiting the parish office: 1101 Willow Street, Peckville, 570-383-3244 ext. 2.

15Th Annual Lebanese-American Food Festival

Date: August 13 and 14, 2016

Time: Sat. Aug 13th is 4 to 11 pm; Sun. Aug 14th is 12pm to 7pm

St. Joseph Melkite Greek-Catholic Church

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St. Mary's Slavic Festival

ST. MARY'S SLAVIC FESTIVAL, 320 MIFFLIN AVE., SCRANTON, PA. will

be held on Fri., Sat., and Sun., Aug. 19, 20 & 21st. Fri. & Sat. from 5-10pm and

Sunday 11am to 4pm. This Festival features Home made Ethnic Foods, Home Made Soups, Carnival Foods, Clams,

Beer/Wine Tent, Raffles, White Elephant Sale, Live music and more! Everyone is invited to enjoy this wonderful event!

Save the Date!

The Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the USA invites all of the clergy, religious and faithful to plan to participate in a prayerful remembrance of our first Bishop, The Most Rev. Soter Stephen Ortynsky, OSBM. We will commemorate the 150th anniversary of his birth, the 125th anniversary of ordination to the holy priesthood, and the 100th anniversary of his death, on Sunday, October 30th at 3 pm at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Vespers will be celebrated with a reflection offered by Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszszak, author, "Bishop Soter Ste-

phen Ortynsky and the Genesis of the Eastern Catholic Churches in America", to be followed by a Memorial Prayer in the Cathedral Crypt. An Opening and Blessing of the newly relocated premises of 'Treasury of Faith' Ukrainian Catholic Museum will be held immediately thereafter in testimony to Bishop Ortynsky. Please plan to participate. We respectfully ask that parishes and organizations not plan other events at this time, permitting faithful to pray for the soul of our first Bishop and to honor his contribution. We are grateful for everyone's anticipated assistance and participation.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of July 2016 is Team #3: Helen

Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno, Dorothy Zinsky and Cheryl Matuszewski.

Sunday Collection for July 16 & 17, 2016: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for July 30 & 31, 2016

| | Altar Boys | Lectors |
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| 4:00 pm | Samuel Szczesniak -- Joseph Skirpan | John Sakson |
| 9:00 am | John Nasevich -- Daniel Chylak | Pat Marcinko |
| 11:30 am | Brian Radle -- Jordan Radle | Frank Lesnefsky |

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A Reflection

Holy Job is a type of the Church. At one time he speaks for the body, at another for the head. As he speaks of its members he is suddenly caught up to speak in the name of their head. So it is here, where he says: I have suffered this without sin on my hands, for my prayer to God was pure.

Christ suffered without sin on His hands, for He committed no sin and deceit was not found on His lips. Yet He suffered the pain of the cross for our redemption. His prayer to God was pure, His alone out of all mankind, for in the midst of His suffering He prayed for His persecutors: Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. Is it possible to offer, or even to imagine, a purer kind of prayer than that which shows mercy to one's torturers by making intercession for them? ...

Notice what follows: Do not let my cry find a hiding place in you. The blood that is drunk,

the blood of redemption, is itself the cry of our Redeemer. Paul speaks of the sprinkled blood that calls out more eloquently than Abel's. Of Abel's blood Scripture had written: The voice of your brother's blood cries out to me from the earth. The blood of Jesus calls out more eloquently than Abel's, for the blood of Abel asked for the death of Cain, the fratricide, while the blood of the Lord has asked for, and obtained, life for His persecutors.

If the sacrament of the Lord's passion is to work its effect in us, we must imitate what we receive and proclaim to mankind what we receive. The cry of the Lord finds a hiding place in us if our lips fail to speak of this, though our hearts believe in it.

St. Gregory the Great

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