

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of Saints Silas, Silvanos and Others-- July 30th

July 30, 2017: Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Cor. 1: 10-18

Gospel: Mt. 14: 14-22

Mon., July 31	10:00	Funeral: + Mary Romanak
Tues., Aug. 1	8:00	+ Michael Spryn (Uncle Terry & Aunt Barbara)
Wed., Aug. 2	8:00	+ Andy Baranik (Roman & Eileen Kushner)
Thurs. Aug. 3	8:00	+ Hector & Gladys Davis (Michaelene Davis)
Fri. Aug. 4	8:00	+ Mimi Mary Phillips (John & Mary Ann Turko)
Sat., Aug. 5	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	10:30	Confessions
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ George & Mary Marushock (Ilona Westington)
Sun., Aug. 6	9:00	For Our Parishioners
	11:30	Ann Mayer (Bill & Jane Granza)

QUESTION: *What does the church building represent?*

ANSWER: The church building represents the meeting of God and man. Essential elements of the church structure are: nave, narthex, and altar. The nave is the center of the church building. It represents creation as it was originally intended to be, that is, in communion with God. Therefore it is the place of the faithful, those who have shared in salvation through Baptism, and who are still seeking that salvation. The narthex, or vestibule remains outside the church proper. It represents the word which has not yet

found its salvation. For instance, this is why today the celebration of Baptism begins in the narthex, outside the area of the faithful. The candidate for the Baptism has not yet been baptized, he is not yet a part of the community of believers. The altar is separated from the nave as befitting God's place. It is on the raised platform, set back from the rest of the church and has an Icon Screen (Iconostas) in front of it. All this serves to remind us that we are not God, and God is not us. Out of His love for us God comes to us and becomes one of us, but He still remains forever beyond us. As He has willed to come

down to us, so His Word is read in the middle of the congregation, and the gifts are brought out to the people both

at the Great Entrance and for Communion, for God must come to us; we cannot go to Him without His help.

Humor... A Very Faithful Woman

An elderly lady was well-known for her faith and for her boldness in talking about it. She would stand on her front porch and shout "PRAISE THE LORD!"

Next door to her lived an atheist who would get so angry at her proclamations he would shout, "There ain't no Lord!!"

Hard times set in on the elderly lady, and she prayed for GOD to send her some assistance. She stood on her porch and shouted "PRAISE THE LORD. GOD I NEED FOOD!! I AM HAVING A HARD TIME. PLEASE

LORD, SEND ME SOME GROCERIES!"

The next morning the lady went out on her porch and noted a large bag of groceries and shouted, "PRAISE THE LORD."

The neighbor jumped from behind a bush and said, "Aha! I told you there was no Lord. I bought those groceries, God didn't."

The lady started jumping up and down and clapping her hands and said, "PRAISE THE LORD. He not only sent me groceries, but He made the devil pay for them. Praise the Lord!"

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 fi-

nancial 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.

Empty Cans

Summer Time...don't forget to drop off your empty and clean soda and beer cans to be recycled for the benefit of the Re-

ligious Education Students at the Handicapped Entrance to the Church.

St. Michael's Flea Market & Zitti Dinner

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 205 North Main St., Pittston, Pa. 18640 is having their 21st Annual Flea Market & Ziti Dinner on August 5th & 6th, 2017. Flea Market hours are Sat. 9am to 4pm and Sunday 9am to 3pm. The Ziti Dinner will be Sat.

12pm to 4pm and Sun. 10am to 3pm. Take-outs are available. The cost of the Dinner is \$10.00 for Adults and \$6.00 for Children. In conjunction with this event, we will have a Bake Sale, Ethnic Foods, Lunch Items & Refreshments. All are welcome!

St. Mary's Dinner Club

ST. MARY'S PARISH DINNER CLUB, 320 Mifflin Ave., Scranton, Pa. presents "Southern Hospitality" on Thursday, August 10, 2017. Seatings are at 5:30pm or 6:30pm. Reservations can be made by calling 570-343-5151 by August 7th. The cost is only \$20.00 per person. The menu will start

with a Mississippi Summer Salad. The entrée will be S. Carolina Special Baked Buttermilk Fried Chicken with N. Carolina's Country Sweet Potatoes and Alabama Bean Medley. The dessert will be Georgia Peach Cobbler. Non-alcoholic beverages included and a Cash Bar is available.

Blood Drive

The Valley Blood Council of the Lackawanna Chapter of the American Red Cross announces a blood drive on Thursday, August 17th from 12:00 to 5:00 at LaSalle Hall of Holy Ghost Church, First Ave., Jessup.

This drive is in honor and memory of Msgr. John T. Sekellick, a board member of Valley Blood Council and a dedicated person who loved helping his Community and people in need.

The demand for blood donations in-

creases in the summer while the number of donations decreases. We are in a critical need of donations at this time, not only locally but across the country.

To make an appointment to donate blood, please visit redcrossblood.org or call: 1-800 REDCROSS (800-733-2767).

One unit of blood is a special gift that may touch the lives of up to three hospital patients.

New Dates For “Pre-Rummage Sale 2017 Set Up”

Due to the amount of merchandise that has been donated for our Rummage Sale, we have changed the dates of the “Pre-Rummage Sale SET-UP” to ***Monday, August 7, 2017 starting at 9:30 a.m.***

We are requesting the men of the Parish to volunteer and help in any way possible on ***Monday, August 7, 2017*** starting at 9:30 a.m. We need the men to “clear the gym floor” because we have to stack and rearrange items to make room for the tables. The men need to move the tables from the garage, parish hall, Church and rectory to the school gym. Merchandise will be re-located again and organized once the tables are set up. Volunteer are needed to help through out the morning starting at 9:30 a.m. We are considerate of your well-being, but there are jobs that do not require lifting heavy items and the women cannot do it alone. (especially Lauren and Michaelene). Ladies can help in other areas as the tables are being set up. All are invited to show up and lend a helping hand.

Call Father Nestor if you have tables to donate (or lend) and we can get them picked up by one of our parishioners with a truck. On ***Monday, August 7th***, a light lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. A meeting will be held regarding the Rummage Sale, the food sale, raffle tickets and donations, etc., during this time.

Some “Ladies of the Church” (Marie, Helen, Anna Mae, Cheryl, Marlene, Dorothy) for the past month have already been pricing and working on many of the donations: Baskets, wreaths, books, jewelry, domestics (drapes, tablecloths, bedspreads etc.). There is still so much more to do! Starting on Wednesday, August 9th, Volunteers, both men and women, can start helping at various jobs: items will be assorted by price, marking the sticker with the price on the merchandise etc. You will be sitting while other volunteers will put the items on the designated tables.

We need your help and are always thankful to our parishioners and non-parishioners. It is a pleasant atmosphere to re-connect with your fellow parishioners who you may have worked with as a PTA Member, Holy Name Society member, altar boys, or graduates of our grade school or to meet new ones. If you are retired, come and help us out too! Students who need community service, contact Father Nestor for hours to be served at the pre-rummage sale set-up. You are never to old or too young to volunteer! No experience is needed.

IF THE DOORS ARE OPEN AND THE LIGHTS ARE ON... WE ARE WORKING!

Each week the schedule will be listed.

1st week of August:

MONDAY the 7th from 9:30 a.m., will be for setting up the school gym.

TUESDAY the 8th, CLOSED

WEDNESDAY the 9th from 9:30 a.m to 2:00 p.m.

THURSDAY the 10th from 4:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY the 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SATURDAY the 12th from 4:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday the 13th CLOSED.

Please check the schedule every week or call Lauren at (c) 646-241-9443.

Starting on WEDNESDAY, August 9, 2017 (Check the times listed above for when the school gym is open) Volunteer for our biggest fund raiser, the financial life line of our church. All are welcome!

* Donations accepted for the Rummage Sale NOW UNTIL SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 from Homes, Estates, Moving Sales, Yard Sales, Garage Sales etc. (Please NO clothes, NO shoes, NO TV's, NO computers, NO baby car carriers, NO exercise equipment, NO encyclopedias, NO text books, NO mattresses) Because they do not sell and then we are responsible to take them to the dump or pay for their removal. **ITEMS ACCEPTED:** Clean and sale-able items: Furniture, household items, kitchen items and kitchen electronics, bathroom, bedroom, living room, tools, outdoor, garden, craft items, toys, games, puzzles, books, holidays, ladies accessories: jewelry, purses, children's books, music media-records, antiques, Ukrainian items, religious, gifts never used, new products and items, etc.....(be sure the electronic items do work)

* Parishioners' help is needed in getting gift certificates/items for raffle donations. Check with Lauren about specific business/areas to contact.

* Parishioner who have a Truck/SUV to help with donations that need to be picked up, call Father Nestor with your name and phone #.

* Donations for the Basket of Cheer.

* Give a "Pre-Rummage Sale" flyer to your neighbors, friends and family before they throw items to the curb or if they have a yard sale.

* We need hangers (no wire hangers) to hang drapes, tablecloths etc. ASAP

* We need to borrow 8 ft-10 ft tables for the sale, ASAP

* Costume Jewelry can be donated ASAP.

* Raffle tickets can be purchased in the school gym during the Pre-Rummage Sale SET UP (tickets will not be mailed to you).

*** If you have the time to list some of our items (furniture, antiques etc...) on various web-sites before the sale, (Craiglist, E-Bay, WNEP, Community yard sales) please contact**

Lauren Telep or Father Nestor ASAP.

This is not your “mothers rummage sale. We do hear comments “I do not shop rummage sales etc., it is just junk or I don’t need anything!” Our rummage sale, is organized, everything is marked, great prices, clean and sellable. That is why we made a profit of \$19,000.00+ in 2016) You might be surprised. FYI, people travel as far as Wilkes Barre and surrounding areas over 20 miles to come. There are really no excuses not to come... 50 feet from the church. The school side doors are opened, if the front steps are too difficult. We will be the largest Church Rummage Sale Fund Raiser in the Mid-Valley area. (Sacred Heart Church of Peckville and Holy Ghost Church in Jessup, will not be having a Rummage Sale this year, due to lack of a chairman and volunteers) We are very thankful to everyone who volunteers and helps in anyway possible. Contact Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 (H) or 646-241-9443 (C) or Father Nestor at 570-489-2271 for additional information.

Christmastime Day Trip to New York City

When: Saturday, December 9, 2017

Sponsor: Scranton’s St. Vladimir Parish

Stops: Ukrainian Village on Manhattan’s Lower East Side
Bryant Park Christmas Shoppes
Midtown - Rockefeller Center/Fifth Avenue/Times Square area

Cost: \$42.00 per person

For Detailed Information and Reservations: Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275
Early booking is encouraged as the 55 passenger Martz bus will fill quickly.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno, Dorothy Zin-month of July 2017 is Team #3: Helen sky, and Cheryl Matuszewski.

Sunday Collection for July 22 & 23, 2017: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for August 5 & 6, 2017

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Michael Roberts -- Nicholas Chludzinski	Michael Shumek
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- John Nasevich	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Thomas Radle -- Samuel Sczesniak	Frank Lesnefsky

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From the Acts of the Apostles

Then the apostles and presbyters, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers. This is the letter delivered by them: "The apostles and the presbyters, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings. Since we have heard that some of our number [who went out] without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth: 'It is

the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.'"

And so they were sent on their journey. Upon their arrival in Antioch they called the assembly together and delivered the letter. When the people read it, they were delighted with the exhortation. Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, exhorted and strengthened the brothers with many words. After they had spent some time there, they were sent off with greetings of peace from the brothers to those who had commissioned them. (Acts 15:22-33)

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