

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



Icon of All Saints

June 16, 2019:		Sunday of All Saints	
Epistle: Heb. 11:32 - 12:2		Gospel: Mt. 10: 32-33, 37-38 & 19: 27-30	
Mon., June 17	8:00	+ Olga Smith (Son, Howard)	
Tues., June 18	8:00	+ Robert Kearney (Pat & Sara Walsh & Family)	
Wed., June 19	8:00	+Marija, Stefan & Anna Bak & Son Mykhajlo (Michal Bak)	
Thurs., June 20	8:00	+ John Sereditch (Matthew Beckage)	
Fri., June 21	8:00	+ Helen Krenitsky (Diane Krenitsky Szewczyk)	
	6:30 pm	Moleben to Jesus Christ	
Sat., June 22	No Morning Divine Liturgy		
	10:30	Confessions	
	2:00 pm	Confessions	
	4:00 pm	+ George & Mary Marushock (Daughter, Ilona)	
June 23	9:00	For Our Parishioners	
	11:30	+ Elaine Jablonski (Husband, Jim)	

Honoring Two Fathers on Father's Day

On the third Sunday of June, fathers throughout the nation will receive gifts and well wishes as children and grandchildren shower Happy Father's Day greetings upon them. Since moms are honored in May, it is only proper to honor dads on their special day, although it always seemed Father's Day takes a backseat to Mother's Day.

This June as you remember your own dad, think of all he did for you throughout your life. Traditionally,

fathers were the bread winners of the family, although in this day and age with both parents working that terminology may no longer be appropriate. To an older generation, they were the disciplinarians. How many recall the dreaded phrase "*Wait until your father gets home?*"

They were the mechanics and the Mr. Fix-its, whom we approached with the request "*Daddy, fix this*" when we sprung the chain drive on our two-wheelers or needed help assembling a

model airplane or classic roadster.

They may have taken us fishing or taught us to pitch, swing a bat, kick a football or shoot some hoops. And as we approached 16, we may have given them ulcers or near heart failure, as they tried to teach us to drive, especially if we were learning on a stick and we had a penchant for burning up the clutch.

And they were part of a generation that served our country with honor and bravery, especially during World War II, the Korean War and more recently the Viet Nam conflict. Younger men of today's generation of dads have seen tours of duty in Desert Storm, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq.

In our youth, when we were threatened or in trouble, we sought our father's help and protection. When we were confronted with making choices in life, we often sought their advice, and sometimes regretted not following it.

Father's Day is really not that old of an observance. The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910, 95 years ago in Spokane Washington. At about the same time in various towns and cities across American other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day." By 1924 President Calvin Coolidge threw his support behind the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966

President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

As we remember our dads and pops on this special day, let us also remember our Heavenly Father.

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, He gave them and us *The Our Father*, a prayer that is simply eloquent and profound.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Blessed and holy be your name. Just as we strive to honor our natural father's name, our family name, may we always honor our Heavenly Father's name and never use it in vain.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Just as we strive to honor our fathers, and listen to them, so we should also strive to follow the will of our Heavenly Father and accept His will in our lives.

Give us this day, our daily bread. Remember our dads, the breadwinners. Ultimately, even what they provide for us, comes to us through the Divine Providence of our Heavenly Father.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. This is the only conditional clause in entire prayer, which reminds us that we will receive forgiveness from our

Heavenly Father, only if we ourselves forgive those who offend us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Just as we ask our natural fathers to protect us and keep us from all harm, so we also ask God the

Father to properly guide us in our lives, shielding us from all evil.

This Father's Day, take time to remember your two fathers, your natural father and your Heavenly Father.

Happy Father's Day!

The Feast of All Saints Celebrated by the Early Church on the Sunday after Pentecost

All Saint's Day is a Christian holy day observed by Eastern churches on the first Sunday after Pentecost, keeping the traditional date as celebrated in the early church. The feast was transferred for the Latin church to November 1 in 835 by Pope Gregory IV. The day now honors all saints of the church, even those not known by name.

All Saint's Day is celebrated by Roman Catholics, Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, Anglicans, and Lutherans. However, because of their differing understandings of the identity and function of the saints, what these churches do on the Feast of All Saints differs widely. For Roman Catholics, Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, and to some extent, Anglicans, All Saints is a day to remember, thank God for, but also to venerate and

pray to the saints in heaven as intercessors for various helps.

In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. The Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all.

The first trace of the observance of this feast on the Sunday after Pentecost is found in Antioch. In the fourth

and fifth centuries there is also mention of a common day in a sermon of Saint Ephrem the Syrian, and in the 74th homily of Saint John Chrysostom of Constantinople.

At first only martyrs and Saint John the Baptist were honored by a special day. Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of canonization was established. As early as 411 there is in the Chaldean Calendar a *Commemoratio confessorum* for the Friday after Easter.

In the sixth century, Pope Boniface

IV accepted the Pantheon as a gift from the Emperor Phocas and proclaimed May 13, 610 as the Feast of All Holy Martyrs. He dedicated it as the Church of Santa Maria Rotonda in honor of the Blessed Virgin and all martyrs.

During Pope Gregory III's reign, the festival was expanded to include all saints and a chapel in St. Peter's church was dedicated accordingly. In 835, Pope Gregory IV changed the date to November 1 for the Latin Church and the name to Feast of All Saints.

How Big is One?

As a man walked a desolate beach one cold, gray morning he began to see another figure, far in the distance. Slowly the two approached each other, and he could make out a local native who kept leaning down, picking something up and throwing it out into the water. Time and again he hurled things into the ocean.

As the distance between them continued to narrow, the man could see that the native was picking up starfish that had been washed upon the beach and, one at a time, was throwing them back into the water.

Puzzled, the man approached the native and asked what he was doing. "I'm throwing these starfish back into

the ocean. You see, it's low tide right now and all of these starfish have been washed up onto the shore. If I don't throw them back into the sea, they'll die up here from lack of oxygen."

"But there must be thousands of starfish on this beach," the man replied. "You can't possibly get to all of them. There are just too many. And this same thing is probably happening on hundreds of beaches all up and down this coast. Can't you see that you can't possibly make a difference?"

The local native smiled, bent down and picked up another starfish, and as he threw it back into the sea he replied, "Made a difference to that one!"

Each of us is but one person: limited, burdened with our own cares and responsibilities. We may feel there is so much to be done, and we have so little to give. We're usually short of everything, especially time and money.

When we leave this shore, there

will still be millions of starfish stranded on the beach. Maybe we can't change the whole world, but there isn't one of us who can't help change one person's whole world. One at a time. We can make a difference.

EWTN to Broadcast Enthronement

On Thursday, June 20th at 2:00 pm, EWTN will broadcast the Enthronement Ceremony and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy of the Most Rev. Borys Gudziak as the 7th Metropolitan-Archbishop of Philadelphia. The program

was recorded on Tuesday, June 4th at the magnificent Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, but due to technical difficulties could not be televised live at that time.

Rummage Sale Update

Our fundraiser needs help for the Raffle Baskets 2019.

Now is the time to get out to business and ask for donations for our raffle. It is never too early, because many of the businesses have a specific dollar amount to spend, and once it is reached, they have nothing to donate.

We have received gift certificates for "The Loading Dock" Restaurant in Dunmore, The Japanese Restaurant on Route 6 and The "Kwik-N-Ezy Car Wash in Peckville. "Letters" have been dropped off to Happy Valley Restaurant, Medicap Pharmacy, Sam's Club, Alexander's Restaurant on Route 6, Dunkin Donuts in Dickson City, The Storage Bins in Peckville, Corky's Greenhouse, Clarks Summit. even The Rail Riders Baseball in Scr/Wilkes Barre to name a few. Some business may make a monetary donation or buy lottery tickets for a basket.

We are requesting your help in dropping off the "Letter" to your favorite restaurant, pizza place, deli, grocery store, retail store, etc... Many places offer gift certificates, products or services. All you have to do is hand them the "Letter" as is explains about our fundraiser and raffle. Just follow through with the

manager! The “Letter” is available in the vestibule of the Church. Envelopes and flyers are attached.

There are so many businesses that can be contacted, and if everyone took one letter and handed it to their favorite business, or take an area and do 5 business, what a great help to the raffle. Contact Lauren, 570-383-0319 If you can do a specific area: Route 6 the left or right side, Peckville, Olyphant, Jessup, Dickson City, etc...It is an easy way to make our Raffle BASKETS have great items to win.

Note: We pay a printer to make copies of all our “Pre-rummage sale”, “Rummage Sale Flyer”, and the “Letter for Donations” so please take what you think you will use. Do not hide them behind the Choir doors or in the bathroom. These are needed to promote our largest fundraiser for the year, by our parishioners. An excess amount of flyers have disappeared to date, and now we have to pay for additional copies. We wonder, what parishioner is being so destructive, as to hinder the wellbeing of our fundraiser???? GOD IS WATCHING!!!

Special thanks to Bob “Hammerman” Kletsko for requesting 200 flyers to help promote the Rummage Sale as he hands them out at various Flea Markets he attends from June-September. If you need a large amount, contact Lauren.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for Eugene Zinsky, John Turko, Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael Shumek. the month of June 2019 is Team #2:

Sunday Collection for June 8 & 9, 2019: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for June 22 & 23, 2019

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Brett Lowe -- Nicholas Borowski	John Sakson
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- Nicholas Chylak	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Tyler Muchisky -- Jordan Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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Their Death is More like Dreaming

We ought to honor the saints. They are Christ's friends, children and heirs of God. This is the teaching of the theologian and evangelist John: 'To all who received him ... the Word gave power to become children of God' (John 1:12). The Creator of all things is called in Scripture Lord of lords, King of kings, God of gods. The saints are precisely lords, kings and gods, not in their own nature but because they have become lords over themselves, they have ruled their passions, they have kept intact that image of God in which they were created. Indeed, the saints of their own choice are united to God, they have welcomed Him as a guest in their hearts, and by sharing with Him have become what He is by nature.

They have become God's servants, friends and children. The honor given to His faithful ser-

vants of which they are the witness is a test of our love for our Lord and theirs. He has found in them a spotless dwelling place and has performed his promise: 'I will make my abode among you ... and I will walk among you and will be your God' (Lev. 26:11-12).

It is of the saints that Scripture says: 'The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and the torment of death shall not touch them' (Wisd. 3:1). In fact, their death is more like dreaming than dying. God is life and light, and those who are in the hand of God are themselves life and light. By means of the Spirit, God is dwelling in the bodies of the saints. Why then should we not honor the temple of the living God?

St. John of Damascus