

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Raising the Daughter of Jairus

Nov. 9, 2025: Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Gal. 6: 11-18

Gospel: Lk. 8: 41-56

This Weekend	4:00 pm + Brian & Roxanna Westington (Mom, Ilona)
	10:30 For Our Parishioners
Mon., Nov. 10	9:00 Health & God's Blessings on Ann Marie Collarini (Jule Harris)
Tues., Nov. 11	9:00 + Margaret & Frank Evanitsky (Daughter, Michaelene)
Wed., Nov. 12	9:00 + Joseph Muchisky, Sr. (Pauline Muchisky)
Thurs., Nov. 13	9:00 + Robert "Bob" Zelno (St. Cyril's Choir)
Fri., Nov. 14	9:00 + Dolly Daniels (Eileen Kushner)
Sat., Nov. 15	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions. 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners)
Sun., Nov. 16	10:30 + Patrick Marcinko, Jr. (Shirley Romanovitch)

THERE'S MORE TO ANGELS THAN MEETS THE EYE

Angels were the first of God's creation. As the Apostle Paul tells us "By Him all things created that are in heaven, and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers." (Col. 1:16)

The work of the Angels is twofold: in heaven to glorify God, and on earth to carry out God's orders concerning men. The word "angel" itself means herald or a messenger.

You might have noticed they are often referred to as the "Bodiless Powers." Even

though angels are bodiless and invisible to our physical eyes, every day during Divine Liturgy we affirm their existence. In the Creed we say, "I believe in one God... Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible."

We often don't pay attention to the words of the prayers our priests recite in silence, although they are printed in our prayer books, yet during the prayer of the Anaphora, in the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, the nine ranks of angels which were revealed to us are recalled: Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominions,

Principalities, Authorities, Powers, the many eyed Cherubim and Seraphim.

In the Anaphora of the Liturgy St. John Chrysostom, the priest says, "... there stand before You thousands of archangels, and tens of thousands of angels, six-winged ... and many-eyed hovering aloft on their wings."

Our Church dedicates every Monday to the holy angels. We are reminded of the holy angels with praise and prayer in other ways, too: "He makes the spirits His angels, and flaming fire His ministers." (Ps. 104:4)

Angels are active, intelligent, spiritual beings with will and knowledge. They serve God to carry out His will and glorify Him. They have no bodily needs or desires and passions, no cares about food, drink, clothes or shelter. Although God created them before mankind, they are neither aged or aging, but unchangingly youthful, beautiful and strong.

Of these nine ranks, we are most familiar with the Cherubim and the Seraphim. The Seraphim, which means "flaming," are burning with love for God and kindle others to such love. They are closest to God as the prophet Isaiah says: "And the Seraphim stood around Him, each having six wings" (Isaiah 6:2).

After the Seraphim are the many-eyed Cherubim, which means "great understanding." They are aglow with the knowledge of the mysteries of God and the depths of His Wisdom.

Through the Cherubim wisdom is sent down to others and spiritual enlightenment is given. The Cherubic Hymn is the song of the angels, sung during every Divine Liturgy of the year except those of Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday. It occurs after the Gospel reading, and before the Gifts are brought to the Holy Table.

-- by *Phyllis Muryn Zaparaniuk*

THAT ALL MIGHT BE ONE

St. Josaphat Kuntsevych, OSBM, Archbishop of Polotsk and Martyr, was born around 1580 in Wolodymyr Ukraine. As a teenager he was interested in Church matters, often to the detriment of his business duties. After his father's death in 1604, John Kuntsevych entered the Basilian Holy Trinity monastery

in Vilna; he took the religious name of Josaphat. During the summer of 1609 Josaphat was ordained a priest. In 1617 Josaphat was nominated much against his will, Bishop of Polotsk.

On Sunday, November 12, 1623, a crowd (without the blessing of any Orthodox bishop) gathered outside

Josaphat's residence in Vitebsk, one of the towns under his ecclesiastical jurisdiction. Josaphat was in residence preparing to celebrate Matins and Divine Liturgy. He came out to meet the angry crowd. But the instigators shouted: "Kill him!" and one of them sank an ax into his head.

Some of the immediate effects of his martyrdom were: the conversion of

most of his killers and the strengthening of the Church union in the country. But most significant and more important was the discharge of tension between Catholic and Orthodox, leading to cooperation between the two churches.

St. Josaphat was canonized in 1867.

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UPCOMING FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

KRIS KRINGLE CELEBRATION & FIRST ANNUAL BINGO

We are excited to announce two upcoming fundraising events that offer wonderful opportunities to support our Parish and connect with the community.

Kris Kringle Celebration

Join us on Saturday, December 6th for the festive Kris Kringle Celebration! This event will be held in the parking lot across from Olyphant Borough Hall. It's more than just a fundraiser—it's a chance to come together and show our community spirit. Bring your friends and family for a joyful gathering while helping to raise essential funds for our Parish.

First Annual Bingo

Get ready for our First Annual Bingo on Sunday, January 25th at the Manor on Main (the former Genetti's). It promises to be an afternoon filled with fun, excitement, and chances to win great prizes. Tickets will be available soon—stay tuned for details!

More Information

Additional details about both events, including ticket sales and activities, will be published in next Sunday's Bulletin. Mark your calendars and invite your friends—let's make these fundraisers a great success for our Parish and a memorable experience for the entire community!

VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day is an opportunity to remember the sacrifices made by each

and every member of the Armed Forces, who have served or who are serving

now and who bear the wounds of war.

To these brave men and women we say: **Thank you for your service!**
Please spend a moment in silence to

pray for each of them, especially those wounded and ill warriors still suffering for our freedom.

FALL BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Valley Community Library's Fall Book Sale will take place on Friday, November 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Patrons may fill a provided bag on Saturday for \$5 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There will be a special presale for Friends of the Library members only on Thursday, November 13, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Purchase a membership at the door for \$10 individual/\$15 families.

The book sale will be held inside the library.

Items for sale include fiction and non-fiction books, young adult and children's books, puzzles, and more! Prices vary from \$0.25 to \$2.00.

The Valley Community Library, a member of the Lackawanna County Library System, is located at 739 River St., Peckville, and serves residents in the valley area.

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE AND COAT COLLECTION SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY IN A TIME OF NEED

Due to the cancellation of our traditional Poinsettia Sale, we decided that we will host our Annual Food Drive and Coat Collection on the weekend of Saturday, November 22nd and Sunday, November 23rd.

This year, the need within our community is greater than ever. With the ongoing Government shutdown and the absence of funds for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), many families are facing significant

hardship. We are asking for your generous support to help those in need.

- **What to Donate:** Please bring non-perishable food items and gently used or new coats for donation.

- **Where to Donate:** All items may be dropped off in the vestibule of the Church.

- **When to Donate:** Donations will be accepted on Saturday, November 22nd and Sunday, November 23rd.

All collected items will be distributed

to the appropriate local charities to help support those most affected during this challenging time.

Your kindness and generosity are

deeply appreciated. Thank you for joining us in this important effort to care for our neighbors in need.

INVITATION TO A SURPRISE CELEBRATION: 65TH BIRTHDAY OF METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP BORYS GUDZIAK

You are warmly invited to join a special SURPRISE celebration marking the 65th birthday of our Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak. This event will take place on Wednesday, November 26, and we hope you can be part of this memorable occasion.

Event Details

- Date: Wednesday, November 26th
- Time: Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Location: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia

Festivities

The celebration will commence with a Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving at 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral. Following the Liturgy, we invite you to a reception in the Catechetical Classroom and the Treasury of Faith Museum beneath the Cathedral. It will be a wonderful opportunity to

share fellowship and joy in honor of Archbishop Borys Gudziak.

Important Notice

As we strive to keep this event a surprise for the Archbishop, we kindly ask that you help spread the word within your parish communities. There will be no Facebook event or public posters for this celebration. Please reach out to parishioners and encourage them to join in this special gathering.

RSVP Information

In order to prepare adequately for both the Liturgy and the reception, please RSVP by Wednesday, November 20. Your timely response will help us ensure a welcoming and joyful experience for all.

Join Us!

Let us come together as a faith community to honor our beloved Archbishop Borys Gudziak on his 65th birthday. Your presence will make this celebration truly special!

BUS TRIP TO THE CHRISTMAS & GIFT SHOW IN HARRISBURG

Join the Friends of the Valley Community Library for a bus trip on December 3 to the Christmas & Gift Show in Harrisburg, PA. There will be over 550 specialty vendors selling a wide array of exclusive, unique gifts for family and friends!

The bus will leave the library at 7:30 a.m., arrive at the PA Farm Show Complex at approximately 10:00 a.m., depart at 4:00 p.m., and return to the library at about 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 per person for cash or check. There is a \$2 additional fee for credit card charges. The ticket price

includes the bus, show admission, and driver's tip. Limited tickets are available. Payment is required to reserve your spot. All sales are final and there are no refunds. Signup is available at the Library at 739 River Street, Peckville. For more information, please contact Ann at 570-479-0806 or valleylibraryfriends@outlook.com.

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SS. PETER AND PAUL UGCC 2026 - SIX MONTH LOTTERY CALENDAR

**Each \$20 Calendar includes two numbers for the Pick 3 Evening Drawing of
the Pennsylvania Lottery**

Prizes include \$25 on weekdays, \$40 on Sundays, and Five \$100 prizes

Calendars purchased by check will be mailed to return address. Make checks
payable to SS. Peter and Paul UGCC, and mail to:
P.O. Box 124, Carbondale, PA 18407

For more information contact Marge at 570-282-5680

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM

The Collection Processing Team for the month of November 2025 is Team #3: Marlene Zelno, Cheryl Matuszewski, and Carol Zadarosni.

Sunday Collection for November 1 & 2, 2025: \$

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Twelve Years

When the woman with a hemorrhage learned that the Lord said to the leader of the synagogue, "Believe, and your daughter will live," she thought to herself that he who could bring back the soul of a little girl of twelve into her body would also be able to take away an illness of twelve years and expel it from the body. When she heard him say, "Believe firmly and your daughter will live," this woman reflected, "I can give the faith he requires as the price." The healing came forth from his mouth, and he negotiated as its price the faith expressed by the woman's mouth. He gave clear healing and demanded a clear price. The healing that came out from his lips could be heard publicly, and he required from the lips a faith openly professed. Although the woman professed before

everyone, they did not believe her, especially since her pains were hidden. When the Lord opened the eyes of the blind man, they called him a madman, and when he restored Lazarus to life, certain people, even among those who had seen for themselves, did not believe. This is why he restored the little girl of twelve years to life. He who was able to put the continued vitality of twelve years in the body back into its place was also able to arrest and banish from its place a flow of blood that continued for twelve years. He who was able to alleviate one illness was also able to banish another. He who was able to vivify all the dead members of this little girl was also able to heal the woman's womb.

St. Ephrem the Syrian