

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!*

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, September 24 5:00 PM +Luther Bovee by Family

Sunday, September 25 9:00 AM +Margaret Tima & Mary Filko by Beverly Tima

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Web Liturgy Intention for Week of September 25, 2022

**Sponsored by Katharine Kutchma**

*Sanctuary Candle* is lit from September 25 – October 8

**In Memory of +Steve & +Margaret Tima by Steve, Janine, Sam, Rachel, & Allison**

**PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

Friday, September 30 7 PM **Special Intention of John & Patricia Kollar by  
Maureen Kollar**

**17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Saturday, October 1 5:00 PM +Cosgrove (+Robert, +Maryhelen, +Keith, & +Keily);  
+Mihalchik (+Michael & +Helen); +Suchta (+Dolores)

Sunday, October 2 9:00AM +William Basalla by Kathy Zavada & Jacki Basalla

**OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN ME:**

Regular Offertory	\$2,914.00
Maintenance Fund	583.00
Holy Day	231.00
Candles	193.74
Loose Cash	30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,951.74</b>

**Parking Lot: \$173**

*During these challenging times we thank you for your kindness and generosity.*

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS**

**AT HOME:** Richard Lesko, *Ronald & Arletta Lutka*, Margie Seman, Teri Phares, Raymond Petro, Jr., Luke Pasternak, Marissa Stout, Tara Seman, Michael Matus, Patrick Singer, Joan Bodnar, Mary Ann Urban, Carole Srsic, Pauline Johnson, *Ann Havrilscak*, Aaron Spang, Janet Ducar, Mary Pavasko, Suzie (Wargo) Bodziach, Betty Martin, Teresa Sekel, Patty Schneider, Jeannie Pasternak, Janet Myers, Ethel Wahal, Joanne Smoley

*Italicized names indicate Parish Shut-ins.* Other names are submitted prayer requests.

## **NURSING HOMES/REHABILITATION CENTERS/ASSISTED LIVING**

Elsie Urban, Len Stagon, Dorothy Hritz, Eleanor Chekan, Sue Goda

## **SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

20 Jeanine Perhacs  
25 Andrew & Tracy Fedoris (Anniversary)  
26 Marge Kardell  
28 Michael Martin  
29 Steve Dumblosky  
30 Thomas Bodnar  
1 Elaine Bogda  
1 Allison Tima

**In person Attendance:** *Saturday, September 17: 48; Sunday, September 18: 92*

**Live Stream Viewing:** *Saturday, September 17: 23 (WS); 36 (FB)*  
*Sunday, September 18: 59 (WS); 60 (FB)*

## **Live Stream**

**\$50 by Leonard & Felicia Simko**

## **MANY YEARS**

Our Parish Family extends its prayerful best wishes to **Kilian David Hilzendeger** who was born September 18, 2022. He joins his parents, John Paul and Julie and his siblings, Michael, Karen, and Madelyn as a member of our Parish Family. *May God grant to Kilian David peace, health and happiness for many years!*

## **UPCOMING CATHEDRAL EVENTS**

October 22	Fall Craft Show
November 5	Too Groovy Toy Show Kitchen
November 13	Basket Extravaganza

## **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

SS. Peter & Paul Parish Club, Duquesne is sponsoring their annual Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, September 25, 2022 from 1-5 PM**. Adults: \$11; Children 6-10; \$6 Children 5 & Under; free. Raffles & baskets...and as always all proceeds benefit the Church.

## **“CATHEDRAL KITCHEN”**

The “Kathedral Kitchen” has been restocked. We have quarts of *Halushki & Wedding, Chicken Noodle, Chicken & Dumpling, Potato/Green Bean, Chicken Gnocchi, Mushroom, Creamy Potato, Vegetarian Vegetable, and Beef Vegetable soups* for \$7. If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee or Fr. Andrew.

## **GIFT CARDS AND LOTTERY TICKETS**

If anyone is able to donate gift cards or lottery tickets for our raffle trees at the Craft Show & Basket Extravaganza, please put them in an envelope in the collection basket and mark it “Lottery Tree.” Thank you in advance for any help you may be able to give.

## **BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA BASKETS**

We will hold our Basket Extravaganza on Sunday, November 13, 2022. We are in need of completed baskets or items to complete a basket. You can contact Diane Pochron at 412-303-6534 for any information or ideas for basket items. Thank you in advance for any help you may be able to give.

## **MEDOVNIKI**

The Sisters of St. Basil have extra medovniki (honey cookies) from the pilgrimage available to purchase. If you would like to purchase any, you can call Mt. St. Macrina Motherhouse at 724-438-8644 between the hours of 9 AM and 2 PM.

## **GCU LODGE CLOTHING DRIVE**

This is the final weekend to drop off clothes for the GCU Lodge 602 clothing drive.



# Attentive to the Word

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*2 Corinthians 6: 1-10*

*Luke 5: 1-11*

Peter and his co-workers fished all night. No doubt they had exhausted all the possibilities of making a catch before they returned to shore empty-handed. It's small wonder, then, that Peter was astonished at the immense haul of fish that filled his nets when, at Jesus' direction, he let the nets down into the water once more. Peter recognized that here was someone who exercised divine power. Suddenly aware that he was in God's presence, Peter fell to the ground before Jesus, acknowledging his sinfulness. We too may come to a similar point of recognizing God's holiness and our own sins. In the face of some act of God in our lives, we may become painfully aware of our unworthiness. Some of us have an unfortunate tendency to dwell on our sins. Guilt, shame, contempt for ourselves—any number of negative emotions flow in like the tide. If only they could flow out as quickly! But notice Jesus' response to Peter. He didn't answer Peter's confession directly. Rather, he moved past it and told Peter of the great new role he had in mind for him. To Peter's cry of remorse—"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"—Jesus answered with a reassuring promise: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men" (Luke 5:8,10). This is how God looks at us: not as sinners mired in offenses but as servants called to carry out important work. God knows our sins. But when we repent, he forgives us immediately and calls us to move right on to the business of his kingdom. In a sense, we really have no right to dwell on sins that God has removed. Brothers and sisters, God's mercy has no limit! He delights in showing us his kindness. If he did not withhold his love and mercy from us before we loved him, will he refuse us now? Of course not! So press on in serving the Lord, confident that his mercy is greater than your sin and that

he will carry you through to heaven. "How awesome is your love for me, Jesus! In love, you look past my failings and point me to your perfect plan. Thank you, Jesus, for your boundless mercy!"

## **FEAST OF THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS**

One of the most simple, but practical and useful inventions mankind has ever seen is the umbrella. The umbrella shields us from the sun, the wind and the rain. Umbrellas come in all sorts of shapes and sizes so that they can be carried anywhere and everywhere: in a briefcase, a purse, or in the car. In fact, most people have not just one just one but several umbrellas.

Christian people, however, have a very special umbrella provided for us by God Himself. It shields us, shelters us and protects us from harm. It is the Protecting Veil - or omophorion - of the Mother of God!

Each year on October 1st, the Church celebrates a most beautiful feast called the Protection of the Mother of God." Historically, this feast commemorates an event in 911 AD when the Mother of God, in response to the fervent prayers of the faithful gathered in the Church of Blanchernae, appeared in a vision to extend her veil over the city of Constantinople to protect it from foreign invasion. Over the years, the Mother of God has been seen in numerous other visions to extend her protecting veil over her faithful children.

Consequently, this feast day has been not only preserved on our calendar, but has come to be one of the most cherished feasts in the lives of Eastern Christians because it reminds us of the constant protection we receive from the Mother of God. As we are reminded by the saints, "no one who has ever sought the intercession of the Most Holy Virgin has even gone unaided!" O Holy Mother of God, pray for us!

## Mission Statement

Saint John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral is a member of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh who through the Holy Spirit is called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a community and family, we grow in faith and in the image and likeness of God by dedicating ourselves to welcoming, celebrating and caring for all of God's people.

**Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist):** Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish family. Pre-baptism instructions are required. Contact Fr. Andrew to schedule.

**Mystery of Crowning:** Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish family. Must meet with Fr. Andrew before setting date and reserving your banquet hall. Pre-Cana program is required and three sessions with Fr. Andrew. The ceremony will be celebrated according to the prescription of the liturgical book of the Byzantine rite.

**Mystery of Reconciliation:** Celebrated Saturdays, 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM and upon request.

**Mystery of Anointing:** Celebrated upon request. Ideally celebrated in Church the Sunday before undergoing any surgical or other medical procedure.

**Visitation of the Sick:** The parishioners confined to their homes or nursing homes due to health reasons are visited monthly. Also, persons who are hospitalized are visited when Fr. Andrew is notified. It especially is important that a family member contact Fr. Andrew whenever a loved-one is hospitalized.

**Funerals:** Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Andrew before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

**Parish Membership:** We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Cathedral Parish. Only those who are registered are considered members of the Parish. When one registers to become a parish member they assume the responsibility of rendering stewardship of time, talent and treasure to this parish family. Worship at this parish is always expected. Registration is done only through the pastor by appointment. The Parish Office should be notified as soon as possible of any change of address within the Parish as well as one's leaving.

**Godparent/Sponsor Letters:** Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish.

**Rectory Office Hours:** Judy is in the parish office Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 2 PM. Father Andrew is available on other days and times by appointment.