

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!*Schedule of Divine Services

**Saturday, January 14 5:00 PM +Mary & +Michael Miskovitch by Robert, John,
Millie & Anne**

**Sunday, January 15 9:00 AM Deceased of the +Hornak Family by Margaret &
Vince Madden**

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Web Liturgy for Week of January 15, 2023 sponsored by
Joseph and Susan Korinchak

Sanctuary Candle is lit from January 15 – January 28
In Memory of +Maria Heddleston by Bajus Family

SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS

Saturday, January 21 5:00 PM +Maria Heddleston by Bajus Family

Sunday, January 22 9:00 AM +Paul Matijak

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,136.00
Maintenance Fund	516.00
Holy Day	227.00
Christmas	564.00
Candles	183.60
Loose Cash	30.00
TOTAL	\$3,656.60

*During these challenging times we thank you for your kindness and generosity.
Please consider remembering St. John Cathedral in your will
as a lasting legacy for future generations!*

Please call the parish office if you would like your 2022 contribution statement.

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, Rich Scott

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

NURSING HOMES/REHABILITATION CENTERS/ASSISTED LIVING

Elsie Urban, Len Stagon, Eleanor Chekan, Sue Goda

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

17 Paul Remack, Jr.
17 Kristine Janocsko
18 Kristy Giglione
19 Suzanne Fedoris
21 John Miskovitch
21 Jacob Wincko

Live Stream Donations

\$100 John & Beverly Woessner

\$20 Arlene Ann Martin

Special Donation

\$240 given anonymously

\$200 by Patricia Madden in Memory of +Elizabeth (Rusnak) & +Joseph R. Mihalic, Sr.

In person Attendance: *Feast of Theophany: Royal Hours: 2*
Feast of Theophany: Vigil: 50; Friday 15
Saturday, January 7: 51; Sunday, January 8: 50

Live Stream Viewing: *Feast of Theophany: Royal Hours: 11 (WS); 14 (FB)*
Feast of Theophany: Vigil: 27 (WS); 35 (FB)
Friday: 22 (WS); 47 (FB)
Saturday, January 7: 34 (WS); 57 (FB)
Sunday, January 8: 55 (WS); 78 (FB)

CHICKEN PAPRIKASH DINNER

Our parish will serve a take-out only Chicken Paprikash dinner on **Saturday, January 21 from 3 – 6 PM and on Sunday, January 22 from 10 AM – 1 PM. Price is \$12.00 per dinner.** The dinner includes: Chicken Paprikash served over dumplings, cucumber salad, bread and butter. In addition we will be selling quarts of haluski, quarts of soup, our kolache, and various baked goods.

FOOD PREP

We will be prepping for our Chicken Paprikash dinner on *Thursday, at 6 PM* to make dumplings and on *Friday beginning at 9 AM* to prepare the chicken. No matter what time or for how long your help will be greatly appreciated.

BAKED GOODS

We are looking for baked goods to sell during our Chicken Paprikash dinner. Donations can be dropped off on Thursday at 6 PM and Friday from 9 AM – 12 Noon or Saturday.

2022 PARISH FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

On **Sunday, January 29, 2023**, following the 9 AM Divine Liturgy, I will give a presentation on the 2021 Parish Finances. The presentation will be held in the Cathedral Center.

“KATHEDRAL KITCHEN”

We have Stuffed Cabbage: ½ dozen for \$18 and 1 dozen for \$30; quarts of *Halushki, Chili & Wedding, Potato/Green Bean, Mushroom, Beef Vegetable, Creamy Potato, Pasta Fagioli (Ham & Bean) Turkey, Stuffed Pepper and Stuffed Cabbage soups* for \$7. If you would like to buy any please see Patty Bovee or Fr. Andrew.

RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS

We will be holding another Rummage Sale on June 3 & 4, 2023. Please put aside any items you no longer want or need for our flea market.

As in the past, we cannot accept TV's, computers, shoes and clothes. Small boxes may be left in the church vestibules. Arrangements can be made to pick up larger items. Please consider also helping to mark and sell the items in May/June. Thanks for your donations.



Attentive to the Word

Thirty-second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Timothy 1: 15-17

Matthew 15: 21-28

Today's Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28) recounts the beautiful story of a mother's loving concern for a very sick child. Her persistence before our Lord for help is a shining example to us in how we are to persevere in prayer - never despairing that our prayer will be answered affirmatively if, in God's design, it would be for our better spiritual welfare. A very important quality of the mother's prayer was faith - her unwavering belief that God, in the Person of Jesus, would and could restore the health of her child. When Jesus saw how fervently she believed in Him, this great faith moved Him to grant her request.

There are many dramatic examples of the efficacy of a mother's prayerful intercession. The conversion of Saint Augustine from the sinful life he was leading is attributed to the daily, tearful prayers of his holy mother, Saint Monica. Our Lord Himself answered the request of His own Mother at the wedding in Cana where a young couple's supply of wine at their wedding feast had become exhausted. If not for the kind intercession of Jesus' Mother, they would have been socially disgraced. It is significant that the first public, recorded miracle of Christ was performed through the intercession of His Mother.

From today's Gospel story we glean a lesson in faithful perseverance, a perseverance that rises above any obstacle, whatever it may be. The strength to accomplish this is found in an unswerving faith in the loving Providence of almighty God, who works only for our good, even though we may not understand it or be able to accept it at a given time. Saint Mark, in his gospel account, tells us (Mark 11:23- 34) that anyone who prays and does not waver in his heart but firmly believes that whatever he asks will

be done - it will be done for him! Faith and perseverance in prayer then is an undaunted confidence and unconditional trust in our loving heavenly Father. These two characteristics ought to be present when we ask Him to help us. The prayer of a sincere and penitent heart is never rejected (Psalm 51:19).

God wants us to set our needs before Him. As long as our request is for our good or the good of someone else, when the time is proper, God will bless and answer that prayer. Sometimes His answer is neither "Yes" nor "No" but rather "Wait!" From today's gospel we also learn to pray for others just as the concerned and anxious mother besought Jesus to cure her sick girl. There are so many troubled souls whom we can help through our prayers. The Church teaches, based on the explanations of Saint Paul (I Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4), that we are integral members of the Body of Christ. What affects one, affects all. Many of you reading this today have certainly benefited spiritually through the prayers of others on your behalf (for health, employment, success in school, resolution of family problems). You, in turn, should thank the Lord for those who, through their prayers, have helped you and, in turn, pray for others to benefit as well like the mother in today's gospel story, fill your prayers with simple, unquestioning faith, and persevere in them with unwavering confidence.

By +Msgr. John Sekellick, JCL

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS

The first All Souls Divine Liturgy is Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM. We come together to pray for our deceased loved ones. They are by no means forgotten nor a nameless mass of people, for by name we mention them, we perpetuate their memory and we pray that our loving and merciful God will be pleased to bring them into His saving presence.

PLEASE USE THE ALL SOULS ENVELOPE AND ATTEND THE DIVINE LITURGIES FOR YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES.

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.