

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, October 7 5:00 PM +Mark Dumblosky by George Serechin

Sunday, October 8 9:00 AM +Mark Cifrulak by Nancy Cifrulak

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Web Liturgy for Week of September October 8, 2023 sponsored by
Nancy Cifrulak in Memory of +Mark Cifrulak

Sanctuary Candle is lit from October 8 - 21
sponsored by Nancy Cifrulak in Memory of +Mark Cifrulak

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Saturday, October 14 5:00 PM +Joan Bodnar by MM Nicholas S. Havrilla & Family

Sunday, October 15 9:00 AM +Nancy Matijak

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,176.00
Maintenance Fund	685.00
Holy Day	347.00
Candles	64.92
Loose Cash	24.00
Cemetery	190.00
TOTAL	\$3,486.92

Special Donations: \$50 in loving memory of +Joan Bodnar by MM Nicholas S. Havrilla & Family and \$25 by Mary Ann Urban

Parking Lot: \$100 in Memory of +Jane Brown by Joe & Peg Barron

*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 PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS

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

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

NURSING HOMES/REHABILITATION CENTERS/ASSISTED LIVING

Elsie Urban, Eleanor Chekan, Sue Goda

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

9 Michael A. Suray

10 John Munsie

10 William Sabo

14 Rita Slava

14 Samuel & Elaine Cannon

In person Attendance: *Saturday, September 30: 46; Sunday, October 1: 49*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, September 30: 20 (WS); 11 (FB)*
Sunday, October 1: 57 (WS); 38 (FB)

ETERNAL MEMORY

+**Michael Matus** passed from this life to the next on September 22, 2023. May he rest in the bosom of Abraham, in the abode of the saints, where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning. *May the Lord God remember his departed servant Michael in His Kingdom forever!*

Our parish family extends its sympathy to Steven Ostheim upon the death of his mother +**Magdaline**, who fell asleep in the Lord on October 1, 2023. *In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to the soul of Your departed servant Magdaline and remember her forever!*

Our parish family extends its sympathy to Sr. Elaine upon the death of her sister +**Evelyn McGinty**, who fell asleep in the Lord on October 3, 2023. *In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to the soul of Your departed servant Evelyn and remember her forever!*

UPCOMING CATHEDRAL EVENTS

October 15 Coffee and Doughnut social
November 12 Basket Extravaganza

CRAFT SHOW

Our Parish will conduct our Fall Craft Show on **Saturday, October 21, 2023** from 10 AM – 3 PM. There will be **60** crafters/vendors. We will be selling Stuffed Cabbage, haluski, pirohi and other foods, eat-in or take-out, as well as our kolache and other baked goods.

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.

“CATHEDRAL KITCHEN”

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

KOLACHE ORDERS

We are now accepting Kolache orders for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Deadline to order Kolache for Thanksgiving is November 5, 2023. Deadline to order Kolache for Christmas is November 26, 2023. Order sheets are located in the vestibules of the church. *Kolache price will remain \$15.00 each.*

BOBALKI ORDERS

Once again, we will be taking orders for bobalki in 1 pound bags. Each 1# bag will cost \$7. Order sheets are located in the vestibules of the church.

BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA BASKETS

We will hold our Basket Extravaganza on Sunday, November 12, 2023. 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.



Attentive to the Word

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Corinthians 11:31 - 12:9

Luke 7: 11-16

We are too often consumed by what we want God to do for us, rather than focusing on what God expects us to do for each other. Our national debate about our country's deficit always involves elements such as cutting entitlements, cutting programs for the poor, cutting medical care and more. Also debated are philosophies of additional spending to create more jobs and of raising taxes. Unfortunately all these debates take place in great halls, rallies and before cameras. Where they do not take place is in front of the people who stand to be hurt the most by our national need to do some serious belt tightening and fundraising.

This brings to mind the part of Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* where Scrooge, still working in his counting house on Christmas Eve, was asked for a donation for the poor "at this festive season of the year." Furious, Scrooge told them that his taxes were supposed to take care of the poor. What many do not know is that Dickens had in mind the philosophy of Thomas Malthus, a very influential political economist of that day. In 1803, Malthus wrote an essay that led England to live in great fear of overpopulation. A student of Malthus, echoing Malthus, wrote that the poor "have no earthly right or business to be born." Too often we, like Scrooge, do not know who the poor are.

Jesus pointed us toward the poor and defenseless when he encountered a widow on the way to bury her only son. The woman was in dire circumstances. In the patriarchal society of the time, a woman enjoyed privileges only through her connections with a male relative. Jesus encountered a woman who was already a widow and whose only son was now dead. Because women could not own property, everything that was held for her by her son — house, money, goods, i.e., the inheritance — passed back to her deceased husband's family. This woman was now penniless and utterly alone. This is part of the reason that the Scriptures refer to the most destitute and vulnerable as "widows and orphans."

A most amazing thing occurs in Luke's Gospel. Jesus and the large crowd accompanying him had just arrived at the city gate when Jesus encountered the woman and discovered her plight. Luke tells us that Jesus was "was moved with pity for her."

Luke informs us that Jesus was not moved because the woman's son was dead. Jesus was moved because of the deeper suffering this woman was enduring and would endure for the rest of her life. Luke uses a word that we have come to use for "viscera," that is, our guts. Jesus was moved with compassion from the deepest part of his being. Here's the amazing part: no one asked anything of Jesus, no one said anything to Jesus. The amazing feature of this story, which is only in Luke's Gospel, is that Jesus acted completely on His own out of His compassion. Luke is sometimes called the Gospel of Social Justice. Luke knew well what Jesus taught, and he knew well what the Apostles taught as a consequence.

Like an early Dickens novel, Luke uses Jesus' teaching to expose the injustices of society, and to connect Jesus' teaching with right human behavior — behavior that should be characteristic of all those desiring to live in God's Kingdom. Luke interpreted the Kingdom not as something in the future; Luke saw being in the Church itself as being in the Kingdom. What Luke teaches us — the Church — is how to act.

Following the example of Jesus' compassion for the truly defenseless, we should be acting to fulfill God's desire for mercy and social justice. We should also realize how far Jesus went to express his compassion. He touched the funeral bier. Touching a dead body would have made Jesus ritually impure; therefore, he could not enter the synagogue for prayer or the Temple for sacrifice until he went through elaborate purification rituals. The act of making himself ritually impure would have seriously damaged Jesus' social status. What we witness is His complete disregard for His own status in order to act on behalf of someone who had no status whatsoever. Our economic troubles are serious indeed; but our debates about our economy must be guided by the compassion of God — the compassion we witness in Jesus. His compassion, which came from the depth of His being, is the compassion we are called to emulate in every aspect of life.

DEANERY PASTA DINNER

The Pittsburgh Protoperbyterate (Deanery) invites ALL our faithful to a Deanery Pasta Dinner which will take place at St. Elias Church on Sunday, October 15th, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. This pasta dinner will be prepared and served by the priests and deacons in our Pittsburgh deanery. This is a free/free will offering event.

If you are planning to attend, please use the sign-up sheet in the church narthex by Sunday October 8.

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 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Father Andrew is available on other days and times by appointment.