

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, November 4 **5:00 PM** +William Basalla by Jacqueline Basalla

Sunday, November 5 **9:00 AM** 40th Day Remembrance of +Joan Bodnar

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Web Liturgy for Week of September November 5, 2023 sponsored by
Bernard and Janet Ducar

Sanctuary Candle is lit from November 5 - 18
Anniversary Intention of Steven & Lorraine Dumblosky

FEAST OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL THE HEAVENLY HOSTS

Tuesday, November 7, **7:00 PM** +Michael T. & Olga Chromulak by Cathy Ann Chromulak

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, November 11 **5:00 PM** Special Intention of Bishop Robert M. Pipta

Sunday, November 12 **9:00 AM** +Joanne Volkay by Chris Kraynak

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,521.00
Maintenance Fund	757.00
Candles	56.07
Cemetery	90.00
TOTAL	\$3,424.07

*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: *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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

6 John & Betsy Raget (Anniversary)

7 Matthew Bovee

9 Kalina Lazarov

In person Attendance: *Saturday, October 28: 48; Sunday, October 29: 53*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, October 28: 24 (WS); 16 (FB)*

Sunday, October 29: 46 (WS); 33 (FB)

ETERNAL MEMORY

Our parish family extends its sympathy to Timothy Oriss upon the death of his mother **+Rosalie Oriss**, who fell asleep in the Lord on October 28, 2023. *In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to the soul of Your departed servant Rosalie and remember her forever!*

HONORING OUR VETERANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

On *Saturday and Sunday, November 11th and 12th* our Parish will honor in a special way our Veterans and Military Personnel. This celebration will include prayerful supplications and a blessing at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. If you served in the armed forces of our country and are planning to attend this celebration, please notify the parish office. We ask that you please submit to the parish office by **Wednesday, November 8th** the names of Veterans in your families (deceased and living).

BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunday, November 12, 2023, 12-4 PM, Cathedral Center. There will be 30+ baskets, a variety of vendors, eat in or take out pork chop dinner, 50/50 raffle and more. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets, please call Diane at 412-303-6534. Your place for Christmas gift ideas.

SARRIS' CANDY ORDERS

Order forms for Sarris' Candy are located in the vestibules of the church. Please return order forms by **November 12, 2023**.

"CATHEDRAL KITCHEN"

The "Kathedral Kitchen" has been restocked. We have quarts of *Halushki & Chili, Wedding, Tomato Basil, Potato/Green Bean, Chicken Noodle, Stuffed Pepper and Stuffed Cabbage 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.

SAINT NICHOLAS CHARITY EVENT

The *Annual "St. Nicholas Celebration"* benefitting the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius **at St. John Cathedral** is Sunday, December 3, 2023. A Moleben will be celebrated at 3 PM in the Cathedral followed by a social hour and dinner in the Center. **Adults tickets are \$45 and children (12 and under) are \$20. All families and parishioners are encouraged to attend. Please see Fr. Andrew for more information. Deadline to order tickets is November 12, 2023.**

STEELER TAILGATE PARTY

Sunday, November 19, 2023, 11:30 AM to end of Game. St. John Chrysostom Church, 506 Saline Street. Adults - \$15; Children (age 5-12) - \$8 includes food and non-alcoholic beverage. Additional Football Pools, Raffles and Basket Auctions. **PRESALE ONLY – NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** If you are interested in attending, please call John Niskach at 412.209.8397.

HOLIDAY KOLBASSI SALE

Ss. Peter & Paul Men's Club, Duquesne is once again selling kolbassi. Cost is \$7/lb. Sign-up sheets are at the church entrances. ***Please order by December 5, 2023 and DELIVERY IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 2023.*** Thank you for your support.

VA PITTSBURGH DONATION WISH LIST

VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System depends on the goodwill of benefactors and volunteers who wish to give something back to America's heroes, and they accept material donations to provide enhanced services to Veterans receiving treatment at their facilities. As part of our Parish Philip's Fast almsgiving, we will be collecting items to donate to the Vets. Below is a list of items they could use:

Personal Care Items:

- *Body Wash*
- *Denture Adhesive & Cleaner*
- *Roll-on Deodorant*
- *Combs, Toothpaste*
- *Tooth Brushes*
- *Shaving Cream*
- *shampoo & conditioner*
- *disinfectant wipes*
- *hand sanitizer*
- *tissues*
- *reading glasses*
- *gloves*

Refreshments:

- Chips, pretzels, snack crackers, and granola bars (single serve sizes)
- Sugar in a can
- Soda (two-liter bottles of regular and diet, caffeine free is preferred)
- Raisins
- Pudding cups
- Slim Jims
- Soup Cups

- Coffee (regular or decaf) and coffee creamers
- Grocery gift cards

Assorted Items:

- Disposable cups, napkins, plates, forks and spoons
- Gift Cards for outpatient programs
- Markers for art projects
- Chess and checkers sets
- Books (for the Canteen)
- Puzzle Books
- Large, flat-screen TV (for Wii bowling)
- Karaoke Machine
- Headsets for dialysis patients

NO USED ITEMS ARE BEING ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.



Attentive to the Word

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Ephesians 2: 4-10

Luke 8: 41-56

Picture it: Pope John Paul II is in the United States on one of his pastoral visits, spending a few moments alone prior to one of the many Masses celebrated that day for his exuberant flock. Somehow, a woman succeeds in eluding the layers of security surrounding the pope and finds him in his place of solitude. Rushing up to him, she seeks to engage him in conversation. At heart she is a good woman, a person who seeks the peace she believes the Holy Father can offer. She does not even profess to be a member of his flock, but she is given a respectful hearing by the weary, beleaguered pope.

Such a woman is not unlike the woman in today's Gospel. She boldly approaches Jesus when he is seeking refuge from the crowds that have been following him. Determined to seek his help in casting out the devil that possesses her daughter, she is not deterred by Jesus' suggestion that there are priorities other than her daughter's needs. Even Gentiles like herself and her daughter, she retorts, deserve some of Jesus' time and attention. Ultimately, her persistence and respect win Jesus over: He cures her daughter.

Once again, Jesus rewards those who place their trust in the message he has come to deliver about a kingdom in which all are welcome. Once again, the seemingly excluded are included in his kingdom. In today's Gospel it is an assertive woman—a person on the margin of Jewish society—to whom he responds. To what marginal people in our world today would Jesus extend a welcome?

Jesus *is* living among us—in the hearts of these very people, these outcasts. And, through today's Gospel, he reminds us they are welcome in his kingdom. He also challenges us to welcome them into our hearts and lives.

FEAST OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL THE HEAVENLY HOSTS

The feast of St. Michael comes to us out of the Old Testament revelation about the holiness of God. The Hebrews viewed God in terms of their kings. Just as the king was surrounded by his court, so also God was surrounded by a heavenly court. Isaiah the

prophet experienced this holiness of God' after praying in the temple. He tells us in his vision thus:

"I saw the Lord seated on' a high and lofty throne, with, the train of, his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings; with two they veiled their faces, with two they veiled their feet, and with two they hovered aloft."

““Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!' they cried one to the other. All the Earth is filled with his glory.' At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke.”

"Then I said, 'Woe, is me, I am' doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'" (Is 6; 1-5)

In this vision of Isaiah we also pray during the Divine Liturgy: "We thank You also for this liturgy ... even, though there stand before You' thousands of archangels, tens of thousands of angels, Cherubim and Seraphim ... singing, shouting, crying out and saying the triumphal hymn: holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, 'heaven and earth are full of. Your glory...." We proclaim the awesomeness and glory and majesty of God. Heaven and earth form one voice in praising the glory of God. In our worship we search to find words to express the power, the glory and the majesty of God. The Seraphim cover their eyes, they praise His glory, they bow down to God. We too recognize this awesomeness of God and back away, From Him. Our response is patterned on the exalted worship of the angels. We see our worship as being joined with the heavenly worship. Heaven and earth form a oneness of praising God.

In the fullness of revelation we approach God as His children – reborn - and renewed in Jesus Christ. Through Jesus Christ we have received a new relationship to the living God. Still we remain part of the fullness of all God's creation. We have a relationship to the angelic powers and look to them as God's messengers and servants. We pray on the feast of St. Michael and all the holy angels.

"O princes of the armies of God, servants of the divine glory, guardians of human creatures and leaders of the heavenly hosts, intercede for us that we may obtain what is good for us, and seek abundant mercy for us, for you are the princes of the heavenly armies." (Kontakion for the feast).

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.