

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!*

**Schedule of Divine Services**

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

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

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Web Liturgy for Week of September November 12, 2023 sponsored by

**John and Beverly Woessner**

*Sanctuary Candle* is lit from November 5 - 18

**Anniversary Intention of Steven & Lorraine Dumblosky**

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

Saturday, November 18 **5:00 PM +Magdaline Ostheim by Elaine & Jane Savko**

Sunday, November 19 **9:00 AM +Joan Bodnar by Irene Grzyb & Theresa Kiska**

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,530.00
Maintenance Fund	842.00
Holy Day	90.00
Archdiocesan Charities	415.00
Candles	88.33
Loose Cash	20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,985.33</b>

**Special Donation: \$75 in Memory of +Ronald Lutka by George Janocsko**

*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**

- 12 Basil Wahal
- 14 Andrew Fedoris, Sr.
- 14 Edward Stasko
- 16 Steven & Lorraine Dumblosky (Anniversary)
- 17 Joseph Perhach
- 17 Raymond Perhach
- 17 Betsy Raget
- 17 Lawrence & Ellen Krysinski (Anniversary)
- 18 Anna Marie Chekan

**In person Attendance:** *Saturday, November 4: 43; Sunday, November 5: 57*

**Live Stream Viewing:** *Saturday, November 4: 21 (WS); 11 (FB)*  
*Sunday, November 5: 49 (WS); 30 (FB)*

## **MANY YEARS**

Our Parish Family extends its prayerful best wishes to **Bishop Robert M. Pipta**, newly ordained bishop for the Eparchy of Parma. *May God grant to His servant, Bishop Robert, peace, health and happiness for many years!*

## **VISIT BY BISHOP NIL OF MUKACHEVO**

**Bishop Nil Luschak, OFM**, Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy of Mukachevo, Sub-Carpathia Ukraine will celebrate the Divine Liturgy in Slavonic on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at the Cathedral. In addition a moleben to Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore Romzha will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m. with Bishop Nil as guest homilist. The surrounding parishes and public are invited. A reception with light refreshments will follow the moleben.

## **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**

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

***NO USED ITEMS ARE BEING ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.***

## VETERANS DAY

On November 11 our country honors all our military personnel, deceased or alive, who have served our country in war and peace. So today, our Parish Family pays tribute to all our veterans who have served and serve our country.

### *Living*

Clement Berovik	Navy
Robert Bodnar	Navy
Martin Bovee Sr.	Air Force
Chance Champion	Coast Guard
Bernard E. Ducar	National Guard
John Ducar	Army
Joseph Filko	Marines
Richard Gomolak	Army
Nicholas Havrilla	Air Force
William Ondo	Army
Raymond Perhach	Army
Nicholas Pieper	Army
Michael Pochron	Air Force
John Raget	Army
William Sabo	Army
Nicholas Sowko	Army

### *Deceased*

+Louis Balazs	Army
+Edward Berovik	Army
+Joseph Berovik	Merchant Marines
+Albert Bodnar	Navy
+Edward Borsh	Army
+Robert Cosgrove	Navy
+Michael Ducar	Army
+John W. Ducar	Army
+Joseph Ducar	Navy
+Leonard Ducar	Army
+John Filko	Air Force
+Michael Filko	Army
+Andy Harhai	Army
+William Edward Hilla	Army
+Richard Lesko	Army
+Paul Mitrick	Army
+Michael Mihalchik, Jr.	Navy
+Donald Ondo	Air Force
+John Ondo	Army
+Robert Ondo	Army
+Andrew Perhach	Army
+Michael Stofko	Air Force
+Edward Szerbin	Army
+Michael Szerbin	Army
+Michael Tima	Army
+Steve Tima, Sr.	Navy
+Michael Totin, Sr.	Army
+Nicholas Winowich	Army

***THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VETERANS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY!***



# Attentive to the Word

*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Ephesians 2: 14-22*

*Luke 10: 25-37*

The lawyer in today's gospel is not to be confused with the lawyers of our day. He was a student of the Torah--a word which is more properly translated as "instruction" or "revelation." Today, he would be called a theologian. And he asks the question that is primary in the mind of every theologian, namely, how do we human beings achieve the fulfillment intended by our creator? Jesus gives the classic answer from Deuteronomy 6: 5 (love of God) and Leviticus 19: 18 (love of neighbor). Everything else is secondary. Jesus moves quickly then to illustrate the practical implications of these commands in the story of the Good Samaritan. The contrast drawn is dramatic: the priest and Levite belong to the class of professional men of religion whereas the Samaritan is a member of that generally despised and uneducated group of Jews who were left in Palestine during the Exile and whose religious "purity" was highly suspect. According to Jesus' story, however, it is this religious outcast who has understood the real meaning of the Torah while the professional practitioners of religion seem concerned only about the external, ritual elements of Judaism. As in the case of the Publican and the Pharisee, Jesus is not suggesting that one should become a Publican or a Samaritan. Rather, he insists that we should be authentic persons who know how to observe the spirit of our religion and not just its externals.

We should note, first of all, that this is only a story. The fact that it never really happened should cause us to focus on its powerful symbolic message. As such, it offers us a sharp lesson about the danger of hypocritical behavior. It is relatively easy to claim an office or a title or to hold a membership card, but the only proof of one's religious sincerity and authenticity is the way in which one's religious profession actually changes one's behavior. In this story, the new behavior is to respond to need regardless of whether we think the one in need deserves our help. Observing religious rituals or even receiving the Eucharist can unfortunately co-exist with self-centeredness and rash judgment.

Real conversion demands that our following of Christ include our determination to offer help to others to the best of our ability, which usually means doing all that we think we can...and then a little bit more! Such Christian behavior does not mean that we should become doormats or must cater to obsessive-dependents. But it does mean that we should be sensitive to the often-hidden needs of others and ready to help in any way we can. Real love will know how to do this wisely and effectively. We should also note that when obviously Christian persons do not act in accordance with the ideals taught by Jesus, they scandalize others who may well reject Christianity because they are so repelled by those

who proclaim themselves Christians. We all recall the challenging words of Jesus: "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

*By Fr. Demetrius R. Dumm, O.S.B.*

## **NATIVITY (PHILIP'S) FAST**

November 15 begins the period of fasting in preparation for the feast of the Birth of Our Lord. Traditionally, this penitential season is called the Philip's Fast, because it begins on November 15, the day after the Feast of St. Philip and 40 days before the Nativity of Our Lord.

During this fast no particular penitential acts are required by law, but the faithful are encouraged to keep this season holy. By tradition Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are especially observed by abstinence from certain foods, most notably meat. In the very least, you are encouraged to abstain from meat on Fridays.

A period of penance, of course, means more than just abstaining from food. More time should be allowed for prayer, attending pre-Nativity services, and for acts of charity to others.

The "Christmas Spirit" will have a special meaning for believers, especially if our celebration of Christ's birth marks a time of growth in spirit, a permanent improvement in our life of faith and love for others. This holy season, above all, should be a time of kindness and joy, marked by abstinence from hurting others, from deceit, gossip, anger, quarrelling, and all other vices which arise from the tongue. It was also the custom for the faithful to receive the Mystery of Reconciliation during this Fast to purify themselves for the great Feast. You are encouraged to do so.

It may seem difficult to keep this fast today. The pre-Nativity time is a period of merriment and parties. Yet, the Church points to a deeper spiritual meaning of Christmas, that on this day God the Son and Word emptied Himself to take flesh as a man. As St. Paul said, "He made himself poor though He was rich, so that you might become rich by His poverty." (1Corinthians 8:9). This penitential season, then, is an invitation by the Church to humble ourselves in some small way, in imitation of Christ so that we might receive on Christmas Day God's greatest gift – His Only-begotten Son, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## 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.