



July 30, 2017
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Liturgical Schedule

July 29 (Sat)	Divine Liturgy <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Belak Family</i>	5:00pm
July 30 (Sun)	EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
	Divine Liturgy <i>Intention of our Parish Family</i>	10:30am
July 31 (Mon)	Divine Liturgy	8:30am
Aug. 5 (Sat)	Divine Liturgy <i>+Douglas Liebel req by Janet & David Yarosik</i>	5:00pm
Aug. 6 (Sun)	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD	
	Divine Liturgy <i>+Bryan Mihalick (41st Birthday) req by George & Diane Mihalick</i>	10:30am



IMPORTANT SURVEY

There is an important meeting coming up next year called the **Synod of Bishops**. This meeting takes place in Rome and involves select bishops from around the world who meet with Pope Francis to discuss matters of great importance for the Church.

This meeting will focus on youth and young people in the Church. In preparation for this meeting, bishops are asked to survey the people in their diocese/eparchy to obtain their input.



In our Archeparchy, parishioners are invited to participate in a survey so that Archbishop William may speak clearly on behalf of the people of our Archeparchy.

To participate in this survey, please go to the Archieparchial website: **archpitt.org** and click on the tab for “**Survey**.” This survey is open to all, and the younger members of our parish are strongly encouraged to participate. This is your chance to clearly offer your thoughts and opinions and hopefully help the Archbishop to represent the views of all.



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of July 30 thru Aug. 5 for +Douglas Liebel req by daughter Janet Belliveau Yarosik.

Our Tithe to our Parish
July 23, 2017 — \$2,463.50



Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.

James Abraham, Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Rosella Busko, Marian Campbell, Ted Druga, John Fekete, Fr. Edward Lucas, Carl Magdic, Fran Mogush, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko, Maria Rusinko, Ed Suzina, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, John Voron Sr.

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Listening in on Pope Francis

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to get to know people,
listen, expand the circle of ideas.
The world is crisscrossed by roads
that come closer together and
move apart, but the important thing is
that they lead towards the Good.**



Today’s Gospel recounts Christ’s miraculous feeding of the five thousand in the wilderness. This reading, full of insight, can teach many valuable lessons in regard to what it is to be a Christian; far too many for a simple reflection. To narrow things down a bit, we need to focus on Christ and his willingness to go above and beyond for no other reason than to care for those around him.

At the outset of the reading, we are told Christ was with a sizable crowd and, having compassion on them, he healed the sick among them. Once Christ’s work had run its course, the disciples were fine with simply dismissing the hungry crowd that they may go and fend for themselves to find food. Christ simply replies “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” (Mt 14:16) Dismayed at the little food they have for so many people, the disciples turn to Christ who then blesses what the disciples have brought him. Miraculously, all eat and there is food to spare. This is exactly how we must approach our lives of service as Christians.

Sure, we may do wonderful things such as volunteering for service groups, visiting the homebound or donating to our parish and other charitable organizations. These are all good things but, just as Christ, is our work truly ever done? Should we allow someone to go hungry simply because our hours at the soup kitchen have been fulfilled for the week? The answer is simply no. As Christ, we need to have compassion for our neighbor regardless of our own limitations. More so, as the disciples, we must turn to Christ and ask for strength when we know that we just no longer have enough to give. Today’s Gospel truly exhibits a core ideal of Christian life: we look toward Christ and Christ works through us and with us that we may demonstrate love and compassion for our neighbor. Going above and beyond our own limits for the sake of others may inspire others, just as Christ, to do the same. What wonderful possibilities may arise!

[Seminarian Paul West]