



OCTOBER 3, 2021

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Parish Schedule

- Oct. 2 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
+Ruth Ann Seech req by Michael & Shirley Andreyko
- Oct. 3 (Sun) NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Intention of the Parish Family
- Oct. 9 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
+Eugene Heinack req by Michael & Arlene Dzura
- Oct. 10 (Sun) TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+George & Ann Lucas req by Family

Our Tithe to our Parish - Sept. 26, 2021 - \$1,186.00

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 Oct. 3 thru Oct. 9 for +Joseph Hreha. "Eternal Memory"



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.



Tillie Abraham, Ron Bishop, George Bodnar, Jude Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick, Kevin Ianni, Ted Race, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr.

PARISH PIROHY PROJECT

- Mon. Oct. 4 - - - - -9:00am - Making potato / cheese**
- Tues. Oct. 5 - - - - - 9:00am - Making potato /cheese , and lekvar**
- Fri. Oct. 8 - - - - - 10:00am - Sale**

Donations of bottled water would be appreciated.

If you are full vaccinated you will not need to wear a mask.

Social distancing will be in place with more tables arranged to maintain social distancing.

If you have not been fully vaccinated you must wear a mask and provide proof of negative testing within the past 24 hours.

These precautions may seem conservative, however considering the age of those offering their time and commitment to resuming our pirohy project, we must employ safe and healthy practices for all.

Thank you for complying with these instructions and we look forward to welcoming everyone back.



EA MARCHING BAND SHOE DRIVE UPDATE



Tuesday, September 28 marked one month since the EA Marching Band kicked off their shoe drive fundraiser. Their goal is to collect 2500 pairs of shoes by the end of October. A successful Drive Thru event last weekend has helped them bring their total to 1,075 pairs of shoes. There are only four weeks to go in this fundraiser, so if you have any shoes to give, please drop them off. The generosity of the community is really keeping the momentum going. Thank you to everyone who has shown their support. Only 1,400 pairs to go!

THE SOWER AND THE SEED

The parable of the Sower and the Seed is one of those beloved stories that most of us have heard many times, even from our early years. Obviously, it must have grasped the imagination of the people to whom Jesus first preached it ... and to the rest of the early Christian community. People, for whom farming was one of the major occupations, would have easily related to the story.



For not every seed that is planted bears fruit ... especially given the method of planting that was used in ancient Palestine. Contrary to our methods today ... they first scattered the seed ... then they plowed over the land. It was only natural that some of the seed would have landed along footpaths and in soil that was not very good or very deep. Yet, some of it would indeed land in good soil ... and these seeds would bring about a rich harvest.

The way that the Gospel-writer Luke situates this parable ... the stories he tells both before and after it ... help us to see his particular emphasis.

In contrast to the other Gospel-writers, Luke stresses the role of *faith* in the response of Christians. In the explanation of the parable, he states that

... those on the footpath are people who hear,
but the devil comes and takes the word out of
their hearts lest they believe and be saved ... (Luke 8.12)

You see, we can never take anything for granted! Even if we already have something ... there is no guarantee that we will keep it forever. We can lose that which we have initially been given or what we think we may have. The different soils had the seed ... but they lost it. It is only when we are obedient in faith that we may keep that which we have been given.