



September 6, 2020

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Parish Schedule

- Sept. 5 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**  
*+Susan Sabol req by Michael & Arlene Dzura*
- Sept 6 (Sun) FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Divine Liturgy 10:30am**  
*+Mary Soltis req by Ann Dole and Family*
- Sept 7 (Mon) LABOR DAY**
- Sept 8 (Tue) FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS**  
**Divine Liturgy 7:00pm**  
*+Mary Soltis req by Chet & Terri Czarniak*
- Sept 12 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**  
*+Carl Magdic req by Family*
- Sept 13 (Sun) SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**  
**Divine Liturgy 10:30am**  
*+Ruth Seech req by Norman & Eileen Heinack*

Our Tithe to our Parish - August 30, 2020 - \$3,279.00

To all those who have been so faithful in your donations, especially during these trying times, we offer a huge Thank You! Our parishioners have been very conscious in the support of our church that allows us to continue to meet our expenses and even the extra items that come up.



Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of September 6 thru September 12 for the health and welfare of all students returning to school.

*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, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, Jude Bodnar,  
Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Kevin Ianni, Ted Race,  
Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Rose Marie Rupnik, Joseph Rusinko Sr.



Forgot your face mask?

We have masks available in entrance to church.

### VOTING

Even though November seems to be a long time away, it is not too soon to begin to think about our responsibility as citizens to vote.



With our many concerns about the pandemic, many are looking at the option of voting by mail. And with the current questions and disruptions with the United States Postal Service, it is not too soon to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot.

Please go to: [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com) and you can ask for either a **Mail-in-Ballot** or an **Absentee Ballot**. Then follow the instructions on the forms.

### REMINDER

The Divine Liturgy is live-streamed on the parish Facebook page each Sunday at 10:30am.

This is a way of our parish reaching out to others who may be interested in our parish and our way of evangelizing both the local community as well as those who are interested from a distance.

Be sure to let your family and friends know about this.





**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**86th Pilgrimage - Mount St. Macrina**

It is our prayer that you can join us virtually for the 86th Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on September 5 and 6. You can do this by going to our YouTube channel at Basilians - Uniontown PA to view some services and programs that we have recorded for you. **The direct link will be put on Facebook and at [www.sistersofstbasil.org](http://www.sistersofstbasil.org).**

Due to the current COVID-19 conditions and in an effort to responsibly care for the safety of everyone, please note that we will not be permitting groups of any size to gather on the grounds of Mount St. Macrina over the Labor Day weekend. This includes the Religious Gift Shop and the Shrine which will be closed.

No buildings and/or restrooms will be open for visitors since we do not have the means to assure proper and complete sanitizing.

Although we are disappointed that we cannot provide a welcoming hospitality, we are also mindful of our responsibility to foster the health and wellbeing of all .

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION!**



***NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD***

*This is the day of the Lord:  
 Rejoice, therefore, O nations!  
 Behold, the chamber of Light  
 and the scroll of the living Word  
 has come forth from the womb.  
 The gate that opens to the Rising Sun  
 and is ready for the entrance of the High Priest,  
 is here today.  
 She is the only one who introduced Christ,  
 and Christ alone, into the world  
 for the salvation of our souls.*

Feastdays are wonderful opportunities to gain insights into our faith!

No matter who it is that we honor on a feast, the focus is always on the Lord our God.



It may be a feast of the Lord himself ... a feast of the Mother of God ... or even a feast of one of the many saints. But the focus is clearly on the Lord. The saints are *channels* or *avenues* that lead us to the Lord. But they never take the place of the Lord.

This week we celebrate the birth of Mary, the Mother of God. In the hymn from this feast quoted above, we see the focus clearly in the first line ... *This is a day of the Lord!* This is the reason that we can rejoice ... for it is a day of the Lord!

Then we begin to see the role of Mary ... she is the **chamber** in which Christ the Light dwells ... she is the **scroll** upon which the living Word is written ... she is the **gate** through which passes Christ, the Rising Sun. Mary is then extolled as the one, and the only one, who introduced Christ into the world. This is the reason for her greatness ... she is honored because of her relationship to Christ ... and all honor returns to him.

If we look at any of the icons of Mary, we see that she always directs our focus to Christ ... either by gesturing with her hands ... or by simply presenting Christ to us. This is her role, and it is the role of all the saints ... to lead us closer in union with Christ.