



February 10, 2019
Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Liturgical Schedule

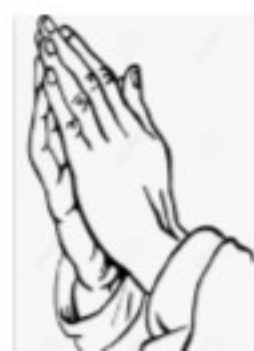
Feb. 9 (Sat) Divine Liturgy	5:00pm
<i>+Stephen & Margaret Muchoney req by Steve & Judi Muchoney</i>	
Feb. 10 (Sun) Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee Divine Liturgy	10:30am
<i>+James Abraham req by parish family</i>	
Feb. 12 (Tues) Parish Advisory Board Meeting	6:30pm
Feb. 16 (Sat) Divine Liturgy	5:00pm
<i>+Alfred and Mary Crocker req by Steve & Judi Muchoney</i>	
Feb. 17 (Sun) Sunday of the Prodigal Son Divine Liturgy	10:30am
<i>+Steve & Agnes Babich req by Andy Babich</i>	

Our Tithe to our parish

January 27, 2019: \$1,295.00

February 3, 2019: \$2,564.00

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, Marion Campbell,
 Steve Fekete, Kevin Ianni, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi,
 Joseph Rusinko Sr., Sue Sabol, Ruth Seech, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis,
 Margaret Weber, Debbie Vasko, John Voron Sr.

Prayerful Condolences

Please remember Tillie and Diana Abraham in your prayers. Tillie's son James fell asleep in the Lord suddenly this past week. May the Lord God give peace and consolation to the bereaved family, and may He grant to his departed servant +James a peaceful repose and eternal memory.



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 February 10 thru February 16 for +Steve and Agnes Babich. *"Eternal Memory"*

FAST FREE WEEK

If you look at your church calendar, you will notice that there are no "fish" symbols for this week. Yes, this is correct. It is not a misprint. The week of the Publican & Pharisee is a fast free week; that is, there is no fasting at all even on Friday.

So, as we are approaching the Great Fast (yes, it is already that time!), enjoy this week free from fasting.



INCOME TAX SERVICE

The **North Huntingdon** site for the **free income tax service** provided by AARP's Tax-aide has relocated from the North Huntingdon Townhouse to the lower level of the **Norwin Community Resource Center** which is located behind Shirley's Funeral Home in Circleville. This site will now be a **"by appointment" site** and you must make your **appointment by calling 724-382-5133**. The Resource Center address is 231 Jennie Drive, N. Huntingdon, Pa. 15642. If you need directions, ask when you call for an appointment.



"If I count my blessings and some of them are heavily taxed, do they still count as blessings?"

MOUNT SAINT MACRINA

HOUSE OF PRAYER

Program Schedule

724-438-7149

Bread Baking Retreat

Sr. Carol Petrasovich, OSBM

**Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019 or
Saturday, March 16, 2019**

10:00am - 1:30pm Lunch included

Offering: \$20

Registration Due: Feb. 11

It's back, Sr. Carol's much requested

Bread Baking Retreat!

*Enjoy making a loaf of Lenten bread in a
Creative, relaxing and prayerful atmosphere.*

Limited to 8 participants.

Spring Spiritual Reading Series

Sr. Barbara Jean Mihalchick, OSBM

**“SACRED THRESHOLD:
Crossing The Inner Barrier
To A Deeper Love”**

(By Paula D'Arcy)

March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2019

Mondays, 10:00 - 11:30am

Free Will Offering - Registration Due: March 11

Stories of healing and love.

Read, Delve, Share!

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

Jesus is the *light that came into the world ... the light that shines on in darkness ... a darkness that did not overcome it.*

All of us who are his followers are called to live in that light ... the light that is magnificently seen in the brightness of the radiant celebration of the Resurrection!

Who can ever forget the brightness and joy of the Paschal celebration of the Byzantine Tradition! It is the center of our life and the high point of our liturgical year.

But ... to arrive at that light ... we must make a journey ... from the darkness that often surrounds us ... into the marvelous light of the Resurrection.

To use a weak human analogy ... we are called to discard the darkness that covers us (because darkness only absorbs light ... it does not reflect it) ... and become as radiant as crystal that gives us the full spectrum of light.

The pre-Lenten season as well as the Great Fast itself is given to us as a time of purification ... a cleansing of all that keeps us from shining brightly with the light of Christ.

The Gospels of these pre-Lenten Sundays offer us images of different types of sinners (darkness). Zacchaeus ... who does not know if he has sinned; the Publican ... who definitely knows that he has sinned; the Pharisee ... who sees himself as sinless; and the Prodigal Son ... who goes to the extreme in sin.

They give us different models of coming to know their inner darkness (except the Pharisee!) ... and they show us the different paths we take to return to the light.

