



February 13, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Parish Schedule

Feb. 12 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Steve & Agnes Babich req by Andy Babich

Feb. 13 (Sun) SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Margaret Ferencz req by Kevin & Karen Ianni

Feb. 19 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Robert Butella req by Bill & Denice Wasko

Feb. 20 (Sun) SUNDAY OF MEATFARE
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Ralph DiBridge, Sr. req by Keven & Karen Ianni

Our Tithe to our Parish - February 6, 2022 - \$2,671.00

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 Feb. 13 thru Feb. 19 for +Peter Jackowski, Sr. *“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, Monica Boggs, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick, Kevin Ianni, Fr. John Petro, Ted Race, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr.

A special thank you !!

A special “thank you” to the Greek Catholic Union. Because of their matching fund policy of adding to our fund raising project (pirohi), we recently received a check in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Tax time is drawing near.

If you would like your total donation amount for the year 2021, please drop a note in the collection basket. Also, please specify if you would like to pick it up or would you like it to be mailed.

Our parish has been fortunate to have Seminarian Joshua assisting with the liturgical duties on Sundays. The seminarians are assigned to parishes only once per month on Sunday mornings, but Seminarian Joshua has chosen to make St. Stephen the parish of record for him and his family (wife Regina and three-year old twin daughters Ana and Linnea) which means they attend more frequently. He is in his first year at the seminary and his family is from Tucson, Arizona.



On January 19, Joshua and Regina welcomed a new baby, Xenia Josefina. In celebration of this new arrival, our parish will be taking a collection for the family. During the next couple of weekends, you can place any contributions in the basket in an envelope marked “Special Collection” on the front. If the gift is by check, please make it payable to Joshua Johnson. Please do not make it payable to St. Stephen. In addition, there will be a special collection box in the education wing if you also would like to give a gift to baby Xenia.

Xenia is going to be baptized at St. Stephen and details will be made available.

Thank you,

Fr. John and the Parish Advisory Committee

HARAMOTY REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEPARTED



Each year we remember the departed members of our families, loved ones and parish in a series of commemorations in and around the Great Fast season. These are called the Saturdays of the Departed.

In your box of church envelopes, there is one marked for the “Hramoty,” the Remembrance of the Departed. If you have

listed names in the past, we have those on record. If you wish to add to or change your list, you may do so at this time. If you would like to make your donation by check, please pay to the order of Father John Petro.

Listening in on the Pope

“Proclaiming Christ means showing that to believe in and to follow him is not only something right and true, but also something beautiful, capable of filling life with new splendor and profound joy, even in the midst of difficulties.”

Pope Francis

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Can you recall one of the worst moments of your life?

A time when you felt so low that you had to look up to see the bottom ... a time when you felt that you had completely ruined your life ... or whenever everything you had worked for seemed to fall apart ... a time when your self-image hit bottom ... when everything around you seemed to crumble ...

Okay ... by now you get the picture.

This is the image of the son in today’s Gospel reading. He was a young man in the prime of life ... and he had already asked his father for his part of the family inheritance ... he had taken the money (undoubtedly against the advice of his father and everyone around him) ... and had squandered it on foolish living ... spending it on people he probably did not even know.

But, ah! ... he was young ... and sometimes it is hard for us in our youth to imagine that we could be wrong! We must live for the moment ... you only go around once!



And now he was broke ... and all his supposed friends had disappeared as quickly as his money had run out ... he was hungry ... and lonely ... and afraid. The world can be very cruel and threatening at moments such as these.

There he was ... a Jew ... in a pagan land ... feeding pigs!!! Of all animals, this one was considered unclean for Jews ... unfit to eat or be near. And here he was ... feeding them ... and wishing he could even *share some of their food!* It is hard to imagine going lower than this!

It was at that moment that he remembered ... the last warm and loving memory that remained in the recesses of his heart ... his father ... the very memory of his father spoke to him of love ... and he knew he could go back home.

This is Jesus’ image of God ...