



January 14, 2018
32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

Liturgical Schedule

Jan. 13 (Sat) Divine Liturgy	5:00pm
<i>Intention of our Parish Family</i>	
Jan. 14 (Sun) 32nd Sunday after Pentecost	
Sunday of Zacchaeus	
ECF Classes	9:00am
Divine Liturgy	10:30am
<i>+Theodore Druga req by Ann & Michael Andrejczak</i>	
St. Stephen Dinner	12:00noon
Jan. 15 (Mon) Divine Liturgy	8:30am
<i>+Ann Frenzel req by Albert & Helen Ferencz</i>	
Jan. 17 (Wed) Divine Liturgy	8:30am
<i>+Ronald Janov req by Donald & Carole Janov</i>	
Jan. 19 (Fri) Divine Liturgy	8:30am
<i>+Nancy Voron req by John P. Foley</i>	
Jan. 20 (Sat) Divine Liturgy	5:00pm
<i>+Theodore Druga req by Mike & Shirley Andreyko</i>	
Jan. 21 (Sun) Sunday of The Publican & Pharisee	
Divine Liturgy	10:30am
<i>+Anna Marie Borosky req by Pat Pierro</i>	



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 Jan. 14 thru Jan. 20 for the health and well-being of John and Audrey Churma..

January 7, 2018
Our Tithe to our Parish—\$2,417.50



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, Marion Campbell, John Fekete, Carl Magdic, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko, Sue Sabol, Ed Suzina, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, John Voron Sr.

A HUGE THANK YOU!



Fr Ed Lucas' long-time care-giver, Connie Dubyak, expresses a heartfelt Thank You to all of our parishioners who sent cards of prayers and good wishes to Fr Ed while he was in the hospital and in the various rehabilitation centers. They were certainly an inspiration to him, and to her also.

She said many times over that the welcome, the warmth and the support that they received since coming to our parish has been overwhelming. This is certainly one of the hallmarks of a healthy parish. Let us always continue to reach out to those in need of our prayers and support.

BEVERLY'S BIRTHDAYS

We will still be accepting donations for Beverly's Birthdays next weekend. I will be calling around the 15th to schedule a drop off of the items we have collected. Thank you again for your support.. Kristen Keleschenyi

2018 Envelopes and Calendars

The donation envelopes and the church calendars are now available in the Educational Wing of the church. If there are any question or names missing, there is a sheet available to make any comments or changes.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Today, Metropolitan William will ordain Deacon Vitalii Stashkevich to the Priesthood at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Munhall PA. Deacon Vitalii will be yet another priest who has come from Eastern Europe to assist in serving our parishes.



With the shortage of vocations from our own Church here in the United States (and this is a sad commentary on the life of our Church!), we are grateful for the young men (and their wives) who are coming here to offer their services.

Let us pray for all of them as they seek to adjust to a new culture, a new way of life and a new experience of Church.

BLESSING OF HOMES

The blessing of homes began right after the feastday and the solemn blessing of water. A schedule will be made for all those who request Father John to visit them for this blessing, and you will be notified as to the day and time of Father John's visit.

As is customary for this blessing, a table should be prepared with a candle, and icon or cross, and some of the blessed water. There will be a short service in which all participate, and this is followed by the sprinkling of the home with the Jordan water. In this way, the blessing of the Jordan is carried to the various corners of our parish.



If Father John is not coming to your home, you may still take some of the water and sprinkle each of the rooms of your home ... thus extending the blessings of this feast into your own homes.

WHO, THEN, CAN BE SAVED...?

Remember the story of the rich man who came to Jesus ... asking about eternal life. Jesus spoke to him about letting go of what had hold on him ... and the man became sad, since he had many possessions (which, in reality, possessed him). Then Jesus said that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Those standing about and listening then asked Jesus: *Who, then, can be saved?*

Today's Gospel, the story of Zacchaeus, is part of Jesus' response to that question.



Zacchaeus was quite different from the man mentioned above ... for that man "kept the commandments" and could be considered righteous. But he could not do the "one thing necessary" ... that is, he could not give his life over to Jesus and, as a sign of this, let go of his possessions.

Zacchaeus, on the other hand, was regarded as a sinner because of his job ... he was hired by a foreign government to collect taxes from his own people. So they quite naturally saw Zacchaeus as another of the unrighteous and the sinners.

But, appearances can be deceiving!

Zacchaeus was quite willing to share his possessions with the poor ... and he does this, not just once in a while, but on a regular basis. And if he discovers that he has cheated anyone, he repays them fourfold.

Who, then, can be saved?

Salvation depends, not on outward appearances ... but on the disposition of our heart ... those who are generous of heart indeed find joy in the Lord!