



November 24, 2019

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Parish Schedule**

**Nov 23 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**  
*+Alfred & Mary Crocker req by Steve & Judi Muchoney*

**Nov 24 (Sun) Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Children's ECF 9:00am**  
**Divine Liturgy 10:30am**  
*+Mary Soltis req by Michael & Ann Andrejcak*  
**ECF Teachers Meeting 12:00 noon**

**Nov 28 (Thu) THANKSGIVING DAY**  
**Divine Liturgy 9:00am**  
*Intention of our Parish Family*

**Nov 30 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**  
*Intention of our Parish Family*

**Dec 1 (Sun) Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**No Children's ECF**  
**Divine Liturgy 10:30am**  
*+Marie Shepherd req by Ann & Michael Andrejcak*

Our Tithe to our Parish - November 17, 2019 - \$3,407.00  
Profit from November Pirohi Sale - \$4,276.00



*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, Jude Bodnar,  
Marion Campbell, Steve Fekete, Kevin Ianni, Clarence Rizzi,  
Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr, Sue Sabol, Ruth Seech, Debby Vasko



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 Nov 24 thru Nov. 30 for +Fr. Richard Whetstone. *"Eternal Memory"*

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**GOD WITH US Online — Adult ECF**



The Directors of Religious Education for all the Eastern Catholic Churches in the U.S. are excited to announce five live webinars this year.

These live webinars are offered free of charge in the months September to January.

They will address topics such as:

- Preparing for the Feast of the Nativity
- The Mystery of Initiation & Identity of the People of God

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to grow in our faith, our life and our spiritual understanding.

Details and descriptions of these webinars, as well as registration information, have been sent to all on our parish email list. If by chance you did not receive this info, please contact Fr John as soon as possible so that you do not miss out on this marvelous opportunity. Or, alternatively, register at: [EasternCatholic.org/Events](http://EasternCatholic.org/Events).

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## ST STEPHEN PARISH DINNER



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Last Sunday was a truly enjoyable afternoon for those who were able to attend the Annual St Stephen Parish Dinner. Good company, lively conversation, sharing family news and re-telling of old stories, and a beautiful concert by the Mon-Yough Chorale topped off dessert and the gathering. All this provided the atmosphere for a warm and friendly afternoon. And, for those unable to attend, we missed you



### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The East Wind Symphony and the Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archdiocesan Choir present *Holiday Sounds: A Christmas Cookie Cabaret*, Sunday, 15 December, 2019 at 3:30 pm at St John Cathedral Center, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall PA.

Admission is free but donations are welcome.

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## THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day ...

St. Nicholas ...

Pre-Nativity season ...

The coming weeks are filled with images of giving thanks ... of reaching out to share with others, especially the needy ... of being both grateful and generous.

This is quite a recipe for a style of life during this pre-Nativity season. It all seems to blend quite well into a way of living the Gospels in the spirit of this season of the year.



We begin with Thanksgiving. It seems to flow from the human heart. When we reflect upon all that we have been given, it seems only natural to want to give thanks. But first, we need to be reflective. We need to look at our lives and recognize all that we have been given.

Our first gift is the gift of life itself! To be alive means to have opportunities! Yes, it is true that we cannot change the whole world around us ... we cannot even change many of the situations in which we live. But every situation is an opportunity ... a chance to grow and develop ... even in situations of pain and suffering. We can come to know the compassion of God.

A healthy outlook on life recognizes the difficulties and dark parts of life ... but also looks for the opportunities that await our discovery. With a healthy perspective, we can then see all sorts of gifts ... people who love us ... a free country in which to live ... ample food and other necessities of life ... opportunities to grow and develop.

Let us all take some time this week to look over our lives ... not just on the surface ... and not just material possessions. Rather, let us look at the life God has given us ... and ask ourselves: "What are the opportunities that God is giving me in my life situation? Where is God calling me?"

A heart that is in touch with God ... is a grateful heart.