



July 26, 2020

*EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

**Parish Schedule**

- July 25 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**  
*Health & Well-Being of Marian Barry (81st "B" Day)*  
*req by Rosanne Novotnak*  
**Blessing of Vehicles**
- July 26 (Sun) EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Divine Liturgy 10:30am**  
*+William Timko req by Eleanor Timko*  
**Blessing of Vehicles**
- Aug 1 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**  
*Jerry & Joy Laukus—Health & Well-Being*  
*req by the Barry & Novotnak Families*
- Aug 2 (Sun) NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Divine Liturgy 10:30am**  
*+Nicholas Pasternak req by the Family*

Our Tithe to our Parish - July 19, 2020 - \$1,907.00

To all those who have been so faithful in your donations, we offer a huge "Thank You"



Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of July 26 thru August 1 for +William Timko. "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.*



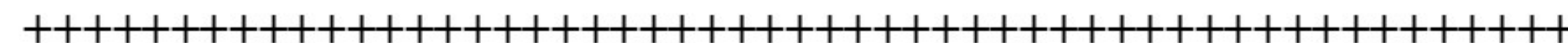
Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, Jude Bodnar,  
Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Kevin Ianni, Ted Race,  
Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Rose Marie Rupnik, Joseph Rusinko Sr.

*WELCOME BACK!*

It is a great joy for us at St Stephen Parish to welcome back Fr Paul West and his family after his priestly ordination. Fr Paul will celebrate both the Saturday and the Sunday Divine Liturgies this week. He and his family will be making their final move from Pittsburgh back to the Eparchy of Passaic where he will receive a parish assignment from his bishop.

We thank them for their service to our parish over the past four years, and we wish them well as they move on to this next phase of their lives.

My God grant them many blessed years! Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!



*A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE*

Even though it is uncertain at this time if the actual celebration of the wedding anniversaries can be held this year (tentatively scheduled for Sunday, 13 September 2020 at St Elias Church in Munhall) the Archeparchy is still asking for the names of all those celebrating a significant anniversary this year.



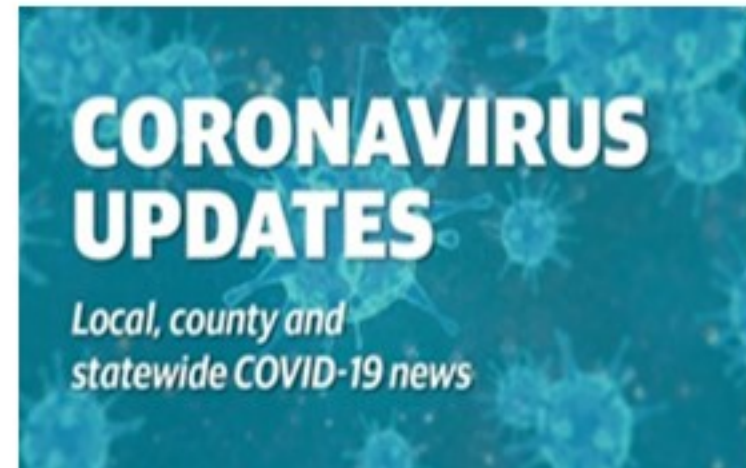
At minimum, honorees will receive anniversary certificates to commemorate this important event. Information must be submitted by July 31.



## PARISH UPDATE

### A FEW NOTES FROM OUR PARISH ...

- ◆ We have now begun to open our Divine Services to all our parishioners. Happily, about half of our usual congregation are joining, but we also realize that many are still not comfortable joining in community Services.



Thus the Divine Liturgy is live-streamed on the parish Facebook page each Sunday at 10:30 am. Thankfully there are quite a few folks who are viewing this page. 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.

- ◆ To insure safety, after each Service, all the pews and often-touched surfaces are wiped down and sanitized so that they are ready for the next Service.
- ◆ All parishioners are wearing masks as required, and Fr John wears a mask both at the Preparation of the Gifts before the Liturgy and also at the time of Communion. Hand sanitizing takes place at the appropriate times.
- ◆ Pews are marked so that appropriate safe-distancing is observed.
- ◆ Hand sanitizers are available at all entrances so that parishioners may cleanse their hands upon entering and exiting the church.

### "HE WAS MOVED WITH PITY..."

In today's Gospel account, we hear the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes by Jesus ... a story that we have heard many times over.

What is striking, though, is *what prompted* Jesus to perform this miracle. Matthew's Gospel tells us that Jesus saw the vast throng ... *and his heart was moved with pity* ... so he first cured their sick.



He was touched by their needs. Even though he had retreated to a deserted place to be alone for a while, he could not insulate himself from the very human needs of the people who came to him. He shows himself to be a *compassionate* person.

Yes, the one who could roar with indignation and cast out the demons that inhabited the two men who dwelled among the tombs ... the one who could rebuke the unbelieving disciples and even call Peter a "Satan" ... was also the compassionate Lord who could be moved with pity at this sight of needy people.

Only later did he ask his disciples to give the folks something to eat. When they protested that they only had a *little bit* of food ... about five loaves and a couple of fish ... Jesus did not tell them to find more. Instead, *he took the little they had* ... and with his blessing, he multiplied this food so that several thousand people ate to their satisfaction.

This same Jesus takes the little we have too ... and his blessing multiplies the little we have until it is enough for us.

At times it might seem that our resources are very limited ... that we just do not have enough to make it. But even the little we have ... when blessed by the Lord Jesus, is somehow made sufficient.