



January 27, 2019

Thirty-Sixth Sunday After Theophany

Liturgical Schedule

- Jan. 26 (Sat) **Divine Liturgy** 5:00pm  
*+Elizabeth Drago req by Don Drago & Family*
- Jan. 27 (Sun) **Thirty-Sixth Sunday After Theophany**  
**Divine Liturgy** 10:30am  
*For the Parishioners*
- Jan. 30 (Wed) **Three Holy Hierarchs**  
**Divine Liturgy** 7:00pm
- Feb. 2 (Sat) **Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon**  
**Divine Liturgy** 5:00pm  
*+Ted Druga*
- Feb. 3 (Sun) **Sunday of Zacchaeus**  
**Divine Liturgy** 10:30am  
*+Carl Magdic*

Our Tithe to our parish  
January 20, 2019: \$2,224.00



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, Steven 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



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 January 27 thru February 2 for the health and well-being of Tillie & Diana Abraham.

A HUGE NOTE OF THANKS

Sunday, January 13, was a wonderful event once again. For all those who were able to participate, it was a time of camaraderie and good will as well as great food, company, and entertainment. It is a sign of the coming together of our parish, and of our growth as a community of faith, worship and fellowship.

(a personal note) Thank you for your well wishes, prayers and Christmas gifts. I deeply appreciate all that my parish family does for me. May God Bless you.

Fr. John

INCOME TAX SERVICE

The North Huntingdon site for the free income tax service provided by AARP's Tax-aid 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.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, I CAN'T CLAIM CHOCOLATE AS A BUSINESS EXPENSE???

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**MOUNT SAINT MACRINA  
HOUSE OF PRAYER**

Program Schedule

724-438-7149

**“WINTER RESPITE”**

*Sr. Carol Petrasovich, OSBM*

**Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019**

10:00am - 1:00pm Includes Lunch

**Offering: \$35 Registration Due: Jan. 30**

*The stillness and unhurried days of Winter are*

*an ideal time to experience*

*“Rest in the Lord.”*

**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.*

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**THE BLIND BEGGAR**

Have you ever watched a race such as a marathon or even the *Tour de France* with all the cyclists? Of course not all of us can participate in such events. But if we are interested in them, people often gather at the side of the road to cheer the participants on as they pass by.

Well, it was a bit like this in today's Gospel reading. Jesus and his disciples were going up to Jerusalem (where the shadow of the cross was already creeping towards them.) There was a group of people walking along with him, and it was usual for a teacher to teach as they went along, teaching as they were walking. The people listened intently because it was not always easy to hear what the rabbi was saying.

When they passed through a village near Jericho, it was common for the villagers to come out to meet them, to listen to the teaching, perhaps to walk along for a while, and this was their way of participating for at least a short time in this journey.

As they passed through this village, a blind beggar was sitting alongside the road. When he heard that it was Jesus passing by, he began to shout out: Jesus, *Son of David, have pity on me!* The people tried to silence him since they could not hear Jesus above his shouting. But the more they protested, the louder he shouted. Finally, Jesus took the man aside and healed him.



This tells us something about prayer. We need to be *persistent*. We need to have the faith and trust to continue to implore God and not give up easily. Yes, our God does hear us; but sometimes perhaps he wants us to stay close to him, and the only way we can do it is by being persistent in our prayer.