



February 28, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Parish Schedule

- Feb. 27 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
+Frank Barry req by Marian Barry (20th Anniversary)
- Feb. 28 (Sun) SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Thomas, Catherine & Jack Wesdock
req by Julee Lindberg Family
- Mar. 5 (Fri) THIRD FRIDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**
Presanctified Liturgy 7:00pm
+Eugene Heinack
HRAMOTY - REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEPARTED
- Mar. 6 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
+Susan Sabol req by Chris & Jamie Fekete
- Mar. 7 (Sun) THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**
Veneration of the Holy Cross
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Thomas, Catherine & Jack Wesdock
Req by Julee Lindberg Family

Our Tithe to our Parish - February 28, 2021 - \$2,252.00

To all those who have been so faithful in your donations, especially during these trying times, we offer a huge Thank You! Our parishioners have been very conscious in the support of our church that allows us to continue to meet our expenses and even the extra items that come up.

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. 28 thru Mar. 6 for +Richard Heckel.



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, George Bodnar ,
Jude Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick,
Kevin Ianni, Ted Race, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi,
Rose Marie Rupnik, Joseph Rusinko Sr.

Prayerful Condolences

In your kindness, would you please remember in your prayers Eugene Heinack. Eugene, the brother of Arlene Dzura and Norman Heinack, fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, February 21.

May the Lord God give his family peace and consolation, and may he grant to his newly departed servant + Eugene eternal rest and blessed repose.

Eternal Memory! "Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat"!

KOLBASSI SALE



Once again the MEN'S CLUB of St Peter & Paul Church in Duquesne will be selling kolbassi for Easter. There will be three varieties available: Plain, Garlic and Cheese, and they sell for \$6.00 per pound

There are sign-up sheets in the entrance to our church. Orders must be made by 21 March and they will be delivered on Palm Sunday weekend, 28 March.

HRAMOTY
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.

As we have done in the past, we shall continue to remember our departed loved ones this year on the particular Friday evenings, following the Presanctified Liturgy.

Mount Macrina House of Prayer
Virtual Online Zoom Programs

CALL TO REGISTER: 724-438-7149.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL TO RECEIVE YOUR LINK AS THE PROGRAMS WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGH ZOOM.
Please share this information with anyone who may be interested.

March 6 **Saturday Morning Lenten Reflection**
Remembering the Future: A Look Back at 2020
10:30 – 11:30 am With Fr John G Petro
Offering: \$10.00 Registration due: March 1

March 23 **Tuesday Evening of Reflection for Women and Men**
Unemployment and Stress
6:30 – 7:30 pm With Ed Horvat, MS, BCC
Offering: \$10.0 Registration due: March 18

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We are already well into the season of the Great Fast ... the time of repentance and renewal of our lives.

The various themes of conversion ... humility ... judgment ... prayer ... fasting ... almsgiving ... have already been announced to us early in the Pre-Lenten season.

There are no new themes to attract our attention now ... rather, it is the time of *deepening* ... the time to let these themes take root in our lives.

Much like the soil in our gardens which is first turned over ... then it is nourished and fertilized ... then the seeds are carefully placed in the ground ... then we must *wait* ... wait for the germination to take place so that growth can begin.

This is the time of waiting ... and deepening ... so that the Lenten themes can germinate within us and growth can begin to take place. There is not a lot new for us to do. Rather, our call is to be *faithful* ... faithful to our Lenten style of life. We must continue to pray and fast ... to attend Church Services and read the Scriptures.

What we begin to experience is a gradual *freedom* ... a being set free from the bonds that have held us fast. Our Lenten discipline begins to set us free from former ways of life that have had a hold on us.

This freedom is also a prelude to our *transformation* ... gradually ... imperceptibly ... we are being transformed and transfigured ... made more God-like. Of course, we do not even see this in the beginning ... at times, we are not even able to see it at all in ourselves. But if we are faithful to our Lenten discipline, you can be sure that a transformation will take place.

Once again, like the plant that emerges from beneath the ground ... it is gently but gradually drawn towards the light of the sun .

The growth is such that we do not see it happen ... but if we wait a few days or a week, we see the results of this growth.

So too, we trust, is this growth and transformation taking place in us.