



JULY 28, 2019
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Liturgical Schedule

July 27 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
Health & Well-Being of Marian Barry (80th Birthday)
Req by Rosanne Novotnak & Family

July 28 (Sun) Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Teresa Spudik req by the Pasternak Family

Aug 3 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Douglas Liebel req of Janet Belliveau Yarosik

Aug 4 (Sun) Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Nicholas Pasternak req by the Pasternak Family

Our Tithe to our Parish—July 21, 2019 - \$1,099.00



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, Mary Soltis, Debbie 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 July 28 thru Aug. 3 for +Remembrance of Goldie Yarosik by son David.

(The sanctuary lamp has many weeks open for special intentions or memorials. If you would like to schedule the lamp, please call the office on Monday mornings to check which weeks are available.)



A Celebration of Marriage

September 8, 2019, 3:00pm—St. Elias Church, Munhall

There will be a Divine Liturgy on September 8, 2019, at 3:00pm at St. Elias Church for those celebrating wedding anniversaries of (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and every 5 years thereafter) in the year 2019.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the office Monday for the necessary information.

If you are not planning to attend, you can still receive an anniversary certificate.

45th Norwin Art League Exhibit



The event will be held at Redstone Highlands Clubhouse in North Huntingdon on September 5-8, 2019. The reception is on September 5th between 7-9PM.

Registration deadline is August 15, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Fenk, Coordinator, NAL Art Exhibit, at 240-731-2838.

Listening in on Pope Francis ...

Pope Francis preached about the importance of the family, which he described as “*the nearest hospital, the first school for the young, and the best home for the elderly*” in front of several hundred thousand worshippers during a tour of South America..



“How many of our adolescents and young people sense that [happiness, love, and plenty] are no longer found in their homes?” Francis asked. “How many women, sad and lonely, wonder when love left, when it slipped away from their lives? How many elderly people feel left out of family celebrations, cast aside and longing each day for a little love?”

Francis said that unemployment, illness and difficult situations which families experience can also lead to a lack of love in the family life.

Within the family, Francis said, no one is disposable, and said that miracles are performed “with what little we have.” Many times, he said, family life is not ideal nor “what we dreamed of,” nor even what “should have been.”

The pope urged society to invest in the family, because despite what statistics say, the richest, deepest, and most beautiful things are yet to come. “The time is coming when we will taste love daily, when our children will come to appreciate the home we share, and our elderly will be present each day in the joys of life,” Francis said.

As expected, at times Francis strayed from his prepared remarks, at one point sharing a personal story about his own childhood.

“When my mom was asked which one of her five children she loved the most, she’d said each one was like a finger: If you pinch one, it hurts as much as if you’d pinched the other,” the pope said, pretending to pinch one of his fingers.

TWO BLIND MEN

Many of us have had the experience of at least a partial loss of vision.

Those of us who wear corrective lenses can undoubtedly remember what it was like before we went to the eye doctor ... straining and squinting to read the chalkboard at school ... signs along the road seemed to be fuzzy and indistinct ... newsprint seemed to be smaller and smaller ... and the fine print on directions was just about impossible to read ... our arms were not long enough to hold them far enough away!

For others in later years, it may have been the problem with cataracts ... and the gradual loss of clear vision.

Remember what it was like to have the doctor try out different lenses on you ... how clear and distinct the letters appeared!

It was as if the whole world was brought into clarity! Everything seemed so distinct and sharp. We noticed so much more that had gradually faded away from our field of vision.



Sight is a precious gift. In the ancient world there were no corrective lenses ... and so when one’s sight was diminished, there was no way to correct it. People were doomed to live in a partially-sighted world. And there were so many diseases caused by the dust and unsanitary conditions ... as well as the glaring bright sun of the Middle-East.

Thus, a number of the healing stories in the Gospels are concerned with blindness. Jesus restores sight ... and often this is an image of faith ... seeing with the *inner eye* ... the spiritual eyes that allowed a person to see and accept Jesus as the Messiah.

As we give thanks for the gift of sight ... we also pray for the inner eyes of spiritual understanding ... that we may truly *see God* in all we do.