



August 29, 2021

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Parish Schedule

Aug. 28 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Charles Zeleznik req by Michael & Arlene Dzura

**Aug. 29 (Sun) FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**
(Voluntary Day of Fasting)
+Susan Sabol req by Kelescheni & Bishop Families

Sept. 4 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Michael Andrejko req by Mike & Shirley Andrejko

**Sept. 5 (Sun) FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**
+George Lucas req by the Pasternak Family

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 August 29 thru Sept. 4 for +Mary Soltis. *“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,, Ron Bishop, George Bodnar, Jude Bodnar,
Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick, Kevin Ianni,
Ted Race, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr.

OUR TITHE TO OUR PARISH

August 15, 2021 - - - - - \$ 770.00

August 22, 2021 - - - - - \$ 1,516.00

Shoe Fundraiser



The East Allegheny Marching Band is preparing to kick off a shoe fundraiser on August 28 running through October 27. They will be collecting gently used shoes (all season men, women and children) in an effort to not only help those in need but to also help their organization earn some much-needed cash coming off of a pandemic year.

Please go through those closets and see what you might be willing to part with. Gently used means no holes or tears; something you would give to a friend.

The band will only have 2 months to reach their goal of 2,500 pairs of shoes. Please help if you can. There will be a donation bin in the education wing. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Keleschenyi at kbishop25@hotmail.com

ANOINTED ... SEALED ... GIVEN THE SPIRIT ...

87th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE



The Sisters of St Basil the Great are pleased to announce that on Sunday, 5 September 2021, the 87th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held at Mount St Macrina. With the theme, “*Mother of Perpetual Help, Our Gentle Protectress,*” the Pilgrimage will be an in-person event and will also be streamed live. Liturgical services will be broadcast at: www.sisersofstbasil.org.

The schedule will include:

9:30 am	Confessions
9:30 am	Matins
11:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Vocations
1:30 pm	Children’s Procession
2:30 pm	Bereavement Session
4:00 pm	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
7:00 pm	Parastas

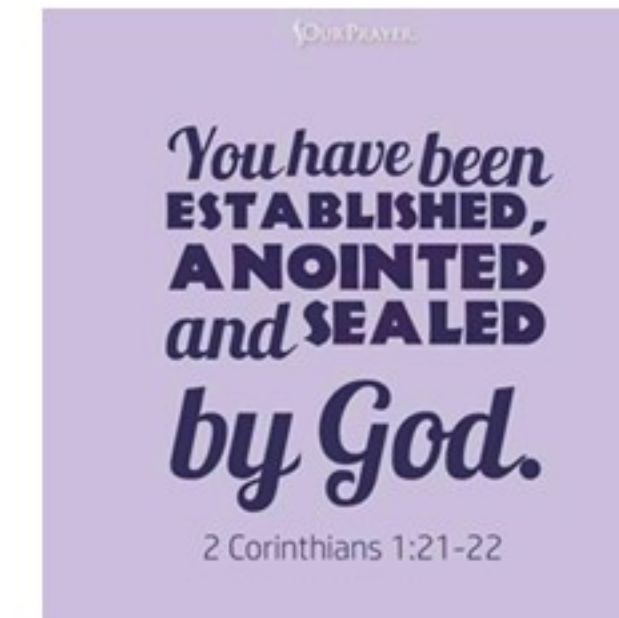
Pilgrims will be asked to wear masks when entering indoor shrines, as well as buildings as the Religious Gift Shop, House of Prayer, restroom facilities, etc.

The history of the Church is a wonderful teacher for us.

It is filled with people ... who are real flesh and blood, just as we are ... and events ... that are as true to life as anything that we experience in our daily lives.

The Church has never been populated with "plaster-of-Paris saints" ... who may be lovely to look at ... but so unreal! And even though we now have icons of the saints ... when they were alive, we must remember that most people did not see them as saints ... this is reserved to those who have spiritually mature eyes!

In a word, The Church has always been real people ... just like us ... with both our good sides as well as our distorted sides!



In his epistle to the Corinthians, for example, St. Paul had to spend some time defending his trustworthiness to this community. He had a change of travel plans ... and thus did not live up to his promise to make another visit to the community at Corinth. Hence, he was accused of not being trustworthy.

In making his defense, Paul calls upon God as his witness ... and as he does so, he also gives us a glimpse into the early Christian community's understanding of life in the Church. He writes:

God is the one who firmly establishes us along with you in Christ; it is he who anointed us and has sealed us, thereby depositing the first payment, the Spirit, in our hearts ...

Here Paul is referring to the experience of baptism ... in which we are anointed (literally, made *Christ-like*) ... sealed with the Holy Spirit ... who is a *pledge ... a down payment ...* of God's continuing, abiding presence in our hearts.

We, who have been baptized, have literally received the Holy Spirit as a *down payment* of God's promise to always be with us.

And, God who has made the down payment ... certainly does not withdraw his gift ... but rather, He continues to increase it.