



November 29, 2020

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Parish Schedule

- Nov. 28 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
Kurt & Rosanne Novotnak (25th Anniversary)
Req by Marian, Marina & Gabby
- Nov. 29 (Sun) TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Ruth Seech req by Ted & Pat Race
- Dec. 5 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
+Anna Liebel req by Janet Belliveau
- Dec. 6 (Sun) TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Nicholas Pasternak req by the Family

Our Tithes to our Parish - November 15, 2020 - \$2,249.00

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 November 29 thru December 5 for +Marian Campbell.

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

Kielbasa Sale

St. Peter & Paul Men’s Club will again be taking orders for Christmas Kielbasa. The price is \$6.00 per pound. Orders must be placed by December 13, 2020. The kielbasa will be delivered to St. Stephen, on the weekend of December 20, 2020. Order sheets are in the vestibule of the church.



IMPORTANT PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT



Recently we have heard of several tragic events in churches in France. Enraged terrorists murdered a number of worshippers. And it was not too long ago that we experienced the heart-breaking murders in the synagogue right here in Pittsburgh. Churches and worshippers have been targeted around the country and around the world.

In light of all this, we have installed all new doors in our church building, steel doors with panic hardware to allow quick and easy exit in time of danger.

We will soon begin another step in our safety and security protocols. About ten minutes after the beginning of each liturgical service, the exterior doors of the church will be locked. You will be able to exit with no problem, but entry will only be allowed by knocking. Better yet, simply come on time!!! There is a security viewing hole in the door so that we may check to see who is outside.

This is to prevent any unwelcome intrusions while we are at worship. It is sad that we must do this, but the safety and security of our parishioners is paramount.

NATIONAL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CONVENTION



About this Event

The **National Byzantine Catholic Convention** took place last weekend in a virtual format. The talks and the panel discussion will soon be available for viewing at home on your computer.

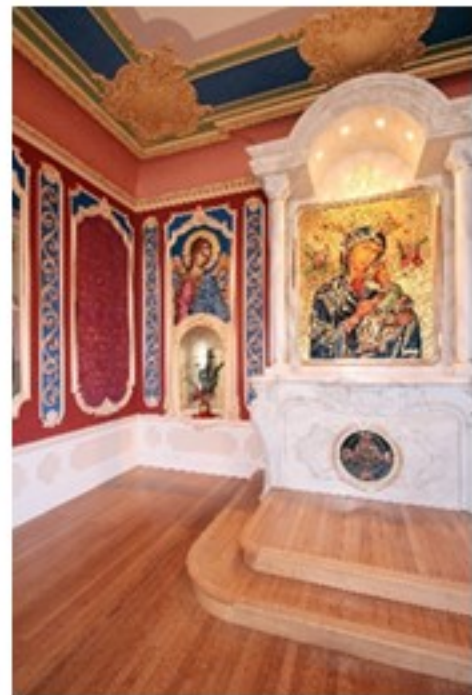
Watch this space in the coming weeks for more information and the ways of accessing these valuable presentations.

Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer

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Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer Announces the Following Virtual Online Zoom Program:

2020-2021 House of Prayer Virtual Program

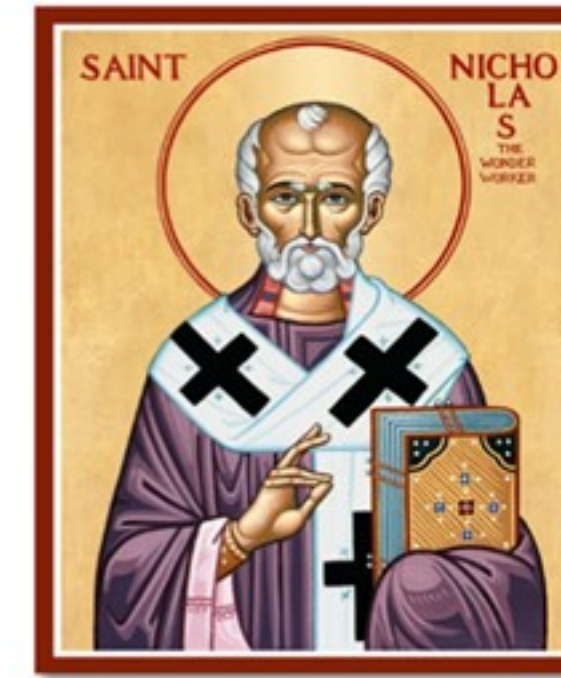


December 13, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Sunday Christmas Preparation Afternoon of Reflection
Conference, Question and Answer Session, Reflection
with Deacon Stephen Russo
Offering: \$10.00 Registration Due: December 6

FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS

It is easy to understand why this holy bishop has become so closely connected with the festival of Christ's birth. The stories about the saint, fabricated and embroidered in Christian imagination over the ages, in various times and places, all tell of the simple faith and love of the man known only for his goodness and love.

The extraordinary thing about the image of Saint Nicholas in the Church is that he is not known for anything extraordinary.



He was not a theologian and never wrote a word ... yet he is famous in the memory of believers as a zealot for the true faith ...

He was not an ascetic and did no outstanding feats of fasting and vigils ... yet he is praised for his possession of the "fruit of the Holy Spirit ... love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" ...

He was not a mystic (in our present meaning of the term) ... yet he lived daily with the Lord and was godly in all of his words and deeds ...

He was not a prophet in the technical sense ... yet he proclaimed the Word of God, exposed the sins of the wicked, defended the rights of the oppressed and afflicted, and battle against every form of injustice with supernatural compassion and mercy ...

In a word, he was a good pastor, father, and bishop to his flock, known especially for his love and care for the poor. Most simply put, he was a divinely good person.

The Messiah has come so that human beings can live lives which are, strictly speaking, humanly impossible. He has come so that people can really be *good*. One of the greatest and most beloved examples among believers that this is true is the holy bishop of Myra ... about whom almost nothing else is known, or needs to be known ... except that he was good. For this reason alone, he remains ... the very spirit of Christmas ...