



SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Parish Schedule

- Sept. 18 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
+Charles Zeleznik req by family
- Sept. 19 (Sun) SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+John & Mary Yarosik req by Geraldine Yarosik
- Sept. 25 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
+Eugene Heinack req by Michael & Arlene Dzura
- Sept. 26 (Sun) EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+John E. Yarosik (Sharkey) req by Geraldine Yarosik

Our Tithe to our Parish - Sept. 12, 2021 - NA

The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week Sept. 19 thru Sept. 25 for +John & Mary Yarosik req by Geraldine Yarosik.



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.

SHOE FUNDRAISER



The East Allegheny Marching Band kicked 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.

PARISH PIROHY PROJECT

As we prepare to resume our pirohy project it is important to share with everyone the protocol that must be followed by all in attendance.

If you are full vaccinated you will not need to wear a mask.

Social distancing will be in place with more tables arranged to maintain social distancing.

If you have not been fully vaccinated you must wear a mask and provide proof of negative testing within the past 24 hours.

These precautions may seem conservative, however considering the age of those offering their time and commitment to resuming our pirohy project, we must employ safe and healthy practices for all.

Thank you for complying with these instructions and we look forward to welcoming everyone back shortly.

Father John

THE DISCIPLINE OF DISCIPLESHIP



In this Gospel passage, the disciples hear of an unknown man who healed in Jesus' name. In their jealousy, it seemed the disciples were more concerned about losing the spotlight than in healing. Jesus put things into perspective. The man had the same goal as the disciples ... to build up God's Kingdom. They gained a teammate, not an enemy.

Discipleship means making a change of heart and mind. Jesus was very clear, if we choose to follow him, we can't foster private sins, too. If, through those sins, we lead others into sin, our responsibility is doubled.

These are grim words, but the opposite is great news: "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Mathew 5:19).

God rewards us for the good we do to and for others. Our example is powerfully influential.

Being a faithful disciple isn't easy. Rooting out personal sin and setting a good example is difficult, but we're not alone or without grace to do the job. No matter what we sacrifice, the reward is infinitely better.

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

In the midst of all the tragedies that have surrounded our world, our nation and the churches throughout the world, we hear many calls for us to "wake up". We have been encouraged to use each day well ... to appreciate the beauty of life, as well as its fragility ... and to more deeply respect each other.

Certainly, these messages are basic for all of us ... yet we often lose sight of them in the midst of so many other activities and involvements ... We do need to be reminded.



During this week, our Church also gives us a powerful reminder of our focus in life ... the *Holy Cross*. The Cross is placed in the center of our churches for veneration ... and also as a way of directing our attention.

Today's Gospel tells us that if we want to save our life ... we must be willing to lose it ... and that we must be ready to take up our crosses in life.

The Cross is such a powerful symbol ... for it reveals to us that out of suffering, comes purification ... and out of death, life emerges. But, this can only happen for those who are willing to *embrace* their pain and suffering ... and allow it to *transform* them.

If we continually seek to run away from all suffering, then we also miss the opportunities for growth and development. We do not go out looking for suffering ... but, we are called to espouse it when we encounter it. By living through it, we have the possibility of letting it transform us into persons of more depth and experience.

St. Paul says it well in today's Epistle reading;

*I have been crucified with Christ,
and the life I live now is not my own;
Christ is living in me ...*