

21 OCTOBER 2018

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10/21/18

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✨ Nancy Betza (req. by Rick & Mary Nowakowski)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ Sr. Alphonsa Danovich, OSBM (req. by Mike Kohan)

11:00 AM (E) ✨ Michael Bokoch (req. by Cheryl, Ron and Families)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10/28/18

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✨ Harry and ✨ Mary Ellen Pushchak (req. by The Pushchak Family)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ Reginald Exley (req. by Paula & Larry Reinhart)

11:00 AM (E) ✨ Fr. Gary Powell, OFM Cap.

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:

10/14/18

\$1915.00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick and homebound of our parish. *Those in their own homes are as follows:* Maureen Huzinec, Marion Pennock, Fred Koeberle, Margaret Krumpe, & Karen Muryn Brown. *Those in nursing homes are as follows:* Shirley Crisswell (Brevillier Village), Ed Bosak (Independence Court), Helen Bauman (Sarah Reed Senior Living Center), Helen Law (Parkside at Westminster) and Margaret Krivonak (St. Mary's West). If you know of anyone who should be on this list, please contact Fr. John

E.C.F. (EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION) – Next Class – November 11, 9:30 AM

MERCY CENTER FOR WOMEN COLLECTION

The Mercy Center for Women serves women and children who may be homeless or need emotional, financial, spiritual, or life-skills assistance. They house 20-25 women and children at any given time. This collection will help the women to have Christmas gifts for their children as well as for the Center to be able to provide Christmas gifts for the women. We will be collecting \$5 or \$10 gift cards to Tinseltown movies, Target or Walmart as well as nicer bath and body items, writing journals, and postage stamps. Please drop your donations in the narthex by November 18. See Jen Troncone with any questions.

BYZANTINE SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE –Saturday, Nov. 10, 9:30 am – 2:30 PM

This conference will be held at St. John Byzantine Cathedral, Munhall, PA. The theme is "Parish Life from Maintenance to Discipleship." Talks will involve understanding what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ in our present society. The parish will pay the fee for anyone who wants to attend. Call the parish office at 825-8140 to register by Sunday, October 28.

JESUS PRAYER – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner

AN ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY

"This slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal" (II Corinthians 4:17-18). Our affliction, says Paul, is slight and momentary compared to the eternal weight of glory it is preparing for us. "Beyond all comparison," he says. The glory that results far exceeds any suffering we may endure on earth. "If we suffer with him, we shall also reign with him," he says. Our present sufferings will not last forever; the day will come when they will be forgotten. But the glory they produce will last and last forever and ever.

When the violinist tightens the strings of a violin, he does not do it to torture them, but to bring out music better than before.

"More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us (Romans 5:3-5).

Pillar of the Church

The picture of the church as a structure whose cornerstone is Christ brings to mind the saying of a Spartan king. He had boasted that no nation in the world had walls like Sparta. But when a visitor came to visit Sparta he saw no walls at all, and asked the Spartan king where the walls were. The king pointed to a group of Spartan soldiers: "These are the walls of Sparta," he said, "and every man of them a brick." In exactly the same manner, every Christian is a living stone built into the structure of the Church.

Jesus says in Revelation, "He who conquers, I will make a pillar in the house of my God." In the old days it was customary when an eminent leader had finished his years of service that the highest honor to be paid him was to have a pillar erected in one of the pagan temples. Sometimes those pillars, such as the Porch of the Maidens on the Acropolis in Athens, were actual sculptures of the persons being honored. They were literally holding up the roof and the walls of the temple. Each one of us is called to be such a living pillar in the Church of Christ doing our share to hold up the canopy of God's witness in the world.

Mary, Our Lady of Victory

Come to our aid, Our Lady of Victory!

When the battle rages,

when our strength fails,

when the Enemy wounds us,

when defeat seems certain:

With your mantle, cover and protect us;

with your bright banner above us, dispel the darkness;

so that we may rally again in combat

through the invincible power of your Son.

Then, when our warfare is complete, and our victory won,

lead us from the battlefield to His glorious throne,

so that we may join you there

in a glad song of everlasting triumph!