

*12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8/11/24*

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) Blessings for Andy & Laura Pushchak on their 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
(req. by their children)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ Carolyn Dubose (req. by David Pangratz)

11:00 AM (E) ✨ Thomas Kearney (req. by Don & Pauline Kowalski)

*DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS 8/15/24 and Blessing of Flowers*

Wednesday: 6:30 PM (G) ✨ Mary Ann Hrinda (req. by Irene Wisniewski)

Thursday: 6:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

*13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8/18/24*

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✨ Fred Kerecman (req. by Family)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ Jerry Kowalski (req. by Fern Antolik)

11:00 AM (E) ✨ Ron Riel (req. by Adams/Molnar Family)

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

08/04/24

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**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:* Jan Kondratic, George Smilo, David Kearney, Helen Law, George Huzinec, Michael Molnar, Maureen Huzinec. *Those in nursing homes are as follows:* Elizabeth Andrijiv (Pleasant Ridge Manor), Catherine Kasinec (St. Mary's Asbury Ridge), Shirley Crisswell (Brevillier Village), Fred Koeberle and Helen Bauman (Sarah Reed Senior Living Center). If you know of anyone who should be on this list, contact Fr. John.

**EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION**

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**THANK YOU!!!**

Much gratitude to Duane and Kathy Adams and family for organizing our Family Day at Waldameer. Per the usual, they saw to every detail which made the day enjoyable for all. Thank you also to all the parish members who joined in the festivities.

**ERIE BYZANTINES AFTERNOON AT THE BALLPARK – Sunday, August 18**

Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship as the Erie Seawolves take on the Akron Rubberducks at PNC Park. Gates open at 12:35 PM and game time is 1:35 PM. The ticket deadline is passed.

**DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS – August 15**

The Church celebrates the Dormition of the Virgin Mary out of belief that God specially favored her by taking her, body and soul, into heaven. She was honored in this manner because it was through her that the Word became flesh; God became incarnate through the motherhood of Mary. It was through her that the greatest grace known to mankind was ushered into the world: Jesus Christ, the Lord. However, Mary is not only honored for being a vessel of God's incarnation, she is also given homage as mediatrix of countless graces that have blessed the Church and millions of believers throughout the centuries. Devotions to the Mother of God manifest a faith in Mary as a channel of divine grace. We honor Mary, therefore, on this feast day, but, at the same time, we are reminded of something about ourselves: each of us, as Christians, is called upon to be a channel of grace.

*Blessed Are You Among Women*

Truly, Mary, blessed are you among women, for you have turned Eve's curse into a blessing; and Adam, who before now stood under a curse, has been blessed because of you.

Truly, blessed are you among women, because through you, the blessing of the Father has shone down on men, setting them free of the ancient curse.

Truly, blessed are you among women, because through you, your ancestors have found salvation; for you were to bear the Savior who would win salvation for them.

Truly, blessed are you among women, for without seed you have borne fruit, giving birth to the One who gives blessings to the whole world and redeems it from the curse that had brought forth thorns.

Truly, blessed are you among women, because, though you are a woman by nature, you have become, in truth, the Mother of God.

If the One you bear is truly God made flesh, then rightly do we call you the Mother of God, for you have indeed given birth to God.

–St. Sophronius

**THE THEOTOKOS ENTERS THE HEAVENLY TEMPLE**

Today the holy Virgin of Virgins is presented in the heavenly temple. Today the sacred and living Ark of the living God, who conceived her Creator himself, takes up her abode in the temple of God not made by hands.

David, her foregather, rejoices. Angels and archangels are in jubilation, angelic powers exult, the angelic choirs of principalities and dominations, virtues and thrones, are in gladness. Cherubim and seraphim magnify God. Nor is it the least of their praise to acclaim the mother of glory.

Today, like Noah's dove, this holy dove – the pure and guileless soul, sanctified by the Holy Spirit – put off the life-giving Ark of her body, which had carried our Lord. She found rest for the soles of her feet, taking her flight to the spiritual world and dwelling securely in the sinless country above. The Theotokos is in her new and fitting home in heaven.

**UNIONTOWN PILGRIMAGE – Saturday & Sunday, August 31 and September 1**

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great invite you to the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help of Mount St. Macrina, Uniontown, PA. In 1934 Pope Pius XI gave an icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to the Sisters of St. Basil and asked them to spread devotion to the Mother of God under this title. More information is available at [www.sistersofstbasil.org](http://www.sistersofstbasil.org). *Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Our Rock, Our Refuge and Our Strength.*