

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11/10/24

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✕ Mary Lenk (req. by David Pangratz)

11:00 AM (E) ✕ Rosalie Patrick (req. by Duane & Kathy Adams)

26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11/17/24

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✕ Agnes Shepegi (req. by Paul & Doris Pangratz)

11:00 AM (E) ✕ Ron Riel (req. by Tony & Charlene Gomo)

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:11/04/24 **\$752.00****CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD NOVEMBER COLLECTION – Boxed Instant Pudding & Jello***Proverbs 14:31 – “Anyone who oppresses the poor is insulting God who made them. To help the poor is to honor God.”***EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION**

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ANGEL GIVING TREE

The Angel Tree will be in the church narthex with envelopes labeled with different monetary amounts. During the Christmas season, this is a good way to share with those less fortunate. The funds collected will be sent to Second Harvest Food Bank which supplies food to soup kitchens, shelters and food pantries throughout Erie County. The last to donate will be Sunday, December 15.

JESUS PRAYER – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner**JESUS – OUR ROCK OF AGES**

You can never expect to keep an eagle in the forest. You might be able to gather a group of the most beautiful birds around him, provide a perch for him on the tallest pine, or enlist other birds to bring him the choicest of delicacies, but he will reject them all. He will spread his proud wings and, with his eye on an Alpine cliff, soar away to his own ancestral halls of rock, where storms and waterfalls make their natural music.

Our soul longs to soar as an eagle and will find rest with nothing short of the Rock of Ages. Its ancestral halls are the halls of heaven, made with the rock of the attributes of God. The span of its majestic flight is eternity “Lord, YOU have been our dwelling place throughout all generations” (Psalm 90:1).

NATIVITY FAST: November 15 – December 24

On November 15th the traditional 40 day fast preceding Christmas begins in the Byzantine Rite. This fast is known as the Nativity Fast or Philip’s Fast because it starts the day after the Feast of St. Philip (November 14). This period was set aside by the Byzantine Church as a period preparing for the Feast of the nativity of Jesus Christ. A highly developed liturgical structure never evolved for Philip’s Fast, nor was the fast ever as strict. In fact, little mention is made at all about preparing for Christ’s nativity until two Sundays before Christmas with the Sunday of the Forefathers. With the secular preparations for this feast beginning sooner and sooner every year, it is only fitting that we observe this traditional fast as a way to keep a proper perspective for Christmas. Christ will not be brought back into Christmas with clever slogans, but only with spiritual preparation through prayer and fasting.

THINK ABOUT IT.....

The fear of God prepares a place for love. However, once love has begun to dwell in our hearts, the fear that prepared the place for it is driven out. In sewing, the needle introduces the thread into the cloth. The needle goes in, but the thread cannot follow unless the needle comes out first. In the same way, the fear of God first occupies our hearts, but it does not remain there, because it enters only in order to introduce love.

*–St. Augustine**Prayer for Veterans**God of compassion, God of dignity and strength,**Watch over the veterans of the United States**In recognition of their loyal service to our nation.**Bless them with wholeness and love. Shelter them. Heal their wounds.**Comfort their hearts. Grant them peace.**God of justice and truth, rock of our lives, bless our veterans,**These men and women of courage and valor,**With a deep and abiding understanding of our profound gratitude.**Protect them and their families from loneliness and want.**Grant them lives of joy and bounty.**May their dedication and honor be remembered as a blessing from generation to generation.**Blessed are You, Protector and Redeemer,**Our Shield and our Stronghold. Amen.*