

08 JUNE 2025

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

PENTECOST SUNDAY 6/8/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✱ Terri Ferko (req. by Mike Ferko)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✱ Ron Riel (req. by Michael & Kathe Gido)

11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS 6/15/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✱ Martin M. Pushchak (req. by John & Julie Pikiewicz & Family)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✱ Robert B. Weiss (req. by Christine Simkovitch Skidmore)

11:00 AM (E) Health of Natalie Ann Klinge (req. by Slavko & Lesya Bugera)

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

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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:* Martha Karmazon, George Smilo, David Kearney, George Huzinec, Michael Molnar, Maureen Huzinec. *Those in nursing homes are as follows:* Elizabeth Andrijiw (Pleasant Ridge Manor), Catherine Kasinec (St. Mary’s Asbury Ridge), Shirley Crisswell (Brevillier Village), 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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E.C.F. CLASSES – 9:15 – 10:30 AM (Note revisions for remainder of year)

All students through 8th grade are WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED to attend. **The final E.C.F. gathering is on Saturday, June 14, at 9:00 AM.** This is a hands-on Fathers Day activity.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, everywhere present and filling all things,
Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life, come and dwell within us, cleanse of all stain,
and save our souls, O gracious One.

PENTECOST – 50 DAYS AFTER PASCHA

Pentecost comes fifty days after Easter. Originally, it was a Jewish festival, fifty days after the Passover, commemorating the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai, and the Old Covenant. It was also a festival of the first fruits of the earth. For Christians, it is the celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and disciples, and the making of the New Covenant between God and the Church, whose birth we commemorate.

The Sunday of Pentecost is the day of the Holy Trinity. We honour God as three persons, equal in all things except for certain distinctions. The Father is unbegotten; the Son is begotten before all ages and through Him, we know the Father. The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and He rests on the Son. These are the unique properties of the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity.

Harden Not Your Heart

Like the weather, which can at times be very cold, we humans have a tendency to have cold hearts – to “harden” them, just as water that freezes and begins to harden ultimately becoming ice. When our hearts are cold and hard, we do not think of the needs of our neighbors, and we even forget to love God, from Whom all good things come. This is when our icy hearts need to be warmed by love, lest they perish!

What makes our hearts icy? I believe that the first indication of our hearts turning to ice is when we repeatedly judge others. A recent theme on an on-line article opened the door to this. One writer after another judged a woman for something that was not identified as being her fault. Alternatively, we may take a group of people and pass judgment on them: “The poor are just lazy,” or “The rich don’t care about the little guy.” This is the beginning of the process of hardening our hearts like ice.

Just as the sun warms the earth and causes ice to melt, so the Lord comes into our souls when we invite Him, and warms our icy hearts. We are reminded that we, too, are sinners, and must turn to our fellow sinners with love and compassion, not judgment – just as Christ is loving and merciful to us sinners. Then, with changed hearts, we can truly show love to others.

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Even when Jesus walked the earth, there was no shortage among his disciples of opinions, judgments, comparisons, and finger-pointing. His followers jostled for first place and argued among themselves about who was the greatest. Perhaps it is part of our fallen nature to continuously measure ourselves against others, but there is a better way.

The way of meekness offers freedom from all useless comparisons and concerns about our faults and advantages versus the faults and advantages of others. It allows us to let go of harsh and haughty spirits so that we can live and let live. Meekness is really wisdom in action, a prescription for knowing ourselves and accepting others for who they are.

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