

26 JULY 2026

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 7/26/26
Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✠ Martin M. Pushchak (req. by Duane & Kathy Adams)
Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) Health & Blessings for Andrew Simkovitch (req. by Don/Pauline Kowalski)
11:00 AM (E) For the People of Ukraine

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8/2/26
Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family
Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✠ John and ✠ Juliann Danovich (req. by Mike Kohan)
11:00 AM (E) ✠ Daria Pylypiv (req. by Family)

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:
07/19/26 \$590.00

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD JULY COLLECTION – Stuffing Mix
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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2026 ERIE COUNTY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY – Sunday, August 9
We will meet at noon or shortly thereafter to share a picnic meal at Coaster #1 Pavilion. Bring your dish to share. Meat, tableware, coffee, and iced tea will be provided. The ride ticket window is closed. Contact Abby Adams (not the park office) at 814-790-3203 with questions

THINK ABOUT IT.....
Those who are poor in the things of this world are first in the kingdom of God because God looks out for the poor and cares about those who are humble. God chose a stutterer named Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. God chose the little shepherd boy David to be king. God chose Mary, a simple young girl, to be the mother of Jesus. Throughout Scripture, God chooses the last person you would expect to be the first person he picks. God’s choices cannot be predicted.

SCRIPTURE PRAYER - *May the Word of God dwell in our hearts and guide the actions of our lives.*

HEAVENLY TREASURE
We all have things we treasure. These things, probably, would be on the list of items we would try to remove from a house that is in the path of a flood. Because a vehicle can only contain so much – including the people who are in it – there are limited things that we could put in it. So stop for a moment and consider what items you would put in that vehicle if your home would be destroyed by a flood in an hour.
Too often we consider “things” to be our treasures, and Jesus warns against this in this passage: “Do not store up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moth and rust destroy them and thieves can break in and steal. But store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys them and thieves cannot break in and steal” (Matthew 6:19-20). In other words, we are to accumulate the virtues – those things which help us grow ever closer to God and our neighbor. These are treasures with which we can clothe ourselves for our journey into eternity!

A Good Choice
You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church....(Matthew 16:18)
Jesus picked Peter for a reason. The New Testament tells us Peter was every bit as awed as you or me. Could we have spent three years with Jesus, a close companion, a devoted disciple, and then, even after we were warned, publicly deny we ever knew him? Of course, we could. We are frail humans, and we will take every opportunity to save ourselves.
Peter gives us hope. He embodies all our faults and all our dreams of saintliness. Despite – or perhaps because of – his humanness, Peter is chosen by Jesus to establish his Church here on earth. He did not pick an elder in the temple, an expert on the Torah, a Scribe or Pharisee. Instead, he picked a simple fisherman, someone who could easily mix among other ordinary people, someone who could speak about Jesus in ways everyday people might understand. It was the perfect choice.
-Living Faith

THREE ARCHANGELS BY NAME
The Bible mentions three archangels by name, each with specific functions: Michael is a warrior, Gabriel is a messenger, and Raphael is a healer. It’s comforting to know that we always have angels with us. Our guardian angels are always at our side, of course, but when we need an extra boost, we can call on an archangel.
We are probably most familiar with Michael, who thrust Satan into hell and works overtime to keep wayward souls from evil. Gabriel appeared to Zechariah and Mary to speak to them respectively of the conception of John the Baptist and Jesus. We read of Raphael, whose name means “God heals,” in the Book of Tobit, which describes how he healed Tobit of blindness and freed Tobit’s future daughter-in-law from a demon.
We are in good company when we are in the company of angels. They play an important role in God’s plan for our salvation.

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