



October 7, 2018

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



Liturgical Schedule

Oct 6 (Sat)	Divine Liturgy	5:00pm
Oct 7 (Sun)	Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost Divine Liturgy	10:30am
Oct 13 (Sat)	Divine Liturgy	5:00pm
Oct 14 (Sun)	Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council Divine Liturgy	10:30am

Our Tithe to our parish

September 30, 2018 - \$1,606.00



Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.

Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, Marion Campbell, John Fekete, Stephen Fekete, Carl Magdic, Fr. John Petro, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko, Sue Sabol, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, John Voron Sr



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of October 7 thru October 13 for +Charles Jackowski. *“Eternal Memory”*



Total Parish ECF - October 14 - Following 10:30 Liturgy
Parish Gathering - October 28 - Following 10:30 Liturgy
Turkey Bingo - November 4th

St. Stephen Parish Dinner - January 13, 2019
(A sit down dinner at Antonelli Event Center,
100 Colony Dr, Irwin)

November - Pirohi Project (dates to be announced)

Message from the Diocese

You are cordially invited to come and join in praying the Moleben Service for the beatification of our Martyred European Bishops at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 4 at St. John Cathedral in Munhall. Refreshments will follow the service.



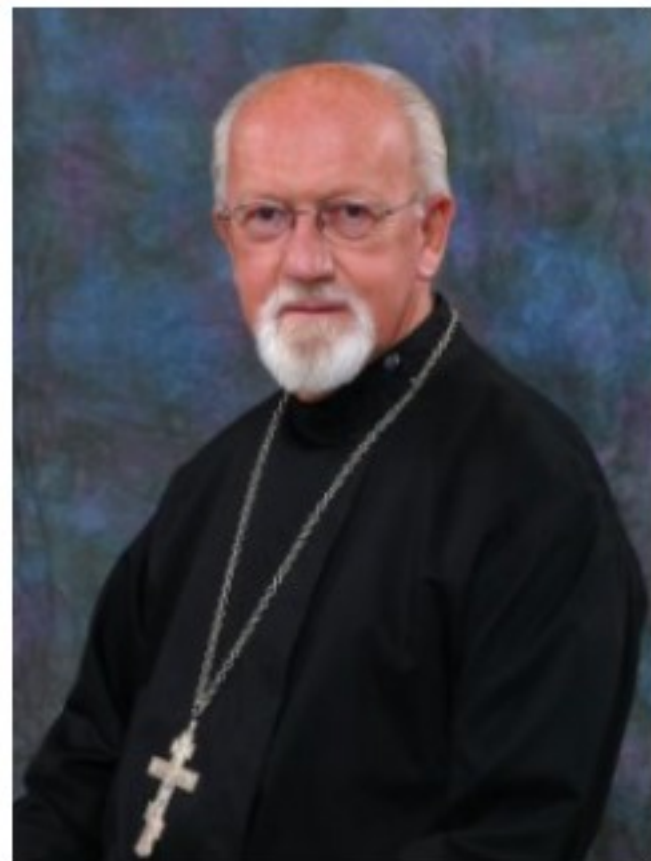
PARISH GATHERING

1968 was arguably the most historic year of modern times. For the first time humans orbited the moon (Apollo 8). In our country, it was also the year of the assassinations of Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King. In Europe it was the time of general strikes in plants and factories in Paris and throughout the country. In Belgium the student riots over linguistics issues brought down the government and resulted in the splitting of the ancient university into two sections, one French-speaking and the other Dutch-speaking. Among our parishioners it was the year of marriages of Patty and Ron Balta, Eileen and Norman Heinack, Rose Marie and Paul Rupnik.

It was also the year Fr. John was ordained to the priesthood. (Yes, he is that old.)

In commemoration of this event, we will have a simple parish gathering (cake and coffee) after the 10:30am Liturgy on Sunday, 28 October. In order that we might come together as a parish family for this event, there will be **no Saturday evening Liturgy that weekend**. Please plan to come together as a parish and celebrate our life as a parish family.

And at the request of Fr. John, **no gifts please**.



THE GOLDEN RULE ... (AND MORE !!!)



We have all heard the Golden Rule ... “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

It basically calls us to treat others the way we would want them to treat us. It is a “tit for tat” way of treating others.

Jesus begins his teaching by recalling this Golden Rule. Then he proceeds to give it a new and fuller interpretation,

He says that if this is all we do ... if we are only concerned with minimalism ... doing the very least that we must do ... well then, what credit is there in this way of acting?

Do not sinners do at least that much?

Even sinners love those who love them!

Even sinners do good to those who do good to them!

Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting repayment!

Then, Jesus gets into the heart of his real message! *We are to live and love as God loves us ... treat others as God treats us!*

This is where Jesus gets real serious! Our norms for living are not simply to treat others the way we would like to be treated ... but to offer them the same compassion and love that God offers to us.

We are created in his image ... we are loved with the divine love. Now it is our turn ... nay, our privilege ... to share God’s mercy and love with others around us.

Yes, Jesus always accepted the people where they were ... *but, he never left them there !!!*

He calls us forth to live as images of God ... as icons of the divine presence in this world.