



January 16, 2022

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Parish Schedule

Jan. 15 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
Janet Belliveau & David Yarosik—10th Anniversary

Jan. 16 (Sun) THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Deborah Vasko req by Dan Vasko

Jan. 22 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Susan Sabol req by Family and Friends

Jan. 23 (Sun) THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Ruth Seech req by Family and Friends

Our Tithe to our Parish - January 9, 2022 - \$2,076.00

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 Jan. 16 thru Jan. 22 for the health and well-being of Fr. John Petro.



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, Ron Bishop, George Bodnar, Monica Boggs, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick, Kevin Ianni, Fr. John Petro, Ted Race, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr.

THE REFEREE OF OUR HEARTS

The Pittsburgh area is well-known as sports fans. In fact, we probably guarantee that folks know that the word “fans” is simply a shortened form of “fanatics,” which of course we know that we are not! We are simply loyal fans ... right !!!



One of the key figures in sporting events is the referee, that wonderful person we all love to hate. If only he would see things our way, he would surely get the calls right. But, to keep the game on an even keel, we rely on the correct calls of the referee. Although they are also fallible human beings (although we are not!), we expect them to get every call right ... at least “right” as we see it.

In the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians, he tells us something extraordinary. In speaking about the way of life for Christians, he tells us that *Christ is the umpire* (referee - football season) *of our hearts*. Yes, he says that the peace of Christ must control (i.e. umpire) our hearts.

In making decisions, what do we use as our criteria? Do we make judgments simply according to what makes us feel good ... or by what brings us the most benefit ... or what is the easiest or most convenient for us ... or by what will cost us the least?

St. Paul tells us that the “peace of Christ” must be our criterion. What choice or decision brings about the peace of Christ. For peace is the goal of our lives. How many times in the Liturgy do we pray for peace ... *In peace, let us pray to the Lord ... for peace from on high, let us pray to the Lord ... Peace be with you ... again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.* And so it continues.

If we allow “peace” to be our referee, let’s think how different our choices might be.

Prayerful Condolences



In your kindness, would you please remember in your prayers Clarence Rizzi. Clarence, a long-time member of our parish, fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, Jan. 13. Please remember his wife Helen and their family at this time also.

May the Lord God give his family peace and consolation, and may he grant his newly departed servant +Clarence eternal rest and blessed repose.

Eternal Memory! “Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat”!



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Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

THE BLIND BEGGAR

The poor wretch looked at himself the way everyone looked at him: he was his “affliction.” His was a life without hope. There were many like him and they all looked upon themselves in the same way, according to a certain perception widespread in the Judaism of the time: they were punished physically because they were bad, impure within, sinners!



But that man, Jesus, chose him that day, and the blind man acquired his sight. Questioned by teachers and wise men, he answered: “I only know that before I couldn’t see and now I see. I see reality, not only physical reality, but I see the truth of myself, of what I am. I am not what you say I am. I am what I saw shining in the gaze of that man as he looked intently at me, looked at me, the nothing I am, looked at me with friendship.”

Precisely that day, that man born blind was chosen so that the glory of Christ could shine through his change, so that the others like him could also know that truth of themselves and of the world, of everything. From Abraham onwards, God has always used this method, and we are of the same lineage.

Thus, our life becomes useful if it is lived for the purpose for which we have been chosen.