



January 20, 2019

Thirty-Fifth Sunday After Theophany

Liturgical Schedule

- Jan. 19 (Sat) **Divine Liturgy** 5:00pm
For the Parishioners
- Jan. 20 (Sun) **Thirty-Fifth Sunday After Theophany**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Carl Magdic req of the Parish Family
- Jan. 26 (Sat) **Divine Liturgy** 5:00pm
+Elizabeth Drago req by Don Drago & Family
- Jan. 27 (Sun) **Thirty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
For the Parishioners

Our Tithe to our parish
January 13, 2019: \$1,334.00

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, Steven Fekete, Kevin Ianni, Fr. John Petro, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr., Sue Sabol, Ruth Seech, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, Debbie Vasko, 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 January 20 thru January 26 for + Stephen & Irene Heinack. *"Eternal Memory"*

POPE FRANCIS

From an article that appeared in The Vatican Insider



“Faith,” the Pope said, “means confessing God—the God who revealed Himself to us, from the time of our fathers down to the present: the God of history. This we recite each day in the Creed - but it is one thing to recite the Creed heartily, and another [merely] to parrot it, no? I believe, I believe in God, I believe in Jesus Christ, I believe - but do I believe what I am saying? Is this a true confession of faith or is it something I say somehow by rote, because it is [the thing to say]? Do I believe only halfway? Confess the Faith! All of it, not part of it! Safeguard this faith as it came to us, by way of tradition: the whole Faith! And how may I know that I confess the Faith well? There is a sign: he, who confesses the faith well - the whole Faith - has the capacity to worship God.”

“The man or woman who has faith relies on God: entrusts himself or herself to Him! Paul, in a dark time in his life, said, “I know well to whom I have entrusted myself. To God! To the Lord Jesus! Trusting [in God] is what leads us to hope.”

“Just as the confession of faith leads us to the worship and praise of God, so trust in God leads us to an attitude of hope. There are many Christians with a hope too watered down, not strong: a faint hope. Why? Because they do not have the strength and courage to trust in the Lord. But if we Christians believe confessing the faith, and safeguarding it, taking custody of the faith, and, entrusting ourselves to God, to the Lord, we shall be Christian victors - and this is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith,” Francis concluded.

**MOUNT SAINT MACRINA
HOUSE OF PRAYER**

Program Schedule

724-438-7149

Bread Baking Retreat

Sr. Carol Petrasovich, OSBM

**Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019 or
Saturday, March 16, 2019**

10:00am - 1:30pm Lunch included

Offering: \$20

Registration Due: Feb. 11

*It's back, Sr. Carol's much requested
Bread Baking Retreat!*

*Enjoy making a loaf of Lenten bread in a
Creative, relaxing and prayerful atmosphere.*

Limited to 8 participants.

"WINTER RESPITE"

Sr. Carol Petrasovich, OSBM

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019

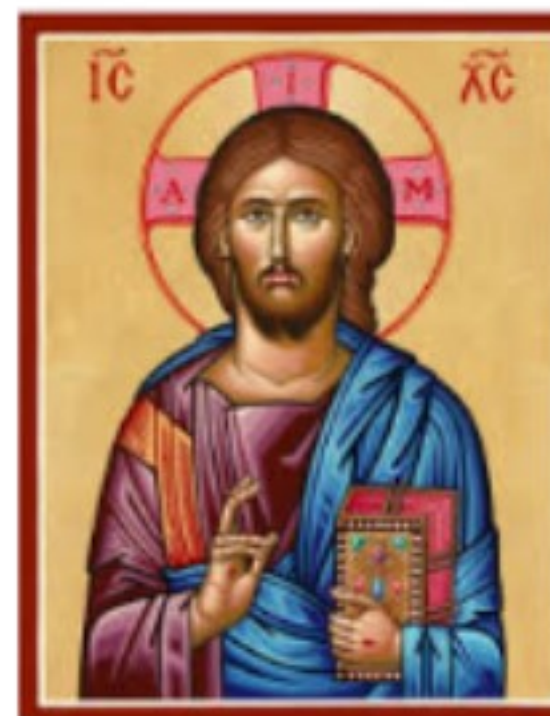
10:00am - 1:00pm Includes Lunch

Offering: \$35 Registration Due: Jan. 30

*The stillness and unhurried days of Winter are
an ideal time to experience*

"Rest in the Lord."

Our Most Precious Possession



In the gospel today, we are given insight on how our attitude should be towards this world in which we live on the one hand and, on the other, how our attitude should be towards God. A man comes to Jesus and he asks the Lord what he should do to inherit eternal life. The reading is from St. Luke's gospel, but St Matthew also describes this episode and he describes this man as being 'young'.

It is not by accident that he should happen to be a 'young man' since young people seek solutions. The ultimate problem of mankind is that our life comes to an end. And so when the young ruler comes to Jesus in today's gospel reading he asks the Lord what he must do.

The Lord tells him to follow the commandments to which this man replies that he already does this. "If you want to be perfect," the Lord tells him, "go and sell everything you have and give it to the poor." Upon hearing this, the man becomes very sad, turns around and walks away.

The tragic reality of this, is that man, wishing to do what he wants and wanting to follow the desires of his heart, might find passing happiness but doesn't have eternal joy. Subsequently, it is interesting to note how the young man, upon hearing that he must sell all of his possessions, doesn't tell the Lord with a smile and laugh, "No thanks. I'd rather have my riches than eternal life." Rather he walks away sad.

Deep down inside every man is a desire to love God with one's whole heart, soul and mind. But the temptations of this world - somewhat like the shiny apple that tempted the first man and woman - are so powerful that with a deceiving conviction they can force man into thinking he desires something he really doesn't. And in the end he can even become so addicted to this thought that he would rather follow it with sadness and a bitter heart than enter into the joy which the Lord has prepared for all those who love Him.

Our possessions are not an obstacle for our salvation. Neither is the message that if we have many possessions we will not be saved. Rather, that our most precious possession be God.