



November 17, 2024

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Nov. 16 (Sat) Vigil Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+George & Jude Bodnar req by Cindy & Sandy Prodan

Nov. 17 (Sun) TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+MaryAnn Graham req by Karen Ianni

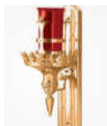
Nov. 21 (Thur) ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS
Divine Liturgy 6:30pm
+Kevin Ianni req by Paul Ferencz

Nov. 23 (Sat) Vigil Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Michael Bache Sr., req by Michael & Arlene Dzura

Nov. 24 (Sun) TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENETCOST
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Elmer Andrejczak req by Judi Andrejczak

Our tithe to our Parish - November 10, 2024 - \$1,988.00
Bingo - \$2,767.00

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 Nov. 17 thru Nov. 23 for Nancy Russo req by Julee Lindberg & Family



Liturgy Schedule - St. Mary - Herminie - Sundays 8:30am
Holy Days 9:00am

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



Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick
Barbara Gulich, John Hresko, Helen Magdic, Mike Pochan
Ted Race, Helen Rizzi, Mark Sethman

Pirohi Schedule

Mon., Tues. November 18, 19 - make pirohi

Fri. November 22 - sale

Sat, December 7—Fillings

Mon, Tues. December 9, 10 - make pirohi

Friday, December 13 - sale

Just a note

If you are over 70 years of age and have a financial advisor, you might be interested in setting up a Qualified Charitable Distribution to our parish.

(This is being used by some of our parishioners and it was suggested we make this known to others.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. VASYL

Our parish family will be celebrating Fr Vasyl's 40th Birthday on December 1 after the 10:30 liturgy. We will have a catered lunch. If you plan on attending, please sign up in the back of the church. Deadline to sign up is November 24. Please come and help us celebrate Fr Vasyl's milestone birthday!!!

ST. NICHOLAS DAY RAFFLE

St Stephen is having a St Nicholas Day Raffle (Dec 6). The winner will receive \$1000 and the number before and after will win \$100. You can see Julee after Sunday liturgy or Kacey on Saturday evening. Tickets are \$10 and you will get 4 numbers for the raffle. Good Luck!!

THANK YOU !

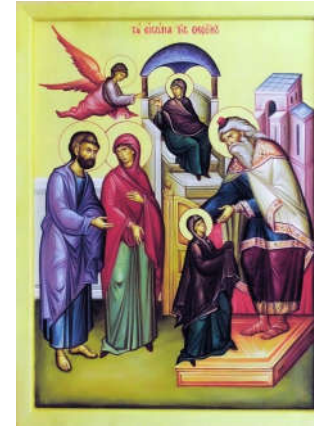
A very special *Thank You* to Geraldine Yarosik for her generous donation for green Priests Vestments. Geraldine has been a member of our parish for many years and has always been very supportive. May God Bless her.

Kielbasa

Time again to order the delicious kielbasa for Christmas from the Sts Peter & Paul Men's Club, Duquesne.

Order sheets are on the tables at the entrance.

- (1) \$7.00 per pound Plain, Garlic, or Cheese
- (2) Order by Sunday, December 1
- (3) Delivery - Weekend of Dec. 14/15



ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE

According to Holy Tradition, the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple took place in the following manner. The parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anna, praying for an end to their childlessness, vowed that if a child were born to them, they would dedicate it to the service of God.

When the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the holy parents decided to fulfill their vow. They gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the All-Pure Virgin in Her finest clothes. Singing sacred songs and with lighted candles in their hands, virgins escorted Her to the Temple (Ps. 44/45:14-15). There the High Priest and several priests met the handmaiden of God. In the Temple, fifteen high steps led to the sanctuary, which only the priests and High Priest could enter. (Because they recited a Psalm on each step, Psalms 119/120-133/134 are called "Psalms of Ascent.") The child Mary, so it seemed, could not make it up this stairway. But just as they placed Her on the first step, strengthened by the power of God, She quickly went up the remaining steps and ascended to the highest one. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy of Holies, where only the High Priest entered once a year to offer a purifying sacrifice of blood. Therefore, all those present in the Temple were astonished at this most unusual occurrence.

The Holiday House Tour

The Holiday House Tour is fast approaching! The date is Saturday, December 7 from 3:30-8:00. We would love to have volunteers present during the tour to answer any questions the guests may have about our church and to offer any anecdotes that you may be able to provide. Please keep in mind, that this tour will be lasting 4 ½ hours with 300-500 people on the tour. The expectation is not to have a prepared speech or a class. Volunteers are asked to provide information about points of interest that guests may have such as: why our cross has 3 bars, who/what are represented on the icon screen, the history of our church, anecdotal stories about the history of our church (people love to hear about ghosts!) and to answer any questions the guests may have. Those on the tour will only be walking through for a few moments, they will not have time to listen to a fully prepared speech. If anyone is interested in volunteering to speak during the tour, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. If we have enough volunteers, we can attempt to divide up the times. We will also have a meeting with those who are gracious enough to volunteer approximately one week before the tour. Please note...**if your name is not on the volunteer list, you WILL NOT be permitted in the church during the tour.** Therefore, if you are undecided, please sign up, just in case, so you are not turned away. The volunteers from the Historical Society will be at the door checking wristbands of those that are entering and will not permit entry to anyone not on our volunteer list or anyone without a wristband. They are very strict about this. We **DO NOT** need assistance with parking or helping guests in/out of the church, the Historical Society will provide volunteers for this. We appreciate your understanding. The planning committee has worked very hard to put our best “decorated” foot forward and hope several of you will be able to join us in showcasing our beautiful church! Please contact Jodi Polczynski at 412-554-2390 or at jodipol2@gmail.com with any questions.

Tickets for the Holiday House Tour will go on sale the first week of November for \$25. Tickets can be purchased at the Norwin Library, Norwin Chamber of Commerce in Irwin or online on the Norwin Historical Society’s website.

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We will be using artificial poinsettias to decorate our church for the Holiday House Tour. If anyone would like to purchase one (or more) in memory of someone or for the health and well-being of someone or yourself, please sign your name and indicate the color of your choice on the list in the back of the church. Please also include the name of the person you would like to be remembered on the poinsettia. **Money is due on or before December 1**, with a check made payable to St. Stephen Church. At the end of the holiday season, you may take the flower(s) home with you or you can choose to keep it here at the church to be used for decoration in subsequent years. The cost is \$30 for a 20” high, 16” diameter red poinsettia in a gold foil wrapped pot or \$25 for a 17” high, 10” diameter white poinsettia in a gold foil wrapped pot. Please contact Jodi Polczynski at 412-554-2390 or at jodipol2@gmail.com with any questions..

Due to the Holiday House Tour there will be no Divine Liturgy on Saturday, December 7 at 5:00 pm.