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"A New Perspective on Courage, Compassion, Confidence"

17TH ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN HELD MAY 7 AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL IN MUNHALL, PA.



Maria Silvestri (right) introduces Alissa West at the 17th annual Day of Reflection for Women, held May 7 at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, Pa. Alissa, a 2004 graduate of Elizabethtown College, has provided services for individuals with physical and developmental disabilities at Matheny Medical and Educational Center in New Jersey and Arts & Services, Inc. in Los Angeles, Calif.

by The Office of Religious Education, Byzantine Catholic Archdiocese of Pittsburgh

Sixty-seven women gathered at the Byzantine Catholic Cathedral Center of St. John the Baptist in Munhall, Pa. May 7 to pray together and reflect on the qualities needed to remain spiritually and physically healthy.

Mindful of the war in Ukraine, the entire set-up for the day included the blue and yellow colors of Ukraine and sunflowers. The day opened with a prayer service for the women and children of Ukraine.

Our first presenter was Dr. Regina Poletunow Boerio, Ph.D, a Professor of Psychology at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio.

Her clinical interests include anxiety, depression and women's issues. She gave specific examples on how we can show compassion to others and grow in self-compassion. Regina's excellent

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ETERNAL MEMORY

REVEREND FATHER ROBERT J. KARL

Father Robert John Karl, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh, fell asleep in the Lord in Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh on May 3. A priest for 65 years, he served in many parishes and contributed much to Religious Education and to the creation of the original God With Us catechetical series used in Eastern churches throughout the United States. A founder of the Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors of Religious Education (ECDE), he also was the founder of the Byzantine Catholic churches in Texas: St. John Chrysostom in Houston, St. Basil in Irving, and the Mission in San Antonio.

Father Robert was born in

Endicott, N.Y. on May 1, 1930, the son of John and Mary Kuzma Karl. As a child, he attended the public schools of Endicott,

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Father Robert J. Karl

ETERNAL MEMORY

REVEREND FATHER ROBERT L. JONES

Father Robert Lee Jones unexpectedly fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, May 11. He was the administrator of both St. Mary Church in Weirton, W. Va. and St. John Church in Avella, Pa.

He was born on April 4, 1956 in Jacksonville, N.C., the son of the late Robert Lee and Joyce Rita Coventry Jones.

Father Robert earned a degree in journalism from East Carolina University; a Master's degree in creative writing from East Washington State University in Spokane, Washington; a Master's Degree in Religious Education from Felician University of New Jersey; and Master of Divinity degree from SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in

Pittsburgh.

He was ordained to the Presbyterate by Archbishop William C. Skurla in the

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Father Robert L. Jones



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Adult Eastern Christian Formation sessions

Are you interested in learning more about our Byzantine Catholic faith?

Join us for monthly Adult Eastern Christian Formation sessions. Each month, Father Michael Kunitz sets aside a Saturday afternoon to give an educational talk on a new topic related to our Eastern Catholic faith.

Sessions are held at Holy Spirit, 4815 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh (Oakland), Pa. and St. Pius X, 2336 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, Pa.

- 1 p.m. May 21 (Holy Spirit): *Praying the Divine Office at Home*
- 1 p.m. June 11 (St. Pius X): *How do I Prepare for Communion?*
- 1 p.m. July 16 (Holy Spirit): *The Theology of the Divine Liturgy*
- 1 p.m. Aug. 13 (St. Pius X): *Byzantine Devotional Prayer*
- 1 p.m. Sept. 17 (Holy Spirit): *Preparing for Death the Byzantine Way*
- 1 p.m. Oct. 15 (St. Pius X): *What is a Byzantine Catholic?*
- 1 p.m. Nov. 19 (Holy Spirit): *What is Philipovka (Philip's Fast)?*
- 1 p.m. Dec. 10 (St. Pius X): *Celebrating the Holy Supper*

Do you have a topic you'd be

interested in discussing? Please contact Father Michael and let him know! frmichaelkunitz@gmail.com

Young Adult Retreat at Mount St. Macrina June 24 to 26

A Young Adult Retreat sponsored by the Sisters of St. Basil the Great will be held 7 p.m. Friday June 24 to noon Sunday, June 26 at Mount St. Macrina, 510 W. Main St., Uniontown, Pa.

This year's theme is: "The Courage to Pray: Answering God's Invitation." The weekend will include Metropolitan Anthony Bloom discussing his books "Beginning to Pray" and "Courage to Pray."

The retreat is open to anyone of any faith ages 18 to 40. Offering is a \$110 donation, which supports the House of Prayer. Pay by check and send with your registration.

Register by email at: hpsm@verizon.net or send name, address, phone number, email and church to: House of Prayer, 510 W. Main St., Uniontown, Pa. 15401. Phone number: 724-438-7149.

Registration is due June 17. Participants must have proof of full vaccination. Masks are required.

Scholarships are available. Space is limited. Register early. ■



Helping Hands Day at Mount St. Macrina set for June 4

Helping Hands Day at Mount St. Macrina in Uniontown, Pa. will take place 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 4.

The annual event, sponsored by the Greek Catholic Union (GCU), assists the Sisters of St. Basil.

Sisters ask anyone interested in assisting to follow this link: <https://gcuusa.com/events/helping-hands-day-at-mt-st-macrina>.

Complete the form on the site and return to: Sister Joanne Lickvar at sjlickvar@aol.com or mail to 500 W. Main St., Uniontown, PA 15401.

The Sisters would like an accurate count of volunteers to insure that COVID-19 guidelines in place at the time of the event, can be followed.

All work will be done outside. No inside work. ■

School of Diaconate Studies accepting applicants for 2023

The admissions process for the 2023 School of Diaconate Studies is now open.

Men who are discerning a call to diaconal service in the Church are encouraged to apply. Deadline to register is July 1.

Classes for the first year of the four-year program will be held June 18 to July 1, 2023 at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius, 3605 Perrysville Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

A two-week residency is required each year, 2023 to 2026.

Please submit the registration form and once received, candidates will be contacted by

the Vocations Office.

For any further inquiries, email vocations!archpitt.org.

Discernment

Discernment takes place at every step of the program. Initial discernment occurs through the screening of applicants. This includes the necessity of having the recommendation of the candidate's pastor and the support of his wife and family. Ongoing discernment takes place every year. Admission to the School of Diaconate Studies does not necessarily imply eventual ordination. Careful scrutiny will be made each year and written evaluations will be made by the Seminary faculty involved in the

program. In order to be totally immersed in the four-year program, the candidate must be free for two weeks each June to reside at the Seminary, where he will prepare himself intellectually while maintaining reference with human, spiritual and pastoral pillars. ■



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ETERNAL MEMORY

REVEREND FATHER ROBERT J. KARL

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and then St. Fidelis High School/ Seminary in Herman, Pa. He became one of the first seminarians in the then-new Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Pittsburgh in 1951. He graduated from Duquesne University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1954, and he later earned the Master of Arts degree in Religious Education from Duquesne in 1962.

He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Nicholas T. Elko in the seminary chapel on May 19, 1957. His first pastoral assignment was assistant pastor of St. Mary Church in Chicago, Ill. Since St. Mary also had a parochial school, one of his duties was to drive the school bus. From Chicago he served the Pennsylvania parishes of St. Mary, Bradenville; St. John, Rankin; SS. Peter and Paul, Duquesne; and Holy Ghost, McKees Rocks. In 1982, he was sent to Texas where he founded and became the pastor of both St. John, Houston and St. Basil, Irving. He returned to Pennsylvania in 1994 as pastor of St. John, Uniontown. Then to St. John Cathedral, Munhall, Pa. with its mission in Nashville, Tennessee; SS. Peter and Paul, Portage and St. Michael, South Fork, Pa.; SS. Peter and Paul, Warren, Ohio; SS. Peter and Paul,

Erie and SS. Cyril and Methodius, Girard, Pa.; St. Andrew, Gibsonia, Pa.; and Holy Trinity, Sykesville, Pa. from where he retired from active ministry on August 22, 2016.

Father Robert's Archeparchial appointments include: Teacher of Doctrine, Liturgy and Methods in Chicago and Whiting; Director of Vocations, Johnstown, Deanery; Member of the Ecumenical Commission; Assistant Director and then Director of the Office of Religious Education; Instructor of Religious Education Methods at the Seminary; Spiritual Director at the Seminary; Protopresbyter of the Southwest Protopresbyterate; Archeparchial Consultor; Consultant to the Office of Religious Education; and member of the Renewal and Revitalization Commission.

Preceding Father Robert in death were his parents and his sister, Mary Lee Brown. Surviving him are his sister Dorothy Karl, his brother-in-law Gerald Brown, and nieces: Mary Beth Brown, Maryanne O'Malley, Mary Lynne Lee, and Mary Kristen Avini; great nieces and nephew Marykate O'Malley Kalish and family, Justin Karl Lee, Mia Sahar Avini, Adrian Amir Avini, and great-great niece Nora Mari Kalish.

Friends were received at St. John Cathedral in Munhall on Monday, May 9 and the priestly

Parastas was celebrated that evening with Most Reverend William C. Skurla, Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh presiding. Most Reverend Kurt Burnette, Bishop of the Eparchy of Passaic was the Celebrant, and Most Reverend Milan Lach, Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma, Archpriest Marek Visnovsky, Very Reverends Andrew J. Deskevich, James A. Spontak and Vasyl Symyon, and Reverend Fathers Oleh Seremchuk, Vitalii Stashkevych, and Stephen Wahal were the Concelebrants.

The Funeral Divine Liturgy was celebrated on Tuesday, May 10 by Most Reverend William C. Skurla. Concelebrants were Most Reverend Kurt Burnette, Archpriests John G. Petro and Eugene P. Yackanich, Very Reverend Andrew Deskevich, and Reverend Taras Lovska. Deacons Lawrence Hruska and Luke Crawford served as Deacons. Assisting were Reverend Valerian Michlik, Master of Ceremonies; Sub-Deacon Timothy Fariss, Seminarian Luke Iyengar and John Welch, Server. Martin Bovee chanted the Epistle, and the Archeparchial Choir under the direction of Darlene Fejka led the congregational responses.

A special tribute of the prayer at both services was sung in Slavonic by the European priests serving in the Archeparchy. Father Robert had great concern for them, and

Posted on Facebook by Holy Trinity in Sykesville, Pa:

Father Robert Karl has entered into eternal life. Father Bob was Pastor of Holy Trinity from 2013 to 2016. We are forever thankful for his service to our Parish. Eternal Memory to your Servant the Priest Robert and remember him forever. Christ is Risen



he was most helpful to them.

Also in his honor, a large number of priests from the Archeparchy and other Eparchies as well as many lay people were in attendance.

In his homily Archbishop William noted Father Robert's great love for his Church and his priesthood. He mentioned the energy and enthusiasm which he offered to all of his relationships, undertakings, and many successful accomplishments.

Father Robert will be interred in his home SS. Peter and Paul Parish cemetery in Endicott, N.Y.

In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to your departed servant the priest Robert and remember him forever! ■

ETERNAL MEMORY

REVEREND FATHER ROBERT L. JONES

seminary chapel on Aug. 26, 2021 during the opening Divine Liturgy for that academic year.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Elizabeth Rapier Jones, his brother Michael, his sisters Marie and Therese, and other extended family.

Friends were received at St. John Church, Avella on the afternoon and evening of Monday, May 16.

The Priestly Parastas was celebrated that evening by Very Reverend Andrew J. Deskevich with Archbishop William C. Skurla presiding. Concelebrants were Very Reverends R. Joseph Raptosh and Robert M. Pipta and Reverend Fathers Stephen J. Wahal, Paul V. West, Miron Kerul'-Kmec and Michael D. Kunitz.

Reverend Fathers Valerian M. Michlik and Will Rupp with Sub-Deacon Kyprian Wojciechowski served as cantors.

Archbishop William celebrated the funeral Divine Liturgy

on Tuesday morning, May 17. Concelebrants were Very Reverends R. Joseph Raptosh and Robert M. Pipta, and Reverend Fathers Valerian M. Michlik, Paul V. West, Miron Kerul'-Kmec and Michael D. Kunitz. Deacons Nathanael Kline and Lance Weakland served as Deacons. The Master of Ceremonies was Very Reverend Andrew J. Deskevich, and Reverend Father Paul V. West was the homilist. Reverend Father Will Rupp and Sub-Deacon Kyprian Wojciechowski cantored.

In attendance were Very Reverends James A. Spontak, Frank A. Firko, and Vasyl Polyak, and Reverend Fathers Kevin E. Marks, Ivan Rusyn, Joel Barstad and Stephen J. Wahal.

Interment followed in the St. John parish cemetery in Avella.

In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to your departed servant the priest Robert and remember him forever! ■

Soar As On Eagle's Wings

Though youths grow weary and tired,
And vigorous young men stumble badly,
Yet those who wait for the LORD
Will gain new strength;
They will mount up with wings like eagles,
They will run and not get tired,
They will walk and not become weary.

ISAIAH 40

BYZAN-TEEN YOUTH RALLY
June 30th – July 3rd 2022
MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY
16300 Old Emmitsburg Road | Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Keynote Address by Superbowl Champion Matt Birk
Closing Hierarchical Liturgy at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Basilica

Note: Those teens who were 18 last year and planned to attend the cancelled 2020 San Diego Rally and the 2021 Rally will be allowed to attend the Rally in 2022. Guidelines will be provided for these attendees on the Rally Website.



Dr. Regina Poletunow Boerio

Day of Reflection for Women

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Power Point presentation included a few scenes of the plight of women and children in Ukraine and the outpouring of compassionate assistance to this war-torn country.

The second presentation was given by Andrea Wedner. She is truly a “Woman of Valor” (Proverbs 31:10). This is the opening line from the poem honoring a righteous woman in Proverbs. It is sung every week on Friday night at the Sabbath meal and read at the funeral of a Jewish woman.

On Oct. 27, 2018 during morning service at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pa. Andrea was seriously wounded in a vicious attack on the Jewish community. Her 97-year-old mother, Rose Mallinger was killed along with 10 other worshippers.

In the midst of tragedy and grief, she finds support and healing in her family, friends and community. She told her story with courage, dignity and grace. Her inner resiliency and ability to heal from the hurt was a gift to all present.

Our final presenter was Alissa West. Alissa graduated from Elizabethtown College in 2004 with a Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy. For over ten years, she provided services for individuals of all ages with physical and developmental disabilities at Matheny Medical and Educational Center in New Jersey and Arts & Services, Inc. in Los Angeles, Calif.

Her presentation was interactive and fun. A perfect ending to a great day! ■

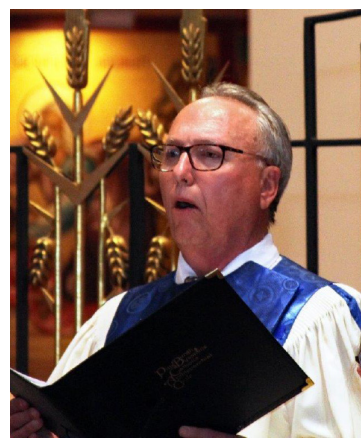


Andrea Wedner

“Rejoice and be Glad!”

The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Choir presented “Rejoice and be Glad” concert April 24 at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, Pa. The choir performed under the

direction of Mrs. Darlene Fejka. The program included a Moleben for the Living officiated by pastor Very Rev. Andrew Deskevich and a cake and coffee reception following the concert. ■



REFLECTION FROM MOUNT ST. MACRINA

The birthday of the Church

by Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick, OSBM Sisters of St. Basil the Great Mount St. Macrina, Uniontown, Pa.



Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick posts videos of her reflections each week on the Facebook page of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great at <https://www.facebook.com/sistersofstbasil.uniontown>.

This is a transcript of her May 22, 2021 reflection.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Blessings to one and all on this Feast of Pentecost, as we celebrate the very birthday of the Church.

That’s the point I want to talk about: How did we become the Church? Why is it our birthday?

In the readings of the Acts of the Apostles, it’s clearly explained the Holy Spirit in power came upon the Apostles and those who were joined with them; maybe 120 people gathered, waiting for the fulfillment of the promise Jesus made.

When this Spirit came upon them, the complete understanding of what Jesus was about became perfectly clear.

Because of this ‘sound’ that occurred when the Spirit came, people gathered.

People were in Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost, meaning 50 days. They heard this “sound,” they gathered, and Peter — now enlightened completely — begins to teach about Jesus and his role as Messiah, his role as Savior. And the people finally received the Truth of this and accepted Baptism.

That day, 3,000 are united not only in the belief in Jesus but in the very Grace that came to them through Baptism. 3,000 were baptized forming the Body of Christ, the New Community; this formed the Church in which we still benefit and live and share.

When I began to prepare this, I thought: “Well, let’s talk about prayer and the Holy Spirit.” Yes, we as a community pray and I want to encourage in this whole Pentecost season, which goes for many weeks — all the way to our preparation for Christmas, actually — to call us to a time of growing in prayer.

How much richer, in fact, will be the Body of Christ if each of us comes with a deep, personal prayer life.

I encourage us to grow in better habits of personal prayer throughout this season.

God bless you. ■



ST. STEPHEN IN NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA.

“Spiritual celebration”

ARCHPRIEST JOHN PETRO RETIRES FOLLOWING DECADES OF SERVICE, INCLUDING 10 YEARS AT ST. STEPHEN

*by Ron Balta and Janet Belliveau
St. Stephen, North Huntingdon, Pa.*

Thomas Sunday, April 24, at St. Stephen in North Huntingdon, Pa. was a special and memorable celebration for Archpriest John Petro and his more than 50-year legacy of priestly ministry.

Father John's final liturgy as an active pastor was concelebrated with Very Reverend Robert Pipta and multiple deacons participating.

Our entire parish family, choir, and guests came together in a unified spiritual celebration of appreciation to Father John's nearly 10 years as pastor of St. Stephen.

During his pastoral leadership, Father John united our parish in faith to improve our infrastructure, achieve financial solvency, and to embrace a renewed, enthusiastic, self-sustaining parish.

Following the Divine Liturgy, there was standing room only in the church hall, where all in attendance gathered to share in Father's memorable ministry.

We shared many living-legacy events of Father John's ministry.

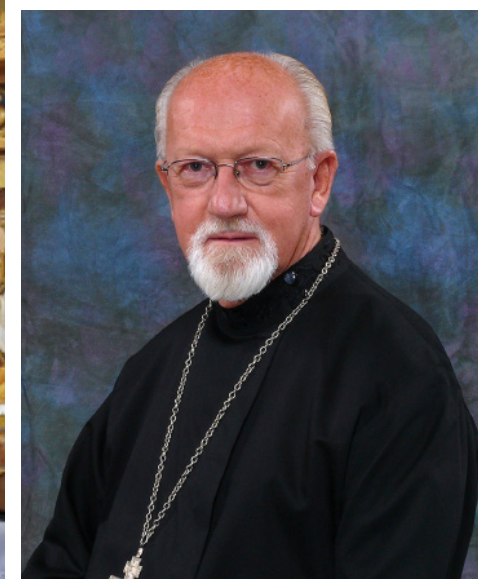
Importantly, he began his theological studies while attending the prestigious French-speaking University of Louvain in Belgium. Upon returning to the United States, Father John became the Chaplain at Mt. Macrina in Uniontown, Pa.

While at Mt. Macrina, Father John single-handedly embraced the challenges to translate Greek, French, and Slavonic matins, vespers, Lenten services and liturgies into English that are used throughout our churches across the country.

Most noteworthy were Father John's unparalleled accomplishments as Rector of SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary for 17 years.

During that time Father John obtained full academic accreditation from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Association of Theological Institutes.

To this day, the Seminary is fully accredited as a four-year degree institution, and it also has the authority to award Master of Art



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Archpriest John Petro delivers homily; presentation of a framed letter from Father John's close friend, Archbishop Georgio Gallaro; Parish Council presents a gift to Father John from the parish; and standing room only gathering in the church hall following Liturgy.



in Theology degrees recognized by the Association of Theological Institutes.

The afternoon culminated in a video featuring several brother priests, who relayed heartfelt remarks, along with a personal letter penned by close friend

Archbishop Georgio Gallaro, an Italian prelate appointed as the Secretary of the Congregation of Oriental Churches.

Throughout our gathering, Father John met with each parishioner and guest in attendance and shared gratitude, blessings, and

well-being to all.

Father John's spiritual leadership and compassion for our parish will remain in our hearts forever, and we offer payers of good health and blessed years to our loving good and faithful servant Archpriest John Petro. ■

ST. ELIAS IN MUNHALL, PA.

St. Elias round-up

All stories by Mary Caryl Planiczki. St. Elias, Munhall, Pa.

Boy Scouts and parishioners of St. Elias held a spring cleanup of the parish cemetery April 30 in West Mifflin, Pa. Thanks to all for their efforts in maintaining this sacred property. ■



Seminarians Thomas and Tyler were welcomed to St. Elias in Munhall to celebrate Palm Sunday. Father Vitalii Stashkevych is pastor. May God grant them success in their studies and many blessed years. ■



The parishioners of St. Elias Church in Munhall thank the GCU for their generous matching contribution to our Lenten Kitchen Fundraiser.

At right, parishioner Robert Monahan accepts the check from GCU representative Barbara Wahal. ■



St. Elias Church proudly congratulates our Pittsburgh Marathon competitors. Jackie Kutzfara, John Kutzfara, and Anthony DeProspero completed the half marathon. Congratulations on a job well done! ■



St. Elias celebrated Mother's Day by presenting roses to all our mothers and all the women who have played influential roles in the lives of children. Roberta Sramac, her mother-in-law Milka Sramac, and sister Amy Farber were three of our special mothers celebrating the day together. ■



SS. PETER AND PAUL IN BRADDOCK, PA.

An Easter "Pilgrimage"

*by Arleen Jama
SS. Peter and Paul, Braddock, Pa.*

On April 23, a busload of visitors arrived at SS. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church in Braddock, PA.

The 35 guests from the South Hills Knights of Columbus Council #3084 were on an Easter pilgrimage to visit three Byzantine Catholic churches to learn more about the Byzantine Rite.

The tour was organized by Matthew Hoffman, Grand Knight of the South Hills Council, who noted that this would be the first visit to an Eastern Rite church for many of the members. The two other churches toured that day were Ascension Church in Clairton, Pa. and Saint John Chrysostom in Greenfield, Pa.

At 11 a.m. on a sunny Saturday morning, the visitors were warmly welcomed by Father Vitalii Stashkevych after they disembarked from their bus and came up the church stairs to the

sanctuary.

They watched a short video that had been prepared for the church's 125th Anniversary in 2021, which was followed by a brief history lesson from Mary Anne Mistick and a discussion of the church artwork and architecture by Arleen Jama.

The pilgrims were then encouraged to walk around the church and received a specially-prepared color booklet with descriptions and photos of the church interior.

Also on hand to chat with visitors and answer questions were Mary Joscak, who took guests up to the church balcony to "get closer to heaven"; David Savko, who rang the church bells; and Bill Mistick, who served as photographer.

There were many thoughtful questions and observations during the hour-long visit and our guests were very interested in learning about the Byzantine faith. We were certainly delighted to host them! ■





First Reconciliation and Solemn Communion

ST. MICHAEL IN CAMPBELL, OHIO

Eight students celebrated their First Solemn Communion May 7 at St. Michael in Campbell, Ohio. Pictured below are: Camden Brown, Ava Clark, Guiliana Hohos,

Lyla Mitulinski, Karina Cruz, Nathan Mitulinski (front row) and Keri Vokish (second grade teacher), Christopher Vokish, and Giavonna Morucci (middle row). ■



by Father Kevin Marks
St. Michael, Campbell, Ohio

Congratulations to our second grade ECF students who made their First Confession on Thursday, May 5.

We love you and are so very proud of all you! May God grant to all of you peace, health, and happiness for many years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita, for Christ is Risen! ■



SS. PETER AND PAUL IN ERIE, PA.

by Richard Vasil
SS. Peter and Paul, Erie, Pa.

Vanessa Kowalski, Elliot Winschel, and Bozena Troncone from SS. Peter and Paul in Erie, Pa. celebrated their First Confession/Solemn Communion on April 30 and May 1. Pictured are Francesca Winschel

as an angel (front); Vanessa, Elliot and Bozena (middle row); and altar servers Isaac Foltz, David Lupichuk, Matthew Lupichuk, and Geno Troncone (back row).

At center in back row are ECF instructor Pauline Kowalski and Father John J. Mihalco. ■



ST. MICHAEL IN HERMITAGE, PA.

by Father Kevin Marks
St. Michael, Campbell, Ohio

First Solemn Communion at St. Michael in Hermitage, Pa. was celebrated May 1. May the Lord God grant to His servants,

Greyson Cracraft, Helena Papa, Susan Sieracki, and Aurora Gibbons, peace, health, and happiness for many years, for Christ is Risen! ■



by Father Kevin Marks
St. Michael, Campbell, Ohio

On Friday, April 29, four of our parish children marked a spiritual milestone by making their First

Confession. We congratulate Greyson, Aurora, Helena, and Susan!

A dinner reception was held afterwards in their honor. ■



First Reconciliation and Solemn Communion

ST. MARY IN BRADENVILLE, PA.

By *Laurene Kristof*
St. Mary, Bradenville, Pa.

St. Mary's Church in Bradenville, Pa. recently held two very special events.

The first was the solemn reception of the Eucharist by Blake Shetler, son of Kelli Shetler.

His teacher was Mrs. Helen Kennedy. The pastor is Rev. Joseph Borodach.

GCU Lodge 321 presented Blake with a gold Byzantine Cross on a chain to mark this momentous occasion.

Congratulations to Blake and his family! ■



Parishioner Ellie McDonald, altar server Mrs. Helen Kennedy, Blake Shetler, Alex Chappel, Blake, and his sister, Devin Shetler.

SS. PETER AND PAUL IN TARENTUM, PA.

By *Father Vasyl Polyak*
SS. Peter and Paul, Tarentum, Pa.

The Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, May 15, was very fruitful for SS. Peter and Paul in Tarentum, Pa.

We had three students — Isabella Grecek, Leilany Kasecky, and Preston Bednez — in the First Holy Communion class.

Besides having a wonderful service, Jesus Himself came down with his grace of the Holy Spirit

into the hearts of our young parishioners.

The certificates, flowers, prayer books, and small icons as a gift provided made this event even nicer.

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the Rosaries for our First Holy Communicants.

The event concluded with a cake party and a great social event. ■



CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION IN MONROEVILLE, PA.

Mother's Day brunch

Church of Resurrection in Monroeville, Pa. celebrated Mother's Day with a brunch May 8 following The Divine Liturgy. Father Don Bolls is pastor. ■

Honoring mothers, fathers

By *Laurene Kristof*
St. Mary, Bradenville, Pa.

Instead of just celebrating Mother's Day, GCU Lodge 321 honored mothers and fathers on May 7 and 8 after the Divine Liturgies. All parishioners were invited to Strawberry shortcake Socials.

On Saturday, those in attendance were treated to cake and coffee or

tea. On Sunday, in addition to cake and coffee, donuts and drinks were available for the children.

Mothers received carnations and prayer cards of Mary, the Mother of God. Fathers received St. Joseph medals. Approximately 60 people attended the events.

Medals and prayers cards were given to Father Joseph Borodach to distribute to parish shut-ins. ■





ST. GREGORY IN UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA.

Good egg hunting

by Father Valerian Michlik
St. Gregory, Upper St. Clair, Pa.

With perfect weather on the Sunday of St. Thomas, April 24, our annual wonderful Easter Egg Hunt took place on the parish grounds.

In front of the church and parish house our younger children raced around looking and filling their bags with those hidden eggs. Our

ByzanTeens also enjoyed their Easter egg hunt which was based upon the game Pit.

In the Church Hall food was ready as we all gathered for our Thomas Sunday Potluck luncheon which was enjoyed by all.

As we continue the Paschalia-Easter season we look forward to the upcoming events that bring us together as a parish family. ■



At the movies

Young parishioners gathered together May 13 for "ByzanTeen Movie Night" at St. Gregory in Upper St. Clair, Pa. ■



"The Gifts of Imperfection"

by Father Valerian Michlik
St. Gregory, Upper St. Clair, Pa.

On Wednesday evening, April 27, a St. Gregory's Book Club get-together took place in our Church Hall. Parishioners enjoyed discussing "The Gifts of Imperfection" by Brené Brown in

which she introduces the concept of "Wholehearted Living" and provides ten "Guideposts" to support a person as they journey through life and helps the reader understand the practices that will allow us to change our lives and families for the better. ■



"Love Louder"

by Father Valerian Michlik
St. Gregory, Upper St. Clair, Pa.

On the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, May 15, we welcomed Andrea Holman — a singer, songwriter, storyteller, speaker and author — to St. Gregory.

Following the introduction, Andrea began her presentation "Love Louder." As part of her presentation, Andrea included the four unique forms of Love as

found in Holy Scripture: Eros, Storge, Philia, and Agape.

To illustrate the message of "Love," Andrea included a number of her songs that we all enjoyed.

We are thankful to Andrea Holman for visiting our parish family and for sharing with us her message of Love, her compelling stories, and her music while walking a path of faith. ■



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL IN MUNHALL, PA.

Getting crafty

The weekend of April 23 was a busy time at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, Pa.

Beautiful summer-like weather, a double entrée take-out meal menu from the Cathedral Kitchen and outstanding crafters garnered a large patron response to the Cathedral's latest fund raising efforts.

Very Rev. Andrew Deskevich along with hard-working



parishioners made the family event a memorable and successful occasion for the Cathedral. ■



Dinner is served

Another successful Bake Sale and Bread Pork Chop fundraiser was held May 14 to 15 at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, Pa. under the direction of Very Rev. Andrew Deskevich. ■



Photos by Nick Havrilla Sr.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN UNIONTOWN, PA.

Easter egg hunt

All stories by Bonnie Balas and Julia Pillar, St. John the Baptist, Uniontown, Pa.

Following the Divine Liturgy on Thomas Sunday, April 24, the children of St. John the Baptist in Uniontown, Pa. enthusiastically participated in an Easter egg hunt.

Around 500 eggs were placed in the lower church lawn for them to find. ■



Cemetery clean-up

In preparation for Memorial Day, parishioners of St. John the Baptist, along with their pastor Father Vasyl Symyon, showed up on Saturday, May 14 to clean up the parish cemetery in Hopwood, Pa. Chain saws were buzzing, weed whackers were whacking, and trucks were hauling large amounts of overgrown brush. A Panachida will be held there at 2 p.m. Sunday May 29. ■



Bowling fun

On Sunday, May 1, ECF students were treated to a pizza and bowling party at Yough Lanes in Connellsville, Pa. This event was sponsored by the GCU Lodge 81. Everyone had a great time! ■



Celebrating Mother's Day

The men of St. John the Baptist parish worked lovingly in the kitchen May 8 to prepare breakfast for the mothers and their families.

In addition to the Mother's Day breakfast, parishioners celebrating May birthdays were also recognized. The Social Ministry Committee made favors and provided the decorations. ■



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN SCOTTDALE, PA.

Easter blessing

Father Oleh Seremchuk blessed Easter baskets April 16 at St. John the Baptist in Scottsdale, Pa. ■



Paska baking

Parishioners at St. John the Baptist in Scottsdale, Pa. baked paska for Easter. ■



Pat Marshal, Marsha Carson and Catherine Catalina. apply glaze to the loaves.

May crowning

The May crowning was held at St. John the Baptist in Scottsdale, Pa. Pictured below are Marie Catalina, who crowned the

Blessed Mother statue; Janice Frederick, who was chosen honorary mother; and Father Oleh Seremchuk. ■



NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD IN DUBOIS, PA.

Easter egg hunt

by Deacon Paul Boboige
Nativity of the Mother of God, DuBois, Pa.

Nativity of the Mother of God Social Hall was the host site of the DuBois Knights of Columbus Council 517 on Saturday, April 16.

Nativity has been hosting the egg hunt for over a decade and this year was very well-attended

by children of the Catholic parishes in DuBois, Falls Creek and Sykesville.

A steady rain prevented an outdoor hunt but the children still had fun inside.

The chairman of the event was Brother Knight Bob Boland and the emcee was Chaplain Deacon Paul Boboige. ■



Artos Procession

by Deacon Paul Boboige
Nativity of the Mother of God, DuBois, Pa.

The custom of breaking and distribution of the Artos (Paska) was re-established at Nativity of the Mother of God parish in DuBois, Pa. As is traditional on

Saint Thomas Sunday the Artos was raised from the tetrapod and a procession to the social hall took place. There the Artos was divided by Father Vasyl Banyk and distributed. ■



Photos by Deacon Paul Boboige



ST. MARY ASSUMPTION IN NEW SALEM, PA.

Day of Recollection

by Bernie Karoffa
St. Mary Assumption, New Salem, Pa.

The Mon Valley Presbyterate held a Day of Recollection, hosted by St. Mary Assumption in New Salem, Pa., Sunday, March 27.

A Moleben to the Mother of God was celebrated by Father Jerome Botsko and assisted by Father Stephen Wahal, Father James Fraser, Father Oleh Seremchuk, Very Rev. Vasyl Symyon and Seminarian Tyler Wisniewski.

In the spirit of the Holy Day, The Annunciation, Father

Christopher Burke, pastor, gave an in-depth talk about the "Jewish Roots of Mary." She was mentioned in the New Testament but he gave three examples of how Mary was symbolically represented in the Old Testament. Confessions were heard following the homily.

A Lenten luncheon was organized and served by Elaine Milan with the help of Lou Plaisa, Tony Myers and daughter, Marlena. John Kormanik served as usher and Dianne Harmon was cantor. ■



Photos by John Kormanik

ST. NICHOLAS IN GREENSBURG, PA.

Celebrating Pascha

by John Gomolak
St. Nicholas, Greensburg, Pa.

Rev. Regis. Dusecina celebrated Easter at St. Nicholas in Greensburg, Pa.

The following Sunday a St. Thomas lunch was held in the church hall. ■



Photos by Tom Pyo and Beth Neffield

St. Thomas Sunday



Photos by Gerry Gomolak

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN PITTSBURGH, PA.

Parish potluck

By Elizabeth Harbist
St. John the Baptist, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The May 1 Pittsburgh Marathon provided a unique opportunity for the parishioners of St. John the Baptist in Pittsburgh (South Side), Pa. this year.

In anticipation of huge crowds and even fewer than normal parking spaces, a vigil Divine Liturgy was held Saturday, April

30. Parishioners and guests were very grateful for this one-time change.

Following the vigil Divine Liturgy, parishioners and guests gathered in the church hall for a Parish Pot-Luck Dinner, conversation and fellowship. The time provided new and longtime parishioners to get to know each other and enjoy some delicious dishes. ■



Blessing of palms, vestments

By Elizabeth Harbist
St. John the Baptist, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Flowery Sunday at St. John the Baptist Church in Pittsburgh's historic South Side was surely a day of victory!

Father Miron Kerul'-Kmec blessed palms and pussy willow branches at the start of the Divine Liturgy.

Cantor Kevin Beres led more than 40 faithful in joyful celebration of Christ's entrance into Jerusalem marking the beginning of Holy Week.

Following Divine Liturgy, Father Miron blessed two sets of priestly vestments; one gold and one red. The priestly vestments were gifts of the Timo Foundation. Parishioner Beverly

Rebovich remarked that the last time vestments were blessed at St. John the Baptist was in 2001 or 2002, when Father Elias Rafaj served the parish.

In recent weeks, St. John the Baptist has seen an increase in attendance on Wednesdays for Presanctified Liturgy, with a mix of parishioners, guests and local college students.

This summer, Father Miron will resume 10 a.m. Wednesday Divine Liturgy with confession and spiritual guidance available before Liturgy and again from 5-7 p.m.

St. John the Baptist is located at 1720 Jane Street, just two blocks from Carson Street. If you're in the neighborhood on Wednesday morning, please join us! ■

SISTERS OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT IN UNIONTOWN, PA.

Visiting the Sisters

by The Sisters of St. Basil the Great, Mount St. Macrina, Uniontown, Pa.

Several students from Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio visited Mount St. Macrina for the first time recently.

They are all members of the Byzantine Club, comprised of Eastern and Western Church participants.

They attended Divine Liturgy at St. John the Baptist in Uniontown, Pa.; joined the Sisters for dinner; and later for Vespers.

They also toured the grounds, enjoyed the gift shop and a visual presentation by Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick on the presence of the Sisters of St. Basil in Eastern Europe. They look forward to returning soon. ■



ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM IN PITTSBURGH, PA.

Knights of Columbus visit

By Elizabeth Harbist
St. John the Baptist, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Members of the South Hills Council 3084 of the Knights of Columbus toured three Byzantine Catholic Churches on Saturday, April 23: Ascension in Clairton; SS. Peter and Paul in Braddock; and St. John Chrysostom in Pittsburgh's Ruska Dolina neighborhood. The outing was planned and led by Grand Knight Matthew Hoffman.

The 36-member group was given a history of the individual churches and some Tenets of Eastern Catholicism at each worship site visited.

At St. John Chrysostom the focus of the conversation with Father Miron Kerul'-Kmec was iconography. Entering the sanctuary, guests marveled at the beauty and serenity of the space. They were awed by the iconostas and the many icons throughout the church which encourage prayer and reflection. Several guests

were interested in the process of becoming an iconographer. An accomplished iconographer himself, Father Miron emphasized the importance of preparing spiritually to write an icon.

Among the guests were Joe and Albina Senko. Albina delighted when Father Miron recognized the Slovak village in which she was born. Joe, the Slovak Honorary Consul for Pennsylvania since 1997, grew up in neighboring Oakland. His interest in St. John Chrysostom began when as a boy, Joe attended St. Joachim's School just down Saline Street from St. John Chrysostom. Closed for many years, St. Joachim's School was the only local Slovak Catholic School in the area.

All of the guests appreciated learning about the Byzantine Rite and especially St. John Chrysostom, whose onion domes and bell towers catch the eye of all who travel the Parkway East near the Squirrel Hill Tunnels. ■



First Baptism welcomes Mariann

By Elizabeth Harbist
St. John the Baptist, Pittsburgh, Pa.

On Sunday, April 24, Mariann Valerie Eleanora Rodrigues received the Mysteries of Initiation during Divine Liturgy at St. John Chrysostom Church in Pittsburgh.

Mariann is the infant daughter of Matthew and Monica Rodrigues.

She was the first Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist by Father Miron Kerul'-Kmec at St. John Chrysostom.

Her godparents are Annmarie Rodrigues and Blaise Cackovic. Mariann's brother Nicholas and sisters Anna and Elizabeth looked on as their baby sister joined them and their parents as members of St. John Chrysostom parish.

Following Divine Liturgy Matthew and Monica invited the entire parish community to a celebratory luncheon in the



parish hall. It was truly a beautiful Thomas Sunday and a beautiful community witness of a brand-new Byzantine Catholic. ■



THOUGHTS FOR OUR DAY

by Archpriest David M. Petras

BAPTISM: ANOINTING WITH OIL



The picture we have of holy baptism is that it is a plunging into water, where we are cleansed of our sins and made alive in God, one in the Holy Trinity. After his resurrection, our Lord commands baptism as the way to faith and to a share in his life, saying, “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). In the apostolic Church anointing with holy oil was almost as important a component of the rite of initiation as water. It is by our anointing that we receive the mark of identification with our Lord, who was named Jesus, and was called Christ, that is, the Greek word for “Anointed one,” which in Hebrew is “Messiah.” Jesus proclaimed himself to be the Anointed One, the Messiah. In the synagogue in Capernaum, he preached on the prophecy of Isaiah, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me, to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord” (Luke 4:18). God reveals this name to Peter, “Simon Peter said ... , ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ Jesus said to him in reply, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father’” (Matthew 16:16-17). This same gift is given to us, as the Apostle John teaches, “But you have the anointing that comes from the holy one, and you all have knowledge” (1 John 2:20).

Anointing remains an important part of the rite of baptism today. There are actually two anointings, the first with olive oil, called the oil of gladness from Psalm 44: “‘You love justice and hate wickedness, therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness,’” and the second - after we have been baptized into water - with olive oil to which fragrances have been added, called chrism. The second is more important,

The anointing done today, therefore, symbolizes the anointing of the whole of the body, and each body part that is anointed is done with different words proclaiming how it blesses us.

and we will write about that in a later article. Here we are speaking of the first anointing, which takes place immediately before baptism into water. Immediately after the blessing of water, the priest blesses the oil that is to be used in this anointing.

This olive oil is kept in a votive lamp vessel. If there is a deacon, the deacon holds the lamp vessel, facing north and standing to the right of the priest. When the people sing “And to your spirit,” the priest breathes on the oil in the sign of a cross, and blesses it with his hand. The priest then says a prayer “O Master, Lord and God of our fathers” This

prayer seems to be taken from a general prayer for the blessing of oil. It mentions both those who will be anointed with it and those who will partake of it. It calls to mind the event of salvation of Noah receiving the branch from the olive tree after the flood, and it contains an explicit invocation of the Holy Spirit, “Therefore, O Lord, bless the oil through the power, action and descent of your Holy Spirit.”

After the blessing, the priest and all present sing “Alleluia!” The priest takes the vessel containing the blessed olive oil and pours it three times on the surface of the blessed water in the form of the cross, reserving enough oil to anoint the candidate for baptism. This anointing is done with the olive oil that has just been blessed. The priest is to do these anointings, not the deacon. Each anointing is done on the prescribed parts of the body with two fingers (thumb and first finger) in the sign of the Cross, or with a stick or brush. The primary anointing was of the forehead, which originally was done with the words, “The servant of God (name) is anointed with the oil of gladness in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.” In the sixteenth century, this anointing was extended to the various parts of the body. This perhaps replaced a third anointing which was once done, but is no longer practiced, the anointing of the whole body. This came from ancient practice, for when a person was washed, they anointed themselves with oil, and then scraped the oil off, and the dirt came off with the oil. In the practice of bathing, oil was later replaced by soap.

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body, and each body part that is anointed is done with different words proclaiming how it blesses us. Therefore, for the forehead, the priest says, “That his (her) mind may be opened to the understanding and acceptance of the mysteries of the faith of Christ, and to the knowledge of his truth, now and ever and forever, amen;” for the breast, he then says, “For the healing of soul and body, and that he (she) may love the Lord God with all his (her) heart, with all his (her) soul, and with all his (her) mind and that he (she) may love his neighbor as himself (herself):” for the ears, “That his (her) ears may be ready to listen to the teachings of faith, and accept the words of the divine gospel;” for the shoulders: “That he (she) may willingly take upon himself the easy yoke of Christ and gladly carry his light burden and that he (she) may shun all craving of sensuality;” for the hands, “That he (she) may innocently raise his (her) hands to heaven and do the right thing at all times and bless the Lord;” and for the feet, “That he (she) may walk in the path of the commandments of Christ.” By this anointing, then, we acquire an identification with our Lord, and we are made ready to share his life in our baptism. Theodore of Mopsuestia preached that it was a sign of immortality, “And you are anointed all over your body as a sign that unlike the covering used as a garment, which does not cover all the parts of the body ..., all our nature will put on immortality at the time of the resurrection, and all that is seen in us, whether internal or external, will undoubtedly be changed into incorruptibility according to the working of the Holy Spirit which shall then be with us.” ■

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www.stjohnsbyzantinecathedral.com

Holy Ghost
McKees Rocks, Pa.
www.holyghost-byzantinecatholic.org
www.youtube.com, then type Holy Ghost Church Live Stream

St. John Chrysostom
Pittsburgh, Pa.
www.sjcbcc.com

St. Gregory
Upper St. Clair, Pa.
www.facebook.com/stgregoriusc

St. Michael
Campbell, Ohio
www.facebook.com/st.michaelbyz.campbell

St. Elias
Munhall, Pa.
www.facebook.com/StEliasByzantineCatholicChurch/

SS. Peter and Paul
Braddock, Pa.
<https://www.facebook.com/SSPeterPaulBraddock/>

St. Michael
Hermitage, Pa.
<https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelbyz.hermitage>

St. Stephen
North Huntingdon, Pa.
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St. Mary
Windber, Pa.
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**GCU Byzantine Family Day at
Kennywood Park
Celebrating 100 Years!
Thursday, July 28**

10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Kennywood Amusement Park
4800 Kennywood Blvd., West Mifflin, Pa. 15122**

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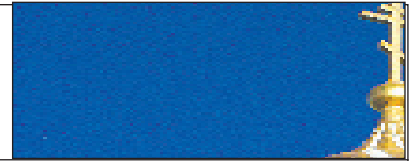
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**AROUND THE
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ST. MICHAEL 100TH ANNIVERSARY — St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Campbell, Ohio will be celebrating their 100th Parish Anniversary on Sunday, July 31. If anyone has ties to the Parish and has moved away and would like to receive an invitation to the celebration, you may email: stmichaelcampbell100@gmail.com or call 330-755-4831.

FLEA MARKET — 8 a.m.-1 p.m. June 3 and 4, St. John the Baptist Cathedral, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, Pa. Rain or shine.

115th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — 11 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 1-3 p.m. Luncheon, Sunday, June 5, Holy Spirit, 4815 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh (Oakland), Pa. Join parishioners for a celebration of 115 years together as a Parish Community this Pentecost Sunday, the of Patronal Feast of the community. Friends, family, and former community members are especially encouraged. We invite you all to come reconnect and reminisce with old friends and even to make new ones. Activities for children and families will be present.

ANNIVERSARY CONCERT — 2 p.m. Sunday, June 26, St. John the Baptist Cathedral, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, Pa. In honor of the 125th Anniversary of its founding, St. John the Baptist Cathedral will host a concert by the East Winds Symphonic Band. The event will be held outdoors (weather permitting) and is free and open to the public. Please bring a lawn chair. Join us as we celebrate the anniversary of our founding.

SS. PETER AND PAUL FESTIVAL — Noon-8 p.m. Sunday, July 10, 143 Church Drive, Portage, Pa. Outdoor environment provides a pleasant setting in which to relax and enjoy the live entertainment. Bring a lawn chair to enjoy the live bands throughout the day: Noon- 3 p.m. "Hallmarks" (polka melodies) and 4:30-8 p.m. "Full Kilt" (Celtic rock). Menu offers homemade ethnic dishes, roast pork sandwiches, BBQ chicken, halushki, halupki, pirohi, Sloppy Joes, kielbasa, hot dogs, and hot sausage, along with wing dings, and french fries. Bake sale with homemade Gobs, candy apples, funnel cakes, ice cream and more. Children's games, Basket Raffle, Bingo, cash raffle, and other games of chance. Brief guided tour of church at 2 and 4 p.m.

NIGHT AT THE RACES — 6 p.m. Friday, July 15, St. John Chrysostom Church Hall, 506 Saline St., Pittsburgh, Pa. Dinner, non-alcoholic beverages, snacks and desserts included in price of admission: \$15. BYOB. Horses for sale at \$10 each. Raffle baskets and 50/50 Raffle also available. For tickets and/or more information, contact Bev Rebovich 412-315-1514. Benefits St. John the Baptist Church, Pittsburgh South Side.

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REMEMBER**



JUNE 13 to 17
Archbishop William attends the Special Assembly of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
San Diego, Calif.

JUNE 19 to JULY 2
Deacons Program
SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pa.

JUNE 19
Father's Day

JUNE 24
Feast of the Birth of the Forerunner John the Baptist

JUNE 29
Feast of the Preeminent Apostles Peter and Paul

JUNE 30 to JULY 3
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