

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 7/24/22

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✨ Frederick Betza (req. by Rick & Mary Nowakowski)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ John and ✨ Juliann Danovich (req. by Mike Kohan)
11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 7/31/22

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✨ Glenn Simkovitch (req. by Fern Antolik)
11:00 AM (E) ✨ Jennifer Bluey

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:

07/17/22 \$ 699.00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick and homebound of our parish. *Those in their own homes are as follows:* George Huzinec, Michael Molnar, MaryAnn Matasowski, Maureen Huzinec. *Those in nursing homes are as follows:* Margaret Krivonak (St. Mary's West), Shirley Crisswell (Brevillier Village), Ed Bosak (Independence Court), Fred Koeberle and Helen Bauman (Sarah Reed Senior Living Center), Helen Law (Parkside at Westminster). If you know of anyone who should be on this list, please contact Fr. John.

GOD WITH US ONLINE

The Eastern Catholic Directors of Religious Education Association has established an online religious education site: God With Us Online. This offers catechetical programs with some of the most talented teachers of the faith. You can register for free online at www.easterncatholic.org. Descriptions are given for the various subjects and dates of the classes. All classes begin at 8 PM (EST).

2022 BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY – Sunday, August 7, Noon - ?

Parish families provide a dish to share (along with serving utensils). Meat, dinnerware, coffee & iced tea will be provided. Combo passes are being purchased in advance. Tickets will be provided for children of both parishes through 12th grade. All other tickets can be purchased for \$31.45. **Today is the last day to order tickets.** Order forms in narthex. Tickets will be distributed as you arrive at the picnic grounds – **no exceptions.** Plan to come for fellowship, whether you ride or not. Call Kathy Adams (not the park office) with all questions (814)882-0785.

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, July 26 @ 7 PM in the church**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRESENTATION – Saturday, Aug 13, 9:15 AM – 3:00 PM**

Presentation held at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, Pittsburgh. The theme is “Our Children: Providing Inner Strength for Challenging Times.” This seminar is meant for catechists, parents and grandparents to help them address difficult topics with children. To register contact the parish office by Wed, Aug 3. The parish will pay the registration fee for anyone who wishes to attend.

THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

A man searching for valuable pearls found one that surpassed all others in beauty and excellence. He sold all that he had so that he might buy it.

When we find Jesus and His salvation through the gospel of forgiveness of sins, we too have found a priceless treasure, one that surpasses all other things in the world. Consider what is ours when we find Jesus! In Him we have “the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.” We have Him Who is our Peace, our Rest. We live in “the shadow of a great Rock in a weary land.” He is the Water of Life,” the “Bread of life.” In Him we find release from an accusing conscience and peace for our troubled minds. No amount of earthly treasure can buy this peace. No one in the world can give it but Jesus.

Having found this treasure, we are willing to give up all that we have in order to possess it, even as the pearl merchant sold all that he had so that he might buy the pearl of great price. Having this treasure by faith, even though we possess little else, we can rejoice. We can do this because we consider ourselves, in St. Paul's words, “as having nothing, yet possessing all things.”

The Body is Not Responsible for Sin

Do not believe anyone who maintains that our bodies have nothing to do with God. I might say in passing that people who regard the body as corrupt most often defile it with impure actions.

But what can possibly be wrong about this marvelous body of ours? Look at the beauty, the harmony of it.

The eyes are shining; the ears are placed in the most convenient position for catching sounds. The nose is capable of distinguishing smells and the tongue is useful both for tasting and for speaking. Internally the lungs breathe in the air, the heart beats without intermission, the blood flows through countless veins and arteries, the bones are all connected with one another.

Never say the body is responsible for sin.

It is not the body that sins, but the soul. The body is only an instrument; it is like the outward clothing of the soul. It becomes impure if it is used for fornication, but it becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit if it is united to his sanctity.

These are my words. The Apostle Paul says, “Do you not know that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit within you?”
-Cyril of Jerusalem

WISDOM! BE ATTENTIVE!

A four-year old girl had her own way of waking up her mother. When her mom had one of those days when she would forget everything, she would climb on her mom's lap, knock on her head, and shout into her ear, “Wake up in there! Wake up in there!”

This is the function of the words, “Wisdom! Be attentive” that are heard so often in the liturgy. Jesus is knocking on our head and shouting in our ears, “Wake up in there! I am about to share with you my words of wisdom and eternal life. Be attentive.”

JESUS PRAYER – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner