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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

| Sunday, December 15th, 2019 | St. Thomas, RAHWAY
| Sunday of the Fore-fathers | Propers: 130, 281-282 / 282

Saturday, December 14th
5:30 PM Divine Liturgy
+ Irene McBride
By Siciliano Family

Sunday, December 15th
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Intentions of our Parishioners
10:00 AM PARASTAS (+Florence Gretsky) Gosselin Funeral Home

Monday, December 16th — FUNERAL
10:00 AM + Florence Gretsky

Tuesday December 17th
8:30 AM + Fran Duda By Family
7:00 PM CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS St. Mary’s, HILLSBOROUGH

Wednesday December 18th — No Liturgy

Thursday, December 19th
7:00 PM CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS St. Thomas, RAHWAY

Friday, December 20th
8:30 AM + Dorothy Hayer By Charles and Mary Ann Fonzone

REQUESTS FOR FUNDRAISING

In Blessed Repose … please remember the soul of +V. REV. GARY MENSINGER, who fell asleep in the Lord and was buried from his home parish of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Freeland on Thursday. To his mother Helen, as well as to his siblings, John and Janet, his nieces and nephews and to his parish communities of St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Pittston and St. Nicholas Church in Swoyersville, we extend our heartfelt condolences. He was also a fire-fighter and Fire Chaplain for numerous departments, as well as an Eparchial Consultor, Syncelius and active in Eparchial Youth Ministry. He will be sorely missed! May his memory be eternal!

In Blessed Repose … please remember the soul of +Florence Gretsky, who fell asleep in the Lord and will be buried from our parish on Monday at 10AM. There will be a Parasas Service from the Gosselin Funeral Home in Edison on Sunday afternoon at 2PM. To her husband Paul, as well as to her children, Paul, David, Alan, Kevin, their spouses and grandchildren, as well as to her family and friends here at St. Thomas we extend our heartfelt condolences. May her memory be eternal!

Congratulation to our St. Nicholas Award recipients who have served in the spirit of St. Nicholas over the years at St. Thomas Church and the community at large.

JOHN MYTROWITZ - who, for many years, organized and chaired our annual Slavonic Festival, and was involved in so many aspects of fundraising and service at St. Thomas Church. His most important contributions to the parish, however, came in the form of the unexpected deeds of generosity done “behind the scenes” in the spirit of Christ, Our Lord, who said “let your good deeds be done in secret and your Father in Heaven Who sees in secret will repay you!” (Mt. 6:4)

GLORIA RYAN - Over the years, Gloria has provided and taken a leadership role in hospitality, service, bible study, cleaning and organizing, kitchen coordination and numerous other activities coming from an awareness that “to serve God is to serve others.” As a Hospice Nurse, she often spent many late night visits to the hospitals or home of the sick, suffering and dying, putting the needs of others before her own.

CONGRATULATIONS! MAY GOD BLESS THEM BOTH!

Annual Combined Christmas Party — for Altar Rosary Society (ARS) and the Men’s Club will be Sunday, January 12th at 12 Noon (immediately after the River Blessing) at Amici’s, Elizabeth Ave in Linden. To attend, members of the ARS are asked to call Christoph Citzay at 732-221-0698; members of the Men’s Club are asked to call Bill Gra-ham at 732-877-8004.

INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND:

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Additional Income (Bingo) $507.00 GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!
Many Thanks for the following donations… a few kind parishioners have made some very generous donations for improvements around the parish! They wish to remain anonymous, but we must acknowledge their kindness! The first is a donation of approximately $7,000.00 for the installation of new partitions and an ADA-compliant commode in the Parish Hall Ladies Room. The second donation is $4,000.00 for the installation of new partitions (coming very soon!) for the Parish Hall Men’s Room. Both donations were unexpected and were motivated by people who just want to do something nice for their parish and to help everyone! May Our Lord bless them for their acts of kindness!

We also gratefully acknowledge a donation of $14,500.00 from our dedicated Bingo Volunteers (and patrons!) to offset the cost of some major electric work done around the parish (inside and outside) to maintain safety and security! This includes replacement of over 20 security lights, repair to outdoor parking lights, new outlets in the parish kitchen, emergency lighting in the new library, sacristy, brighter exterior lighting by the doorways, and more!