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Wisdom from the Bishop of Lyons

One should not seek among others the truth that can be easily gotten from the Church. For in her, as in a rich treasury, the apostles have placed all that pertains to truth, so that everyone can drink this beverage of life. She is the door of life.

He who shall preserve the life bestowed upon him, and give thanks to Him Who imparted it, shall receive also length of days forever and ever. But he who shall reject it, and prove himself ungrateful to his Maker, inasmuch as he has been created, and has not recognized Him Who bestowed the gift upon him, deprives himself of the privilege of continuance forever and ever. And, for this reason, the Lord declared to those who showed themselves ungrateful towards Him: 'If you have not been faithful in that which is little, who will give you that which is great?' (cf. Lk. 16:11) in-

dicating that those who, in this brief temporal life, have shown themselves ungrateful to Him Who bestowed it, shall justly not receive from Him length of days forever and ever.

We have learned the plan of our salvation from no one else other than from those through whom the gospel has come down to us. For they did at one time proclaim the gospel in public. And, at a later period, by the will of God, they handed the gospel down to us in the Scriptures—to be the 'ground and pillar of our faith.'

He who was the Son of God became the Son of man, that man ... might become the son of God.

The glory of God is the human person fully alive.

St. Irenaeus of Lyons

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Irenaeus, Lupus and Callinicus -- August 23rd

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!

St. Michael the Archangel Byzantine Catholic Church



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SAT., AUG 22

4:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Mary Miller
(remembrance 99th birthday today)

requested by: Children

+Pam Cavalo
(40th day of passing today)

requested by: Cousins: Len & Marcy Gates

SUN., AUG 23

9:00 a.m.

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Final day of the Dormition Feast

+Anne M. Hudak
(15th anniversary of passing today)

requested by: Subdeacon Randy & Patty Tomko

+Michael P. Kennis
(40th day of passing 8.24)

requested by: Thomas & Christopher Gresock

Sat., Aug 29

The Feast of the Beheading of the Glorious, Prophet, Precursor, Forerunner and Baptist John
Simple Holy Day

9:00 a.m.

+Frank G. Wahal

requested by: St. Michael Cantorial Team



SAT., AUG 29

4:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Robert A. Mentrek
(remembrance of 95th birthday 8.28)

requested by: Mentrek & Knight
Children & Grandchildren

SUN., AUG 30

9:00 a.m.

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

+Mary Ann Tomko
(remembrance of 92nd birthday 9.10)

requested by: Subdeacon Randy & Patty Tomko



The Sanctuary Candle for

August 23 – 29, 2026

signifying the Real Presence of our Lord is for



In Loving Memory of

+JOHN C. +MARY ANN TOMKO

(remembrance of 67th wedding anniversary Aug. 29)

By: Subdeacon Randy & Patty Tomko

The Theotokos Candle for

August 23 – 29, 2026

signifying her Intercession is



In Loving Memory of

+ANNE HUDAK

(15th anniversary of passing Aug. 23)

By: Subdeacon Randy & Patty Tomko

Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: August 22, 2026

RESIDING AT HOME – Charlotte Bruce, Robert Druga, Jo Ann Kessler, Greta Marks, Judy McBride, Mary Ann Polochak, John Schaner, Martha Stambaugh, Carolyn & Bill Vasko, Jeff Volsko, Ethel Wahal.

Cleveland VA Medical Center (10701 E. Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106) – David Chesmar Jr.

Avalon Springs Place (745 Greenville Rd., Mercer, PA 16137) – Dolores Vasil.

Ridgecrest At Cranberry Woods (3020 Fairport Ln., Cranberry Twp., PA 16066) – J. Richard Will.

Liberty Arms Assisted Living (1353 Churchill-Hubbard Rd., Youngstown, OH 44505) – Anne Pajak.

Offerings from August 15 & 16, 2026

Sunday Offering.... \$2,150.00

Loose Currency.... \$0000

Candles.... \$199.00

Holydays.... \$330.00

TOTAL: \$2,679.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses

Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Aug 16	\$2,679	\$4,100	(\$1,421)
YTD	\$118,799	\$135,300	(\$16,501)

BEST FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PHOTO EVER!



Restoration

Pledged \$183,615

Deposited \$181,855

Pledges 69

Church Attendance

Saturday 8/15 – 65 (4:00 pm)

Sunday 8/16 – 56 (9:00 am)

Quote of the Week

“It is always better to ask a question than to answer one.”

— Daniel Handler



Back to School



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 R N S N S T C E J B U S H E Q M A T H V
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alphabet	Drama	History	numbers	Science
Art	elementary	homework	pencil	Social Studies
backpack	English	Language Arts	Physical Education	Spelling
books	friends	learn	reading	students
classroom	Geography	library	recess	subjects
crayons	grades	Math	school	teacher
desk	Health	Music	scissors	writing

The death of St. John the Baptist

Saint John the Baptist is an important person, and he plays a key role in the New Testament. He is the Forerunner, the individual who was sent to prepare the way of the Lord. His teachings and holiness turned many of the hearts of Israelites to repentance and accepting baptism of repentance in the River Jordan.

On August 29th, we commemorate the beheading of John the Baptist. In this particular icon to the right, St. John the Baptist is represented with two large wings to signify his role as the messenger of the Messiah: "I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare the way before you" (Matt. 11:10).

In the icon, John gestures like a preacher with his right hand; in his left hand he holds open a scroll which proclaims the message of his preaching: "Reform your lives. The reign of God is at hand" (Matt. 3:2). John is shown clothed in a camel's hair garment, symbolic of a man in the desert. The rocks behind him represent the wilderness. He is holding his head to recall the termination of his life in martyrdom. Herodias was married to Herod Antipas, and, after her daughter Salome prepared a dance for him, Herod promised to fulfill any request that she had. Prompted by her mother, Salome said, 'Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist...and he had John beheaded in the prison. His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl...' (Matt. 14:8-11).

In commemoration of this feast, we do not eat anything on a plate (for John's head was served on a plate), nor do we eat anything from a "head," such as lettuce or cabbage. As we honor this feast, let us reflect on our own devotion to Christ and our own calling to follow him, even if it means we pay an earthly price. For we, as true believing Christians know that greater things are in store for us in Paradise with our Lord!



A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

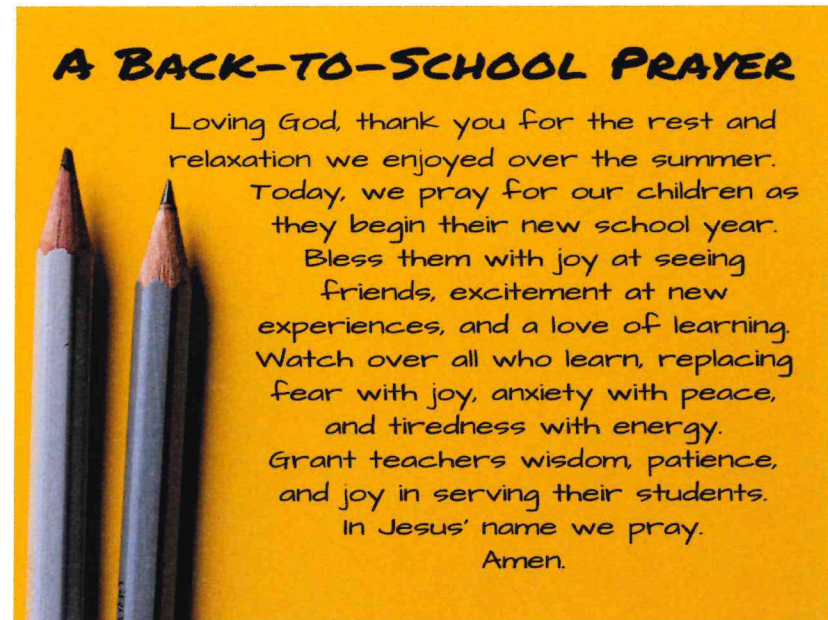
Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



Blessing of Teachers & Students

In preparation for the new upcoming school year, which for several already will begin very shortly, our pastor will bestow God's blessings upon all students and teachers this weekend. Students and teachers are asked to come forward to receive this special blessing and to dedicate the upcoming academic school year for the glory of God.

Our Parish Picnic is next Sunday

Our Parish Family summer picnic will be held **NEXT SUNDAY, August 30th** at the Casino ballroom in Buhl Park. Picnic starts at 1:00 p.m. and set-up begins at 12:00 noon. Please submit the RSVP form if you haven't done so by TODAY. Extra forms are in the narthex and side entrances. Join us for a fun filled afternoon together as a parish family.



12:00 noon. Set-up at Casino Ball Room

1:30 p.m.

Food will be served

*(hamburgers, BBQ chicken, sausage/peppers, potato salad, corn on cob, fruit
desserts brought by parishioners)*

Afternoon

Fellowship

Games for kids; Bingo; guessing games

Clean-up

Volunteers needed for Picnic set-up

Volunteers who are able to lend a hand with the church picnic set-up are asked to be at the Casino Ball Room on **Sunday, August 30th at Noon.** Please call or text Father this week so he knows he will have some help.

HARVEST THE WIN UNDER THE AUTUMN MOON!! 🍎🍷🍂🍁

Join us **Saturday, September 26th** at St. Michael's Center! Doors open @ 5PM - Bingo @ 6PM! 13 Amazing Games! 13 Amazing Prizes! Plus Harvest Moon Basket Raffle & 50/50! Delicious Homemade Concessions by Alyson! 🍌 Admission \$30 (Ages 18+) includes 13 Game Bingo Packet + Dauber! Girls & Guys!

For Reservations, phone or text:

Megan - 724-699-0613

Renee - 724-813-0830

Rozanne - 724-854-0868

Donna - 724-877-6736

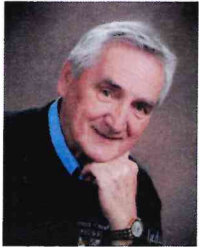
As Parishioners, your participation is needed and greatly appreciated! Sign-up today to volunteer or contribute! Please, only monetary & gift card donations 🙏 Special thanks to Mary Ann Bajorek for her donation! ❤️

"Gift Card Wish List" - "The New Kids on the Block" - 7 Brew Coffee, Chili's, Chick-fil-A, Giovanni's, Longhorn Steakhouse, Meijer & Target! Also, Amazon, D'Onofrio's, Dunkin Donuts, Dunham's or Dick's Sporting Goods, Giant Eagle, Home Depot, Kohl's/Sephora, Kraynak's, Lowe's, Starbucks, TJ Maxx, Walmart, Webb Winery, Any Restaurant, Gas Station, Auto Parts & Car Wash! Come One! Come All! If you are attending the Parish Picnic, we will have Tickets available!



Parishioner falls asleep in the Lord

+JOHN E. "BUD" WANSACK, 85, of West Middlesex, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, August 14, 2026. He is the brother of parishioners Joe (Joanne) Wansack. His Funeral Divine Liturgy was offered at our St. Michael Parish on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 with interment at our St. Michael Cemetery. May God grant to His departed servant, +John, blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnaja jemu pamjat.



SMART meeting this week – day & time change

There will be a S.M.A.R.T. meeting on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26th at 4:00 p.m.** in the narthex kitchen area. Everyone is welcome. This is a change from the meeting announced last week to be held this Monday. Please note the change. Thanks.

Livestream installation has begun

This past week, work begun on the installation of our permanent live stream by Paul Kostick. He will be back this coming week to continue the installation, wiring, and placement of cameras.

Oops Section....

Last week's Sanctuary Candle in Memory of +Miller Miller was given from her Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren. Sorry for the typo is last week's bulletin.

Highlights of the Back to School Bash held at the Center



St. John Chrysostom on discipline and guidance

"Bring your children up with great, great care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord... Let us not suffer them to do anything which is agreeable but injurious; nor let us indulge them as being but children... Let us admonish them... Let us bestow great care upon them and do everything that the Evil One may not rob us of them."