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The Works of Jesus

Those who believe in one God the Father Almighty ought to believe in His only-begotten Son. Jesus says: "I am the door. No one can come to the Father but by me" (Jn 10: 9; 14: 6).

Anyone who does not accept the door cannot possibly reach the Father. Anyone who wishes to pray to the Father should adore the Son, or his prayer is not accepted.

The Son is called Christ, which means anointed, that is, consecrated. He was not anointed by human hands but consecrated by the Father to become a priest forever. He died, but He did not remain, as all human beings do, in the underworld. He is the only one free among the dead.

The Savior becomes all things to all, according to the need of each: to those who ask

for joy, he becomes the vine; to those who wish to enter, he becomes the door; to those who are under the weight of sin, he becomes a lamb, a lamb slain for them. He becomes all things to all, but He remains nonetheless what He is.

He is called by a twofold name: Jesus because He gives us salvation, and Christ because He is priest. He is the healer of bodies and the doctor of souls. As He made whole those who were physically blind, so He gave light to their minds. As He gave the lame the chance to walk, so He urges the steps of sinners in the direction of the way of penitence.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Luke -- October 18th

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

SAT., OCT 17
4:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy) Fr. Ian McElrath, Celebrant
+Agustin Herrle requested by: Grandparents: Bob & Sherry Marriotti
(born into heaven 5.15.26)

SUN., OCT 18
9:00 a.m.

The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
+John C. Tomko requested by: Subdeacon Randy & Patty
(31st anniversary of passing today)

Mon., Oct 19 -
Fri., Oct 23

No services scheduled this week

SAT., OCT 24
4:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy) - Mirovanije
+Robert Paul Bulazo requested by: Brother: Dr. Andrew Bulazo
(25th anniversary of passing 8.21)

Thanksgiving: 55th Wedding Anniversary requested by: Family
of: Bob & Janet Druga (Oct. 23)

SUN., OCT 25
9:00 a.m.

The Sunday of Christ the King - Mirovanije
Thanksgiving: 64th Wedding Anniversary requested by: The Polochak's
of: Bob & Mary Ann Polochak



The Sanctuary Candle for
October 18 – 24, 2026
signifying the Real Presence of our Lord is



In Loving Memory of
+JOHN C. TOMKO
(31st anniversary of passing October 18)
By: Subdeacon Randy & Patty Tomko

The Theotokos Candle for
October 18 – 24, 2026
signifying her Intercession is for



Health & God's Blessings For
BOB & JANET DRUGA
(Celebrating their 55th wedding ann. October 23)
By: Bob & Janet Druga

Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: October 16, 2026

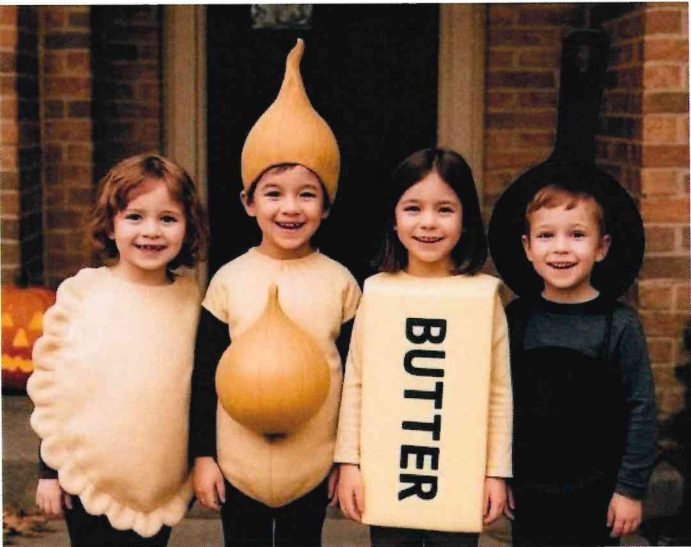
RESIDING AT HOME – Robert Druga, Jo Ann Kessler, Greta Marks, Judy McBride, Mary Ann Polochak, Martha Stambaugh, Carolyn & Bill Vasko, Ethel Wahal, Joan Walker.
Cleveland VA Medical Center (10701 E. Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106) – David Chesmar Jr.
Avalon Springs Place (745 Greenville Rd., Mercer, PA 16137) – 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.
St. Paul's (339 East Jamestown Rd., Greenville, PA 16125) – John Schaner.
St. Elizabeth Hospital (1044 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, OH 44504) – Charlotte Bruce.

Offerings from October 10 & 11, 2026

Sunday Offering.... \$1,499.00
Loose Currency....\$00.00
Candles.... \$176.10
Holyday (Oct. 1).... \$50.00
TOTAL: \$1,725.10

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
Oct. 11	\$1,725	\$4,100	(\$2,375)
YTD	\$142,710	\$168,100	(\$25,390)

When Baba makes Halloween costumes



Restoration

Pledged \$ 205,360
Deposited \$197,445
Pledges 69

Church Attendance

Saturday 10/10 – 58 (4:00 pm)
Sunday 10/11 – 50 (9:00 am)

Quote of the Week

“We will fail when we fail to try.”

— Rosa Parks

HALLOWEEN



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BAT	HAUNTED	SCARY
BLACK	HALLOWEEN	SKELETON
BROOM	MAGIC	SPIDER
CANDY	MASK	SPOOKY
CAT	MONSTER	TREAT
CAULDRON	MOON	TRICK
COSTUME	NIGHT	VAMPIRE
CREEPY	OCTOBER	WEB
GHOST	POTION	WITCH
GOBLIN	PUMPKIN	ZOMBIE



SPORTS VS. CHURCH

Last Sunday morning I found myself sitting on a soccer field with my son for a tournament game. It was a beautiful morning. The sun was shining. I was enjoying some fabulous coffee. I was also experiencing great frustration and conflict. I was frustrated because I could count 20 families from our church who were also at sports games that morning. This meant that these families were not at church.

I was also conflicted as I reflected on how I got into this situation. My husband and I know the value of church family. We know that consistency is very important for our children to build relationships with their church family and to grow as disciples of Christ. We have made many decisions over the years to say "no" to other things in order to say "yes" to church. Yet, here I was on a soccer field on a Sunday morning! A couple weeks earlier the coach gathered the parents around and presented this opportunity for the soccer tournament that would land on a Saturday and Sunday. The way it was put to us, I felt like I had no choice but to participate. The team wouldn't be able to play in the tournament unless everyone chose to play. If we said no, we would be letting down 12 other kids.

So, here I was sitting on the sidelines contemplating the predicament of so many families. Many families I've talked to about this feel like they have no choice for a variety of reasons. I completely understand how we get there—but I also know the long-term effect that missing church will take on our families. And that's the predicament that has been tormenting me. Now, I'm not saying that one missed Sunday is going to derail your children's spiritual growth. But, I have noticed that our society is set up to undermine this discipline of regular fellowship with our church family. So unless we are very vigilant to protect our church commitment, we can quickly find that one Sunday missed has become many Sundays missed, and before long church has ceased to be a habit and is reduced to something we do when we don't have anything else to do on Sunday mornings.

I have spoken to many parents who spend years on the field, at the pool, on the ski slopes, in the gym, or in the studio and when they get to the other side of these years have deep regrets. Their children don't want to go to church, they don't have relationships with peers or leaders who know and love Jesus, and they have not developed the discipline of making church a priority. These parents who now have grown children have expressed that they would do it differently if they could go back and do it again. Several parents with grown children have expressed that it was not worth it.

Could there be a better way? What if we ALL joined together and said, "NO! No more sports on Sundays!"? When we were kids, there was never anything scheduled on Sundays. We never had to choose between sports and church. Sundays were saved for church and family and gathering with friends. Can we reclaim our Sundays if we all worked together?

I propose that we give it a try! I also will say that even if our society won't cooperate, for me and my family I will do what I can to maintain consistency for my children to be at church and build relationships with other kids and youth who know and love Jesus! I will not tell you what is best for your family...I will encourage you to take some time out to prayerfully consider this, talk it over with your spouse, and make sure your priorities determine your calendar and not the other way around.

—Author Unknown



Congratulations newlyweds

Our St. Michael Church offers Congratulations to **NATHANIEL DOWELL & ALESSANDRA MONTANEZ** who were married at our St. Michael Church on Saturday, October 17, 2026. Nathaniel is our pastor's cousin. May the Lord God grant to His newlywed servants, Nathaniel & Alessandra, peace, health, and happiness for many years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita!

Food drive underway

In conjunction with the GCU, our parish is participating in a food drive to donate to the Mercer County Food Bank. The GCU will match donations up to \$500.00. You may bring in non-perishable food items and set them in the special marked boxes. For any questions, you may see Bill Dzuricko. Extra forms of items needed are in the narthex.



Seminary benefit dinner

The 69th Annual St. Nicholas Celebration is **Sunday, December 6th** at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, PA. If you would like to attend this year, please let our pastor know. Father is sponsoring 10 tickets, so 10 parishioners may attend.

"Meet Our Seminarians"

Invitation from the Society of SS. Cyril & Methodius Vocations Ministry. All parishioners are invited to "Meet Our Seminarians" on **Sunday, November 1, 2026**. 2:00 pm. --- Moleben, followed by a Social and Refreshments. St. John Chrysostom Church, Greenfield. 506 Saline Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. Please RSVP to: Diane Pochron; pochron@pitt.edu - 412-303-6534 or Dorothy Mayernik; dk-may@verizon.net - 412-310-0521

Sip & Build: Santa face THIS THURSDAY



You are invited to an evening to have a sip & build **THIS Thursday, October 22nd** at Hartford Hill Winery. Come join us at Hartford Hill Winery to make this beautiful old Santa Face Hanger. Talk about getting your home into the holiday spirit.....This amazing guy will do that. This would look great at your home, on your porch, or anywhere you would love to hand it. It would make a great gift for that special someone, too. Size: approx 18 inches round Cost: \$40 All supplies are included. Reservation is needed.

Reserve your spot by going to the website <https://www.woodenbarnshop.com> (click on "Join A CLASS") to pay full amount or messaging Wooden Barn Shop on FB or call/text Donna 330-442-1722. (Please note, Marking going on the event does not reserve your spot) Payment via check or cash at the door. boards or pieces may vary due to use of reclaimed products. Each class will be instructional. You can also do a cash reservations through Hermitage Parishioner, Megan Pisarcik by calling/texting her at 724-699-0613.

GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU ❤️

--You had no love for God, yet He has exercised unspeakable love to you.
-You refused to hear when God called, yet God heard you when you called.
-You have rejected Christ and set him at nought, and yet He has become your Savior.
-You have neglected your own salvation, but God has not neglected it.
-You have set a light price on God, and have condemned Him but so great a value has God's grace on you and your happiness that you have been redeemed at the price: of the blood of His own Son.
-You abused the infiniteness of God's mercy to encourage yourself in sin against Him, yet God has manifested the infiniteness of that mercy in the exercises of it toward you.
-You were ungrateful for past mercies, yet God has not only continued those mercies but has bestowed unspeakably greater mercies upon you. God has magnified His free Grace toward you because he has chose you, and it has pleased Him to set His love upon you.
-You have reason, then to open your mouth in God's praises, both here and to all eternity for His rich and sovereign mercy to you.

A Prayer for Pope Leo

God, at the very dawn of creation,
you breathed upon the waters,
making them the wellspring of creation.
In those same times,
after your divine breath entered into Adam's lungs,
you gave life to all humanity.
When your Son, Jesus, died on the Cross,
He offered his very last breath to you,
his heavenly Father.
After the Resurrection,
when you breathed new life into your Son,
He, in turn, breathed on his disciples
and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit.
In our time, that Holy Spirit
guided the cardinals in their election of Pope Leo XIV.
Now we turn to you
and ask you to fill his injured lungs with that same
Holy Spirit, making him strong and healthy,
and removing any trace of illness.
As Pope Leo faces treatment, give him all the gifts
of the Holy Spirit, especially fortitude.
Guide the actions of his doctors, nurses and caregivers,
giving them the Spirit's gifts as well,
especially wisdom and knowledge.
Finally, help your Son's Vicar, and our Pope, Leo,
trust in you, both now in his time of illness,
during his treatment and after his recovery.
Come, Holy Spirit! Amen!

THE PUMPKIN PRAYER

Dear Lord, as I carve my pumpkin, I pray:

- 🍂 Open the top: Lord, as I cut off the top of my pumpkin, I pray You will open my mind that I may learn more about You.
- 🍂 Clean it out: Lord, as I scoop out all the yucky insides, please remove any sin from my heart and replace it with Your goodness.
- 🍂 Carve the eyes: Lord, as I carve the eyes, help me to keep my focus always on Your light and the beauty in the world.
- 🍂 Carve the nose: Lord, as I carve the nose, may my words and actions be a sweet aroma and pleasing to You.
- 🍂 Carve the mouth: Lord, as I carve the mouth, help me to speak the truth in love and share Your good news with others.
- 🍂 Add the light: Lord, as I place a light inside my pumpkin, I pray that Your light may shine brightly through me for all to see.