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April 7, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 4—ST. JOHN CLIMACUS (OF *THE LADDER*)
Martyr Calliopus at Pompeiopolis in Cilicia; Martyrs Rufinus the Deacon, Aquilina and 200 soldiers with them at Sinope; Ven. Serapion of Egypt; St. George the Confessor, Bishop of Mitylene; Ven. Daniel the Abbot of Pereyaslavl-Zalesski; St. George, Patriarch of Jerusalem; St. Leucius the Abbot of Volokolamsk

Epistles: Hebrews 6:13-20
Ephesians 5:8-19 (St. John)

Gospels:Mark 9:17-31
Matthew 4:25-5:12 (St. John)

The Week at a Glance—Fifth Week of Great Lent

TODAY	4:00 p.m.	***Lenten Mission Vespers*** at St. Spiridon Church in Perth Amboy
Wed, Apr 10	6:00 p.m.	Confessions
	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Fri, Apr 12	6:00 p.m.	Confessions
	7:00 p.m.	Matins & Akathist to the Theotokos followed by Confessions
Sat, Apr 13		**FIFTH SATURDAY OF GREAT LENT—Saturday of the Akathist to the Most-holy Theotokos**
8:30 a.m.		Hieromartyr Artemon the Presbyter of Laodicea in Syria
Divine Liturgy		Epistles: Heb 9:24-28 Gospels:Mark 8:27-31 Heb 9:1-7 (Theotokos) Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Theotokos) *(Confessions before Liturgy will begin at 8 a.m. Do not arrive later than 8:15 a.m.)*
5:00 p.m.		Confessions
6:30 p.m.		Panihida: **Alice Szabo** (40th day) offered by **the family** **Joseph Rock** (Annual) offered by **the family**
7:00 p.m.		Vespers followed by Confessions
Sun, Apr 14		**FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 5—ST. MARY OF EGYPT**
9:00 a.m.		St. Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome
Divine Liturgy		Epistles: Heb 9:11-14 Gospels:Mark 10:32-45 Gal 3:23-29 (St. Mary) Luke 7:36-50 (St. Mary)
4:00 p.m.		***Lenten Mission Vespers*** with His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL, at Church of the Holy Cross in Medford

What's Happening in the Parish

Church School Classes will meet **TODAY** following the Liturgy Dismissal.

TODAY is our **Annual Lenten Youth Sunday**. This special worship experience is our way of saying that we value our youth; they are an important part of *SS. Peter & Paul*. Show them your support and commend them on their efforts as our young future leaders.

A **Special Collection** was taken during the Liturgy **TODAY**, in support of this year's **Archbishop's Lenten Appeal**. As mandated at the *2018 Diocesan Assembly*, all the monies collected will go towards the construction of a new, multi-purpose building (dining room, kitchen, activities center) at *Saint Andrew's Camp* in upstate NY. If you were unprepared to donate, please do so next week. Answer this request and be generous in your giving, so that the young people of our diocesan parishes can continue to have incredible summer camping experiences. Thanks.

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church on **Tuesday, April 9**, at 7 p.m.

The **Men's Club** will meet in the church hall on **Thursday, April 18**, following the Unction service.

Archbishop MICHAEL will be making a **Paschal Visitation** to our parish on **Bright Monday, Apr 29**; mark your calendars and plan to be in attendance, as we gather in prayer and fellowship with our archpastor during the most joyous week of the year.

The **Altar Society** will be holding a **Mother's Day Raffle** during the Coffee Hour on **Sunday, May 5**. Because a simple *Thank You* for all that Mom does isn't nearly enough, why not give her something special by trying to win one of the many fabulous prize baskets available? *(**NOTE:** All gifts will be on display starting **TODAY**.)* Tickets are $5 each or 3 for $10; they can be purchased from any Society member up to the day of the drawing. Try your luck and be the favorite child for sure!

The **Men's Club** is sponsoring an **Atlantic City Bus Trip** to the *Resorts Casino* on **Mon, May 6**. The cost is $30 per person with $25 in slot play. The bus will leave promptly at 9 a.m. from the parking lot on Whitehead Avenue. For additional information and/or reservations, please call one of the Boshko brothers: Edward (732-254-1200) or Paul (732-254-6991).

PARISH NEWS

CHURCH WORSHIP AND SUPPORT Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **132**.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE The Epistle will be read next week by **Robert Pisuk**. The Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Men's Club**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Znaiden**.

DON'T WAIT TO MAKE YOUR CONFESSION We all have a great spiritual obligation to participate in Holy Confession during Great Lent. Don't hesitate or procrastinate; Pascha is just three weeks away! As you can see in the bulletin under *The Week at a Glance*, there are many opportunities to avail yourself of this sacrament: before every Presanctified Liturgy, before Liturgy on Saturday mornings and before and after Vespers on Saturday evenings. *(**NOTE:** Unless prearranged with Fr. David, there'll be **NO CONFESSIONS** heard on **Sunday morning**.)* Go and receive the mystery of our Lord's divine forgiveness.

FATHER DAVID is available for visitations, counseling and sick calls; contact him at the rectory to make an appointment.

THE SCHEMICK-TOLLS SCHOLARSHIP was established with a sizeable endowment from the Toll Family (John, Leatrice, Lea & Lynley) and honorees Anna, John and John Jr. Schemick of blessed memory to show their steadfast commitment to our young people in their endeavors toward attaining higher education. Each year, a $500 scholarship is awarded to a deserving high school senior or college student who is planning to attend or is currently matriculating at a two-year, four-year or certificate granting college/university or institution. To receive due consideration, an applicant and his/her family must be current, attending and financially supportive parish members for at least two years; the student must also have a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a most recent grade transcript and be an active participant within the church, as well as his/her school and community. An application is still available from Carol Deerson; the submission deadline is **Friday, May 3**.

PRAYER CORNER Pray for the following parishioners, family members and friends this week:

Departed

Gary Eichler
Gail Dedio
Alice Szabo
Nelson Tillman
Pauline Denko
Noreen Ballon
Zoe Rojas
Walter Kowalczyk
Evelyn Kananovich
Bill Dove

Servicemen

Priest Sean Levine
Todd Adams
Bryan Houp
Mark Lopez

Sick

Kaitlyn Fox
Juli Schalick
Miriam Eby
Jay Pelleriti
Barbara Trojan
Alan Diaz
Steven Hutnik
Lee Carol
Jane D'Amore
Amelia Rugala
Michaela Fox
Dean Prestino
Gaynelle Crowley
Mary Martin
Beth Van Orden
Jamie Arango
Devon Pietrini
Robert Ferro
Virginia Staples
Wari Griffin
Daniel Cross
Kathleen Roe
John Fedak
Dorothy Suchon
Raymond Curtis
Ray Mailloux
Charles Davis
Peter Hutnik
David Sommers
Lucia Bennett
Billy Friday
James Jones
Beth Giordano
Denise Lafemina
Victor A. Rugala Jr.
Ruth Curtis
Josefa Calero
Walentyna Posluszny
John Radionoff
William Taylor
Eric Unser
Vera Dorn
Allen Zdroik
Carol Melia
Donna Helfrey
Leonard C. Wilson Sr.
Lola (Delores) Shimski
Landon Drew Policastro
Vera Schijan
Allen Mioduszewski
Dr. Richard Fitzpatrick
Melody Stavisky
Patrick Burns
Archpriest Steven Belonick
Linda Mignone
Paul Matyas
Margaret DeVito
Christopher Impomeni
John Bihuniak
Janet Auteri
Connie Kaziewic
Dawn Leming
Kathryn (Kornafel) Diaz
Crystal Aldana
Barbara Ingram
Michael Dargento
Clare Carbone
Ellen Dargento
Steven Mitchell
Margaret Butch
Mario Troyani
Michael Beloseroff
Richard Leming
John Acs
Anthony Abate
James D'Amore Jr.
Aidan Brown
Gregory Staples
Jason Dominicus
Joyce Major
Brit Davis
Stefania Lazor
Connor Meyers
Suellen Shimski
Donna Casale
Helen Rosinski
Ellie Jacobs
Dominick Maresca
Irene Mitchell
Linda Gearhart
Jay Sommers
Natalie Demidenko
Linda Stefaniak
David Kaminsky

Let Fr. David or Starosta know if you wish to make additions or subtractions to this list. The words of the Gospel are true: *"It is good to pray for one another."*

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS are bestowed this week to the following parishioners: **Marie Mioduszewski, Janusz Naumiuk, Meredith Garretson** and **Slawomir Leoniuk**. May love, joy and peace continue to fill their lives for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

MEMORY ETERNAL We extend our sympathy to the **Bihuniak, Essl, Mindzak & Posluszny Families** on the falling asleep of their dear uncle, **Bill Dove**, on Wed, April 3. May the tender compassion of Christ be their abiding consolation in the days ahead—Vechnaya Pamyat!

BRING A FRIEND along with you to church. Encourage all of your relatives to attend services faithfully. It's our Christian duty to help others find Jesus. Apostle Andrew brought his brother Peter to God...let's follow his example!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS Please notify Fr. David if you have moved.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS In addition to the *General Fund,* donations in memory of a loved one can be made to one of the many endowments of *SS. Peter & Paul Church,* including the *Grass Cutting Fund,* the *Pastoral Fund,* the *Iconography Fund,* the *Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund,* the *Schemick-Tolls Scholarship Fund,* the *Handicap Access Fund* and the *Prosphora Baking Fund.* For more information, please contact Fr. David at the rectory.

THE CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY is dedicated to the upkeep of the look and feel of our church. The way our house of worship represents itself physically is essential to all, be it newcomers or longtime members of the parish. This task is carried out every week by dedicated and diligent teams of volunteers assigned on a monthly basis. Listed below are the "crews" for April, May & June:

APRIL	*MAY*	*JUNE*
BRENDA ADAMS	HELENA CHRISTIE	CRAIG & ELAINE MAZZEI
KENNETH DAVIS	BASIL KOZAK	LINDA WOOD
HECTOR & MARISOL HERNANDEZ	RONALD & PAULA MINDZAK	WALTER "BLACKIE" SUDNIKOVICH
MARIE MIODUSZEWSKI		
JUDITH ZNAIDEN		

There is a checklist to help everyone understand what needs to be done to keep our church looking beautiful and spotless; it's posted on the bulletin board in the Candle Desk. Supplies and equipment are provided. If you have any concerns/conflicts, see Hank Dziemian, Jay Pelleriti or Starosta. Thanks and remember the words of Saint Paul to the Colossians (3:23): *"Whatever may be your task, work at it heartily from the soul, as something done for the Lord and not for men."*

SOUTH RIVER FOOD BANK Everyday, more and more less fortunate people are stopping by the local *Food Bank* for help. In these difficult times, our parish would like to this organization but, in order to do so, we need your involvement. Please help restock the *Food Bank* with such items as cereal, oatmeal, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, canned tuna, soup, vegetables and fruit or any other non-perishable items. Donations can be placed in the marked box located in the hall vestibule. Thank you.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS If you'd like to add an announcement to the parish bulletin, please give your submission to either Father David or Starosta James Kornafel; the deadline is **Thursday evening**. Call Father at the rectory or get in touch with Jim by telephone (732-462-3388), E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net) or fax (732-845-3515).

ANNUAL EASTER BAZAAR – APRIL 13, 2019

Our **Annual Easter Bazaar** will be held in the hall, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., **this Saturday, April 13**.

The preparations for this year's fundraiser are just about finished. Last year, we had quite a lot of volunteers and this year, we're hoping for the same. Please support our community by lending a hand—we need YOUR HELP! See any of the co-chairmen—**Stasia Essl, Jay Pelleriti** or **Deborah Silowka**—to find out where you can pitch in. Can't share your TIME? Then consider underwriting some of the costs of the bazaar by sharing your TREASURE and making a contribution. Whatever you can do will be appreciated. Remember that we do it for the parish, not for ourselves; we put the church and everybody else first!

Babka Orders are being coordinated by **Brenda Adams** and **Judith Znaiden**. Eleven flavors are available: cinnamon crumb, poppy, prune, raisin, raspberry, raspberry cheese, apricot, apricot cheese, cheese, chocolate and chocolate cheese. Cost is $12 each. Order forms are available at the Candle Desk and in the hall; you can also call Brenda at (732) 257-6449 or reach Judy by E-mail (jznaiden@optonline.net) or telephone (732-828-0076). The order deadline is **TODAY**. Early pick-up will be on **Thursday, April 11**, from 3-7 p.m., in the hall.

For the *Basket Raffle,* **Gift Cards**, in any denomination, are desired. Cards for department stores, fast food establishments, gas providers, supermarkets, movie theaters, restaurants and/or online outlets, such as *Amazon, e-Bay* and *iTunes,* will be accepted. You can give your donation to any one of the Bazaar co-chairmen. ***(NOTE:*** *Make sure that the gift card receipt is included with your offering.)*

Get the word out and invite all of your family, neighbors and friends to experience our beautiful Slavic culture and heritage.

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! **GLORY FOREVER!**