

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ~ Sunday After The Exaltation Of The Cross**

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**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, September 17 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, September 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary +Fred Koch by Eva Koch & Family
Tuesday, September 20 <sup>th</sup>	+Charles & +Mary Lazusky by Charles & Francis Lazusky & Family <i>to be said at the clergy retreat.</i>
Friday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, September 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am +Nicholas Mazur by Wife, Mary & Daughter, Suzanne

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, September 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm Deceased Members of +Zucal Family by Bernadette Bremer & Family
Sunday, September 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am +Anna Brennan by Harold & Mary Albon & Family
Monday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am +Margaret Tomko by Frank & Dorothy Homa
Thursday, September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	+Rev Basil Hrivak – <i>Legacy Liturgy to be said at the clergy retreat.</i>
Saturday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary + Walter Salak by Son, Bob Salak
Sunday, September 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am +Mary Toth by the Rennick & Toth Families

**St. Michael's Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gal 2:16-20	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Gal 2:16-20	Michael Fuflla
Saturday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, September 25 <sup>th</sup>	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Sam Litwak

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gal 2:16-20	Christine Romanko
Sunday, September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Gal 2:16-20	Dolores Sadusky
Saturday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Michael Prokop
Sunday, September 25 <sup>th</sup>	2 Cor 11:31-12:9	Theresa Panchison

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

### *St. Michael:*

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**Sanctuary Light**- Available Dates 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 11/20 & 12/18. If you are interested in these candles, please sign up at the back of the Church.

**American Girl Doll** Bingo will be THIS SUNDAY, September 18<sup>th</sup> Doors open at 12 noon Early Bird at 1:15pm Bingo starts at 1:30pm Admission \$25.00 \*All Players must purchase an admission ticket \*Winner receives their choice of doll. \*Advanced ticket holders will be entered in a drawing for an American Girl Accessory. \* Special Raffle - Bring non-perishable food or paper products to get a chance for a special raffle – one chance per item For Tickets call 570-462-0809

**American Girl Doll Bingo** – Deserts will be needed for the event, please drop them off in the Hall on Saturday or on Sunday before the event.

**Christmas Bingo** will be Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 12 noon Early Bird at 1:15pm Bingo starts at 1:30pm Admission \$25.00 \*All Players must purchase an admission ticket \*Advanced ticket holders will be entered in a drawing for a Christmas Item. \* Special Raffle - Bring non-perishable food or paper products to get a chance for a special raffle – one chance per item For Tickets call 570-462-0809

**Lottery Raffle** – Tickets for our Lottery Basket Raffle are now available. Please see Stephanie Rarick or the rectory for Tickets. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. There are \$376.00 in Scratch- Offs in the basket- Good Luck !

**Pierogies** – Our workers did an amazing job on Monday. The profits from the pierogie sale are \$ 1,406.57, thanks to all the hard work put in for this sale. Thanks again for all your efforts to support St. Michael's.

**Catechism classes**- for those receiving Solemn Communion and First Penance they will be Wednesday Evenings at 6:00pm instructed by Sister Zenovia beginning Wednesday September 28th. All other students will meet on Thursdays at 6:00pm beginning on September 29<sup>th</sup> and will be instructed by Theresa Krajcirik.

### *St. Nicholas:*

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**Sanctuary Light** : Available Dates- 10/2, 10/30, 11/6 & 11/13

**Sick Calls** will be Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### *Both Churches:*

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**Catechetical Sunday** Today we celebrate an important event in our parish life as we seek to grow in “Communion with God” by beginning our new catechetical year. The children and the adults who teach them have gathered together to pray and to be blessed as they begin this new journey of faith. In a special way today we ask God to grant to His servants, our students, our teachers, and ourselves the grace to grow in our communion with Him.

**Chinese Auction:** Ss. Peter and Paul Altar Rosary Society, Mt. Carmel, is sponsoring a Chinese auction on Sunday, October 9th 2016 in the church hall located at the corner of West Ave. and Beech St. Doors open at 11:30am and the Auction begins at 2:00. There will be a Browse & Bid on Saturday, Oct. 8th from 11:00am – 2:00pm. Players need not be present to win. There will be great prizes and great food to eat in or take out. For more information call the rectory office during business hours at 570 339-0650. Hope to see you there!

**Catholic Nurses Guild Fall Mass**-will be held at 10am on Tuesday, September 20,2016 in Divine Mercy Church in Shenandoah. R.N.'s interested in joining the organization are welcome to attend. Members of the parish are also welcome to attend this Mass.

**Roast Beef or Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner**- Divine Mercy Parish is sponsoring a roast beef or chicken breast dinner on Sunday, Oct. 30th from 11:00am to 1:30 pm in St. Stephen Hall, corner of East oak St. & South Main St. You will have a choice of Roast Beef or Stuffed Boneless Chicken Breast. Each dinner will include: Mashed Potato's, Green Beans, Cole Slaw & Roll. The Cost of the dinner will be \$8.00 –Take out only. The dinner will be provided by A & C Catering. Order forms are available at the parish office, 108 West Cherry st. Shenandoah.

**Help those in need this summer.** – OUR CUPBOARDS ARE BARE - As you know we maintain a food bank for those in need. During the summer donations are few and far between and the need is greater, because the children of struggling families are not in school. They are not guaranteed breakfast and lunch , as they are during the school year . We ask that you find it in your heart to help these families . Please donate non- perishable foods or personal hygiene products to help stock our depleted Food Pantry. Just a few items can be the difference between a child going to bed with a full tummy, or going to bed hungry. Thank you for your giving spirit.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the USA invites all of the clergy, religious and faithful to plan to participate in a prayerful remembrance of our first Bishop, The Most Rev. Soter Stephen Ortynsky, OSBM. We will commemorate the 150th anniversary of his birth, the 125th anniversary of ordination to the holy priesthood, and the 100th anniversary of his death, on Sunday, October 30th at 3 pm at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Vespers will be celebrated with a reflection offered by Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak, author, "Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky and the Genesis of the Eastern Catholic Churches in America", to be followed by a Memorial Prayer in the Cathedral Crypt. An Opening and Blessing of the newly relocated premises of 'Treasury of Faith' Ukrainian Catholic Museum will be held immediately thereafter in testimony to Bishop Ortynsky. Please plan to participate. We respectfully ask that parishes and organizations not plan other events at this time, permitting faithful to pray for the soul of our first Bishop and to honor his contribution. We are grateful for everyone's anticipated assistance and participation.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016 at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania We invite all our married faithful to join with our Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka to celebrate their Wedding Anniversaries at a Divine Liturgy in our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 11 AM followed by a Banquet in their honor. Cost is \$50.00 per couple and \$30.00 per guest. Deadline for registration is October 1st. Registration forms are in the back of the Church or contact the rectory.

**Works of Mercy in the USA:** The Ukrainian Catholic Laity, Monastics, and Clergy until 1916 Tuesday, September 27, 2016 6:30 - 8:30 PM Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak Fee: \$20 Basilian Spirituality Center 710 Fox Chase Rd, Jenkintown, PA 19046 In the Year of Mercy we are called to renew our commitment to Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy. This renewal calls to mind the question: How did our forbearers live their evangelical commitment? This talk will explore the historical witness that has been given in perpetuity by that "cloud of witnesses" within the Ukrainian Catholic Church. We will explore the life of the believers using the works of mercy as our guideline. This church settled in the United States in the 1870s. How was the United States enriched and how was the faith proclaimed by those blessed few who answered the call to see Christ in their neighbor? Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak's maternal grandmother was born in Olyphant, Pennsylvania in 1898 but he is an immigrant born of Ukrainian parents from Lemkivschyna. He serves as a priest in the Eparchy of Stamford (CT) in Kerhonkson and Hunter, NY . His interest in Church history has born fruit in several publications and the latest of these is "Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky and the Genesis of the Eastern Catholic Churches in America." He is a retired chaplain of the United States Air Force Reserve.

**85<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God-** "Mother of Mercy" Celebrating s Year of Mercy. Come pray with us at the Order of Saint Basil the Great at 710 Fox Chase Rd Jenkintown PA on Sunday October 2nd. The day begins with Divine Liturgy at 11 am and ends with Moleben at 4pm. Food will be served from 1pm to 5pm. Special Vocation presentation by Rev. Paul Makar. " *Come walk through the Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the Love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope.* " *Pope Francis.*

**FALL FOOD SALE** ST. JOHN'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH WILL HAVE A FOOD SALE ON OCT. 8th AT THE GROVE IN MAIZEVILLE FROM NOON TILL SELLOUT. FOOD TICKETS WILL BE SOLD BEGINNING AT 11:45 a.m. MENU WILL INCLUDE PYROHY, HALUSHKIE, BLEENIES, HALUPKIES, OPEN FIRE BEAN SOUP, HOT DOGS, BBQ, HAMBURGERS, HOME MADE BAKED GOODS, DRINKS



# Eastern Catholic Conference of Eparchial Directors of Religious Education

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*Statement of the Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors of Religious Education for Catechetical Sunday 2016.*

*Who do you say that I am? (Matthew 16:15)*

We are well aware of the Apostle Peter's faith-filled response, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" *Matthew 16:16*. For us to respond in a corresponding faith, the words of the Lord must be directed to us as the expression of a vibrant living experience, as the fruit of the gift of the Father, "Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah! No mere man has revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father" *Matthew 16:17*, so each of us must let himself/herself be moved personally by the serious question "And who do you say that I am, you who hear me spoken of, answer me! What do I really mean for you?"

Peter's divine inspiration and response of faith came after a long period of living close to Jesus, hearing His words and observing His life and ministry. If we are serious about making a more conscious and meaningful profession of faith in Christ, we must, like Peter, listen attentively and carefully. We must follow in the school of the first disciples who became His witnesses and our teachers. At the same time we must accept the experience and testimony of no less than twenty plus centuries of history marked by the Master's question and enriched by the immense chorus of responses of the faithful of all times and places.

Jesus, questioned about His identity shows the pedagogical shrewdness of one who does not trust hasty responses, but desires an answer matured over a period, even sometimes lengthy days of reflection coupled with prayer, in the attentive and intense hearing of the truth of the Christian faith as professed and practiced and lived in His mystical Body, the Church.

As Catechists, the desire to help everyone discover Jesus, urges us to carry out the demanding and moving task to present the compelling figure of Jesus Christ to communicants of the Church and to every person of good will. Thus we throw "open the doors to Christ" in our lives so that the primary and essential object of catechesis is attaining to the mystery of Christ in our lives as much as it is humanly possible. Catechesis is a way to lead interested persons to study this mystery in all its dimension, to reveal in the person of Christ the whole of God's eternal design reaching fulfillment in the second Person because only He can lead us to the love of the eternal Father in the Holy Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity for which purpose humanity was initially created.

We are compelled to consider four central points regarding the identity and mission of Jesus:

1. Jesus in His historical reality and in His transcendent Messianic character, the Son of Abraham, Son of Man and Son of God;
2. Jesus in His identity as true God and true man, in communion with the Father and animated by the power of the Holy Spirit as He is presented to us in the gospel narratives;
3. Jesus as seen by the eyes of the inspired and glorious Church which, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, has investigated and elucidated the data of Revelation by granting us, especially in the teachings of ecumenical councils, precise formulation of faith in Jesus Christ.
4. Finally, Jesus in His life and works, in His redemptive passion and in His final and all-encompassing glorification; in our midst and within us, in history and in His Body, the Church until the end of the world. “And know that I am with you always, until the end of the world”  
*Matthew 28: 20.*

### **Statements on Catechesis by the USCCB**

“The Church continues to sow the Gospel in God’s field” (GDC, no. 16). The soil of culture into which the seeds of faith are planted today is far different from the culture that existed when the first Catechetical Sunday was celebrated. For us in the United States, our culture offers significant challenges that influence how the Gospel is proclaimed. We live in an increasingly secular and materialistic society, which is often at odds with our Christian messages and values. The disintegration of the community and social structures that once supported religious faith and encouraged family life have been replaced by a media-and technology-driven culture that makes catechesis especially difficult. Religious instruction and catechesis compete against entertainment and sport for time in people’s busy lives...”

“Catechists today face the difficult task of proclaiming the good news of Christ Jesus in such a way that it will be heard, accepted, and authentically understood in this culture. They must reach out to those who are unevangelized, as well as work with the large numbers of people today who have not been fully catechized. We write to offer our support to those involved in this challenging ministry.” (Excerpts from the USCCB letter on catechesis)

### **THE HISTORY OF CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

Catechetical Sunday has its roots in a 1935 Vatican publication “On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education”, a document that asks every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church’s teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. Beginning in 1971, the USCCB’s Department of Education began producing materials to help parishes celebrate the event at the local level. Now the Committee of Evangelization and Catechesis publishes Catechetical Sunday materials each year.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday. In the early years of the twenty-first century educators of the various Eastern Catholic Churches began to provide posters, prayers, announcements and other related material

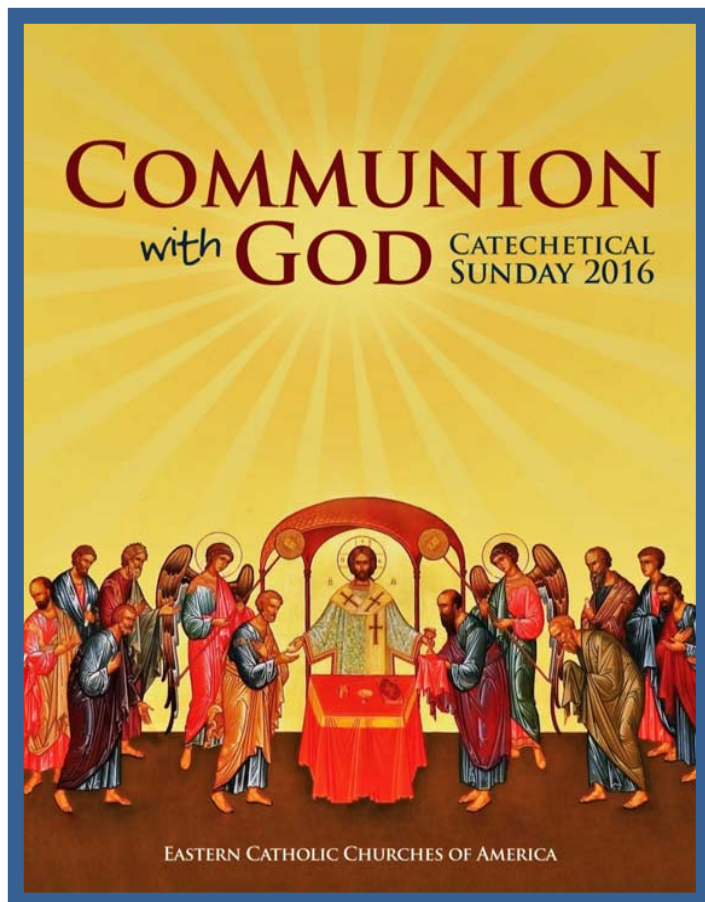
reflective of the distinctive charisms of Eastern Christians' faith-experience and expression for Catechetical Sunday.

Annual themes have been developed to complement the concept of USCCB guidelines, but with a look and feel in accord with the Eastern Christian spiritual and catechetical tradition. This year's theme "Communion with God" focuses on the purpose and goal of catechesis specifically in and through the Divine Liturgy.

### **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2016: COMMUNION WITH GOD**

Every Christian receives in Holy Baptism the gift of God's Life, which is lived out most fully in the mystical-liturgical life of the Church.

In the Eastern Christian tradition, the traditional form or method of religious education is liturgical in nature because its main purpose and aim is to incorporate the individual person ever deeper into the mystical life of the Church, the Body of Christ. Catechesis, then, is intimately tied to, founded upon, and directed toward the Liturgy, because it is in the Liturgy that the fullness of Divine Life is revealed and communicated.



*When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" (Luke 24:30 – 32)*

### **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY** **2016 POSTER**

Catechetical Sunday 2016 Poster is designed to communicate the theme of this year's Catechetical Sunday. The icon of the Mystical Supper is depicted at the bottom of the flyer to reveal the truth that Divine Liturgy is the foundation of our communion with God. The rays which burst forth from the name of God and shine upon the image of the Mystical Supper tell us that in the Divine Liturgy we encounter God Himself and become partakers of the Divine Nature.

## Sept 18: A Revolution of Tenderness



"Sometimes we think we are doing God a favor when we do a work of mercy. But actually we find mercy and salvation for ourselves."

That's what Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley told the 2016 World Youth Day audience in Krakow, Poland, in July.

"Only by making a gift of ourselves will we find fulfillment, happiness and salvation," he said.

Isn't this the very difference between serving God and mammon, the biblical name given to the greedy pursuit of gain?

In an interview for the opening of this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis described the duplicitous spirit of mammon that grips today's world.

"We're used to bad news, to cruelty and ever-greater atrocities that offend the name and the life of God. The world must discover that God is a father, that there's mercy, that cruelty isn't the way.

What the world needs, the Pope added, is a "revolution of tenderness."

Perhaps this is what Jesus was telling us when he was nearly thrown off a cliff after his first preaching in a Nazareth synagogue. That threat did not stop him from talking about mercy throughout his ministry.

The Year of Mercy is a chance to reboot, to start over again, Cardinal O'Malley said. "We need to find a new route to take us where we need to go."

Our prayer today: *Lord Jesus, show us the way of mercy and grant us the courage and perseverance to follow it.*

### **American Girl Doll Bingo- THIS SUNDAY !!!!!**

**Sunday, September 18th**

**Doors open at 12 noon**

**Early Bird at 1:15pm**

**Bingo starts at 1:30pm**

**Admission \$25.00**



\*All Players must purchase an admission ticket

\*Winner receives their choice of doll.

\*Advanced ticket holders will be entered in a drawing for an American Girl Accessory.

\* Special Raffle - Bring non-perishable food or paper products to get a chance for a special raffle –one chance per item

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**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR**

## Church Information

**Rectory Hours-** Monday – Thursday 10:00am- 3:00 pm - phone 570-462-0809 Closed holidays

**Baptisms:** Please contact the rectory to arrange a date with the pastor.

**Confessions:** By appointment, before Divine Liturgy or check your bulletin schedule.

**Marriages:** Those planning marriages must be active members of the parish, and must contact the pastor at least 6 months in advance. Marriage preparation for couples is required

**Emergencies & Pastoral Care:** Please call the pastor if a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound and is in need of the Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick.

**New Parishioners** are urged to register in the rectory office. Moving? Change of address? Please notify the rectory.

**Letters of Recommendation:** for Sponsors of the sacraments will be issued only to active members of the parish who are registered with the parish, receiving sacraments and supporting the parish.

**Mass Cards, Sanctuary Lights, and Other Candles etc.:** Contact the rectory during office hours for information.

**Questions:** Please contact the rectory, or see Msgr. Myron.

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## Weekly Contributions

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**Parishes Weekly Income:** **St. Michael:** Contributions - \$ 900.95 Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contributions - \$ 543.00 Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas** In Memory of +Frank Homa Jr by Wife, Dorothy

**Sanctuary Light: St. Michael** Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Msgr. Myron Grabowsky – God's Blessings !

**Seven Branch Candlestick-** God's Blessings for & in Memory of the Blaschak & Wolfe Families

**4 Lamps of the Iconostas** – God's Blessings and Good Health on My Family and Friends

**Lamps of the Crucifix-**

**Lights of the Tetrapod-**

**Lights of the Tabernacle-**

**God bless you for your love and devotion to your parish!**

**Prayer Requests:** *Please remember those who are shut-ins, those in need, or who are ill or suffering and all those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for those who put themselves in harm's way to serve others such as those that serve in the military protecting our country, firefighters, police, and emergency personal.*

### **St. Michael**

Sonya Elchishak

Eva Koch

Dolores Kozie

Martha Hysock

Sandy Bankes\*

Shannon's Mom\*

Matthew Morrissey

Helen O'Connell

Helen Beddall

Irene Flaherty

Tom Prete

Susan Chernesky

Maya Usewicz

Susan Enders

Dolores O'Connell Leahy

Helen Bereschak

Helen Sims

Mary Mazur

Keilbasa Family\*

Christine Lenhart\*

& Rosemary (Mother)

Bill McAndrew\*

Andrea Pytak

Annie Cragen

Irene Yaroma

### **St. Nicholas**

Helen Salak

Margaret Skrincosky

Mary Mistishen

Joseph Luckenbill

Peter Kadingo

Mary Kadingo

Metro & Helen Tarris

Laura Seasock

Anna Skrincosky

Catherine Washuta

Elizabeth Gulas

Joseph Salak

Jim Rehnert

Walter Mistishen

Andrew Skrincosky

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