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The Saint Stephen Church Parish Bulletin

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LITURGIES:

SUNDAY- 9:00 AM English; 10:30 AM Ukrainian

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14th Sunday. Beheading of John the Baptist – 14 Неділя. Усікновення голови Івана Хрестителя
August 29 **Ep.:** 1Cor.16,13-24 **Go.:** Mt.21,33-42 **Tone 5**

9:00AM All ill, homebound parishioners from Marion Woloshyn

10:00AM Rosary for the conversion of the world – Вервиця за навернення світу

10:30AM God's blessing for all parishioners – Благословення Парафіян

“Coffee Hour” at the parish Hall – Кава у залі

Monday, August 30 Day off. Office closed

Tuesday, August 31 9:00am No Liturgy

Wednesday, September 1 9:00am No Liturgy

Thursday, September 2 9:00am No Liturgy

Friday, September 3 9:00am No Liturgy

Saturday, September 4 9:00am No Liturgy

15th Sunday after Pentecost – 15 Неділя по Зісланні Св'ятого Духа
September 5 **Ep.:** 2 Cor.4,6-15 **Go.:** Mt.22,35-46 **Tone 6**

9:00AM +Stefania Hupalowsky from Myron and Kathryn Domarecky

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Rectory Office Hours: In emergency, parishioners can contact Father any time. **Mondays-Day Off - office closed.**

Church Membership: All faithful are welcome to our Church. Ukrainian Catholics, Roman Catholics and Orthodox people can pray with us. We would love to see at our Church non-Catholics and unaffiliated people. If any of the visitors feels that our Church is a house of prayer and spiritual life, this person can become a Christian and member of our parish. We appreciate all contributions for the Church to cover expenses of our Parish. You may use your envelopes.

Baptism: All people can become Christians. Children can become Christians through the consent of the parents. According to our Ukrainian-Byzantine custom Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion is combined into one service. For adults Catechetical preparation is required.

First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion: Every baptized adult must go to Confession at least once a year. Children after the age of 8 have to receive First Penance and Holy Communion according to the Church's Law. Catechetical classes are available in our parish. Please sign up your child for classes at least one year before the day of the event.

Confession is available 30 min. before every Liturgy & at other times by requesting the priest.

Marriages All couples contemplating marriage are required to attend counseling sessions. A period of six months is needed for all preparations. Please contact Father as soon as you make plans to wed.

Anointing of the Home-bound Due to Illness: If you are home-bound and would like Father to visit you, please call the office to make sure your name is on the list. It is the family's responsibility to inform the pastor on time, especially of an emergency.

Funeral: Have your funeral director contact the rectory immediately after the death to make proper funeral arrangements.

Parish Ukrainian School: Parish Ukrainian school is now open. The schedule is Saturdays from 9:30AM to 1:30PM. Children of all ages are invited. **Запрошуємо до суботньої Української Школи всіх дітей різного віку! (732) 505-6053**

“SCHOLARSHIP of St. Stephen Parish”: A scholarship of \$500 is available from our parish to high school graduating students. To be eligible, graduating students must attend the Liturgy and services every Sunday and be active in the parish at least 3 years before graduation.

Bingo information- Every Tuesday, at 7:00PM we offer Bingo at our parish hall. The income from Bingo is used to cover the mortgages of our new church. **Please come and help us. We need volunteers!**

Rosary Society- The Rosary Society is a prayer group that fosters devotion to the Holy Mother of God through daily recitation of the rosary. We are welcome new members.

Religion education- Our parish holds catechetical classes for the promotion of spiritual development. The religion classes for adult parishioners and visitors are provided by Fr. Volodymyr on Sundays during “Coffee hour” at 12:00PM in the parish hall. On Saturdays at 1:30PM (after Ukrainian school) Father has 30 min. of religion classes for children. All are welcome!

Renting of the Hall: Our parish hall is available for rental for six hours until 10:00PM. For more information and/or to sign a rental agreement, please call Father Volodymyr at 732-505-6053. **Просимо винаймати наш зал для ваших потреб!**

Coffee hour: We welcome all parishioners to participate in the Coffee Hour at our parish hall after 10:30 Liturgy on Sundays. If you would like to donate a cake please contact Oksana Powzaniuk 732-255-6549 or Irene Dziaba 732-778-5414. **Запрошуємо всіх**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COLLECTIONS - \$1,324. Thank you so much for your generous donations! Дякуємо щиро за офіру!

On Saturday, October 2, 2021 will start the Ukrainian language classes at our parish Ukrainian School. We have the new teacher Iryna Magbanva. She is active teacher in one of the schools in Lakewood, NJ. Pastor is asking parents to register their children to our school no later than September 25, 2021. The age for children must be 6 and up. Please call Father Volodymyr 609-372-7161. Парох парафії відновлює уроки вивчення Української мови у парафіяльній школі із 2 Жовтня. Просимо зареєструвати своїх дітей не пізніше 25 вересня. Вік дітей є від 6 років і більше.

Thank you very much Paraska and Eugene Bortkewicz for offering of \$500 for church loan. May Lord bless you and your family !

On the meeting, that took place on Thursday, August 26, 2021 the Bingo group and parish Pastoral Council decided to postpone the beginning of the Bingo Games next year 2022 due to the situation with the virus and need of new people-volunteers to help. That is so important to understand, that without new volunteers is almost impossible to provide Bingo. The future of the Bingo and the Parish is in the hands of young parishioners. Parish needs your support. Просимо щиро в допомозі у провадженні гри "Bingo", яку ми розпочнемо в наступному році згідно рішення Групи людей, що провадять Bingo і рішення парафіяльного комітету. На перешкоді є ситуація із вірусом і браком помічі від молодих людей. Нам конечно потрібно молодих людей-парафіян для перейняття досвіду, щоб у майбутньому провадити грою Bingo і Парафією.

Starting on month of October, 2021 we will have in the parish new tradition to worship Lord Jesus and His Sacred Heart on every First Fridays of every month. That was will of the Lord Jesus. Починаючи від місяця Жовтня у нашій парафії будемо мати звичай Перших П'ятниць кожного місяця, так як нам заповів сам Ісус. Кожної Першої п'ятниці матимемо Сповідь і Св. Причастя.

Dear parishioners! Father is asking all parishioners to **remember to make** their donations so that the parish can continue to provide essential services to our congregation. Donations can be made by mailing them to the parish. Our address is: 1344 White Oak Bottom Rd., Toms River, NJ 08755.

"The Family Candles on the Holy Altar" for the month of September are offered from Dawn Bishop in honor of Deborah and Jeff Marco (30th Wedding anniversary and 60th Birthday blessings). **"The Family Candles on the Holy Altar"** for the month of September are offered from Mike and Marita Zaremba in memory of +Theodor and Erika Moskal, and Katherina Zaremba. Thank you so much for your offerings!

At our parish we have established a new tradition of the "Family candles on the Holy Altar". Candles can be offered by a family for any intentions, and these candles will be lighted for every Divine Liturgy on Altar of the church for all month. Your candles will become a part of the Liturgical service and the family will receive many blessings from God. The offering for the "Family candles on the Holy Altar" is \$45 per month. Please contact Father Volodymyr!

Please pray for our parishioners: Anna Pyrih, Mary Monani, Walter Adamkewych, Katherine Konopada, Euginia Bobek, Jane Sass, John Libowits, Pamela Chomiak Cavanagh, and Mykola, Igor, Luba, Lidia, Jack, John Dzera, Gabriele, Alanna Tufaro, Olga Lucyk, Natalia Andrusyk, Ann Ogden, Jessy Kacuba. They need your support of prayers.

Religion education is temporarily unavailable. The religion classes are provided by Fr. Volodymyr every available Sunday at the coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy.

Your name or names of your family members can be displayed on a new board of donations for the church loan for 2020-2021. To receive this acknowledgment the parish is requesting an offering of \$500 or more for the payment of the church loan. Your contribution will help the parish repay the church mortgage. Please make the check out to St. Stephen Church and note the purpose on the check. The new board of benefactors will be made and displayed on the wall at the church entrance.

ВШАНУВАННЯ ПЕРШИХ П'ЯТНИЦЬ МІСЯЦЯ. ОБІЦЯНКИ, ЩО СКАЗАВ ГОСПОДЬ ІСУС ДО МАРІЇ МАРГАРЕТИ АЛЯКОК:

1. Уділю їм усіх ласк для виконання обов'язків їхнього стану.
 2. Поверну взаєморозуміння роз'єднаним родинам.
 3. Втішу в усіх їх терпіннях.
 4. Моє Серце стане їм притулком на протязі життя, особливо у годину смерті.
 5. Зміцнюватиму їх у праці й благословлю усі їхні наміри й бажання.
 6. Грішники знайдуть у моєму Серці джерело й океан Милосердя.
 7. Байдужі стануть ревними.
 8. Ревні скоро підіймуться до високої досконалості.
 9. Щедро благомловлятиму місце, де буде розміщений і вшанований образ мого Серця.
 10. Священикам дам силу зворушувати найбільш закам'янілі серця.
 11. Імена тих, котрі поширюватимуть це набоженство, будуть записані в моєму Серці, й ніхто вже не буде в силі їх звідти викреслити.
 12. У потоці милосердя Мого Серця обіцяю, що Моя всемогутня любов надасть ласки остаточного витривання всім тим, які приймуть святе Причастя в кожному першу П'ятницю на протязі дев'яти місяців підряд. Вони не помруть без Моєї ласки і без прийняття святих Таїн, а Моє Серце стане для них безпечним притулком у ті останні хвилини.
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“Rosary of the Divine Mercy - Вервиця до Божого Милосердя”:

Using Rosary beads, begin with:

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., the Apostles' Creed...

On the large bead before each decade say:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those that needs your mercy.

On the ten small beads of each decade:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

After the last decade, recite the following prayer

three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world (3 times)

Jesus invites everyone: *“Come to Me, all you who are weary and are burdened, and I will relieve you!”*

Prayer: *“O Lord God, bless all people of the USA to live in the peace, faith, hope and love to You and all people in the country. Protect all lives, especially unborn children”!*

Prayer: “O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God, grant that our hearts become the altar of Your love, that our lips proclaim Your bountiful mercy, that our eyes constantly gaze into the wound of Your most Sacred Heart, that our minds meditate upon Your unfathomable perfections, that our memory guard the precious souvenirs of Your mercy. O Lord, our God, let everything within us praise the ineffable love of Your most Sacred Heart, for Your name is blessed, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, world without end”. Amen

Prayer for unborn Children:

“O Most Holy Blessed Mother who carried the “Source of All Life” in your virginal holy womb; intercede with your tenderly maternal love and graces answering our prayers to end abortion and save precious infant lives. Amen”
