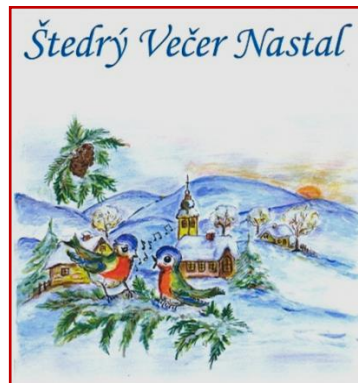


~ Announcements ~

And Yet Another Busy Week at the Parish!!! A huge “Thank You!” to...

- **Jim Fullman, Sr. & the Fullman Plumbing** crew for replacing the rectory powder room floor and soon the upstairs bathroom floor with new linoleum; and for his painting the ceiling tile tracks at the Centre.
- **John Regalla, Sr.** for making Father a new wooden oblation tray that is used in the Rite of Preparation of the bread and wine that will be used at the Divine Liturgy.
- **Jack Gulisek & his construction team** for the replacement of the sidewalk between the Church and the rectory.
- **Many Thanks** to **Mary Ann Kontir, Lisa Cianciotti, Joyce Regalla, and Fran Kernicky** for providing baked goods to our bingo.
- **CHRISTMAS CRÈCHE SHOW** The First United Methodist Church of Greensburg extends an invitation to join them for their 7th annual Creche Show—an exhibition of creches lent to their church from people throughout the area. Thurs. & Fri., Dec. 5th & 6th from 4 to 8 PM and Sat., Dec. 7th from 11 AM to 3 PM at 15 East Second St. Greensburg. (See Poster)
- **Fall Craft Show & Pirohi Sale!** The Ladies Guild of **St. Mary Byzantine Church in Bradenville** is holding its annual Fall Craft Show & Pirohi Sale November 17 at the Dome from 10 am to 3 pm. Vendors will offer a variety of handmade items. The Ladies Guild will be selling food to eat there or take home. See the poster for more details. Admission is free! Pirohi are \$8 a dozen for cooked with butter & onions and \$7 a dozen for frozen. To place food orders, call 724-640-2421 and leave a message or email stmarysladiesguild@yahoo.com.
- **HEAR YE, HEAR YE!** The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union invites you to attend its annual “**Stedry Vecer**” on **Sunday, December 8**, at the Bishop Connare Center, Route 30 East, Greensburg, PA. Begin the evening with Mass at 4pm in the Chapel followed by our Traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner. Door prizes will be awarded and the Pittsburgh Slovaks will entertain. Ample seating will be available. Tickets: \$20 adults / \$15 ages 13-17 / \$10 ages 3-12. Reserve your tickets prior to November 27th by calling 724-537-7743 after 6 pm.



TYPHOON HAIYAN: Archbishop William received notice from the USCCB – the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops – that all Catholic parishes in the USA are being asked to take up a special collection as soon as possible for the people in the Philippines and Vietnam who are suffering greatly from the effects of typhoon Haiyan.

These funds will be used to support the efforts of the Catholic Relief Services in response to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter and medical care and to assist in the long-term recovery from the disaster. Collection funds will also be used to support the long-term need to rebuild the Church in these countries after such widespread destruction.

Please use one of the “special” envelopes in your offertory box for this important collection and **clearly mark on the front of the envelope: TYPHOON HAIYAN.** The parish will then send one check for the total amount collected to the Archeparchial offices in Pittsburgh who will then forward monies to Catholic Relief Services.

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving Day both as a parish and as a nation, let us be especially mindful of the abundant blessings that we have and let us also call to mind the words of our blessed Savior:

«...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me.’»

Criteria for being a member of the Catholic Church in good standing...

- ... is registered in a parish.
- ... regularly attends Divine Liturgy and holy days; observes the fasts.
- ... **IS ACTIVE IN THE SOCIAL MINISTRY OF THE PARISH.**
- ... supports the Church monetarily according to his or her means.
- ... if married, celebrated a valid Catholic marriage.