Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Исусу Христу! St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church 4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650

Glory Forever! Слава на вики!

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Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:30 PM Sunday 9:30 – 10:00 AM or by appointment Tel: Rectory: 724-423-3673 Fax: 724-423-1808 Hall: 724-423-8838

27 November, 2011: Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Martyr James the Persian. Our Venerable Father Palladius.

The Holy Icon of the Mother of God, called "the Sign."

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Nov.	26	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil w/ Mirovanije + Elizabeth Kontir Lindley requested by Jim & Mary Ann Kontir					
Sun.	Nov.	27	10:30 AM: 24 th Sunday after Pentecost: For Our Parishioners w/ Mirovanije					
Sat.	Dec.	3	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil + Grandparents Joseph & Josephine Krynicky requested by Joanne H. Krynicky					
Sun.	Dec.	4	10:30 AM: 25 th Sunday after Pentecost: For Our Parishioners					
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Collection: 11/20/11: Adult \$ 735; Student \$ 13; Candles \$ 46; Total: \$ 794

We received an urgent letter on Wednesday from the Catholic Near East Welfare Association – CNEWA: «What is the world coming to when day after day we wake up to head lines like these: CHURCHES BOMBED, PRIESTS MURDERED, NUNS THREATENED, CHRISTIANS FLEE! These events are shocking because Christians in the Middle East have long lived with their neighbors in peace. But today, violence and discrimination are causing hardship and suffering for the millions of Christians who call the Middle East home, creating for them one of their darkest periods in history. What can you do to help overcome this – to help make a difference in the Middle East? You can participate in the good works of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, the Holy Father's special agency to aid the churches and peoples of the East. Founded in 1926 by Pope Pius XI, CNEWA is a much needed lifeline to Christians in the Middle East and to those in Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe, too. When you join with CNEWA as a much-needed life line in these regions, you will help to:

- Build and repair churches and Christian schools.
- Train and support the next generation of priests and religious sisters.
- Deliver food and medical supplies in countries stricken by war.
- Care for orphaned and abandoned children.
- Shelter refugees driven from their homes.
- Answer the pleas of people serving the church in very poor and sometimes very hostile places.

In performing these works of mercy, you will do as Jesus taught – countering hatred with acts of love. And to those tempted to violence, you will bear witness to the power of the cross – to heal and reconcile the world. **Christians in the Middle East need your help – today!** This is the work of CNEWA, and now more than ever it is vital that you and I undertake it. But I cannot do so without your help. On behalf of the Holy Father, I ask you to send a sacrificial gift today -- \$15, \$30, \$75 or more if you can. I promise to put your gift in the hands of those who need it most. Your generosity will be used to strengthen the church and relieve suffering in Christ's name. Sincerely, Gabriel Delmonaco, U.S. National Director.

«When, for love of God, we share our good with our neighbors in need, we discover that the fullness of life comes from love and all is returned to us as a blessing in the form of peace, inner satisfaction and joy.» Pope Benedict XVI.

Make your check payable to CNEWA and place it in the offertory basket.

Father will mail them in on behalf of the parish.



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- ➤ CHILDREN'S LIBRARY: Father is beginning to build a collection of spiritual books for the young children of the parish. Please feel free to stop at the rectory to look at the materials already at hand and see what may be appropriate for the age of your child / children. Books may be signed out for a two week period and may be renewed for an additional week if necessary.
- ➤ Thank you so very much to everyone who donated door prizes for our Turkey Bingo last Sunday and to all the parishioners who helped out in some way. The Turkey Bingo had an impressive turnout. Parents, please turn in your pink sheets ASAP.
- The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union is holding its annual "Stedry Vecer" on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at the Bishop Connare Center, Route 30 East, Greensburg, PA. Mass is at 4 pm in the Chapel followed by our Traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner. Door prizes will be awarded and the Pittsburgh Slovakians will perform. Tickets: \$18 adults / \$12 children 16 & under. Tickets are limited; RSVP prior to November 28th by calling 724-537-7743 after 6 pm.

First Time Ever: Catholic Ads Airing Nationally on Prime-Time Network TV—Starting December 16, CatholicsComeHome.org will begin airing Catholic TV ads nationwide, inviting relatives, friends, and others to return home to the Catholic Church. Pray and spread the word by sharing this link with all Catholics you know. www.CatholicsComeHome.org/Advent

SAVE THE DATES...

- Saturday, 3 December at Saint Vincent College: Andrés Cardenes, former concertmaster of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra will perform at 8:00 pm in the Carey Centre. He will perform works by Schubert, Hindemith, Mozart, Lutoslawski, Tchaikovsky, and Kreisler.
 Christmas Craft / Bake Sale December 3-4 St. John the Bantist Byzantine Catholic
- * Christmas Craft / Bake Sale, December 3-4, St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Uniontown, See poster. Call 724-438-6027 between 9-3:00 for more information.
- Christmas Open House at the Religious Gift Shop, Mount St. Macrina, Uniontown, Saturday, Dec. 3, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm and Tuesday, Dec. 6, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Check the poster for details. See Father for a discount card.
- ❖ St. Nicholas Charity Event, **December 4**, St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall.
- ❖ St. John Chrysostom in Pittsburgh presents Christmas concerts. On Dec. 6th at 7:00 pm, Cathasaigh performs and on Dec. 8th at 7:30, the Pitt Men's Glee Club sings carols and other Christmas music. See posters.