

Be Merciful, Just as Your Father is Merciful

Perhaps no other attribute of God, besides His love, attracts us to Him as does His mercy. This quality distinguishes Him from all false gods. From the beginning to the end of the Bible, the endless procession of saints extols His mercy, repeating the refrain: "His mercy endures forever!"

His mercy caused Him to devise a plan of redemption that would reach every human being, moved Him to give His only Son as a ransom for all sinners, established His kingdom and His Church, inspired the Scriptures, provided the sacraments, forgives all our transgressions and heals our diseases, and gives us peace, joy, and hope and time for repentance. Great is His mercy!

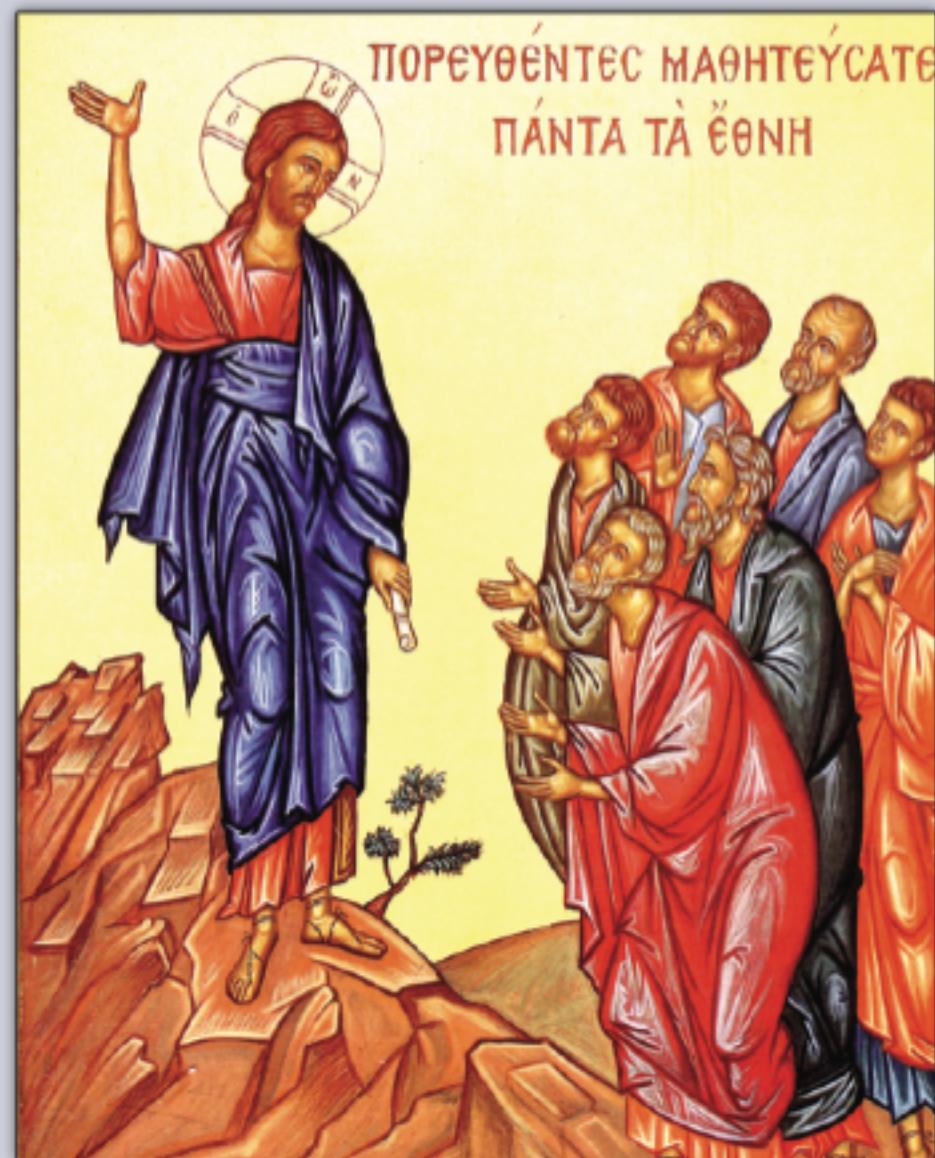
That indescribable, overflowing, and undeserved mercy melts away all our pride and arrogance, fills us with gratitude, and gives us a new birth, a new life, a new will, and a new viewpoint. Now we look at our fellow inhabitants of the earth with the eyes of our merciful Father.

And so the chain reaction goes on from God to us to others. As His mercy endures forever, so may our mercifulness – as that of His children – be likewise enduring.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for His mercy endures forever. Amen.

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Teaching the Apostles



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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October 1, 2023 - 18th Sunday After Pentecost Protection of the Theotokos Schedule of Services

Sunday 1 **18th Sunday After Pentecost
Protection of the Theotokos**
9:00 AM Matins
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners

No services scheduled this week:
Fr. Loya will be directing the Clergy Retreat for the
Archeparchy of Pittsburgh this Week

Saturday 7 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Mary Freeland
by Joe Schudt
5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday 8 **19th Sunday After Pentecost**
9:00 AM Matins
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners

We pray for the sick and homebound of our parish, especially:

Kim Hughes	Ken Hrusosky	Jean Rusnak
Dot Wochok	Mary Ann Baran	Mary Ann Horne
Francis Hughes	Gloria Paulson	John Oreluk
Fr. Bernard Danber	Frank Miko	Sally Hughes
William Horne	William Davis	Georgia Peceniak
Paul Kaderabek	Gloria Selvy	Claire Resuta
Abbie Sheedy		

We pray for our Catechumens of our parish:

Lea Rodbarry	Kate Colome
Anthony Mazzeo	Stephen Beardsley

Annunciation of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Parish

In all decisions regarding parish membership and Sacramental life, the pastor exercises the final decision and the confidentiality of the persons involved must be respected.

Parish Membership is determined by three things:

1. Being registered in the parish for a sufficient amount of time
2. Faithful and consistent participation in the liturgical life of the parish especially on Sundays and Holy days.
3. Regular financial support of the parish. Use of offertory envelopes by parish members is required for weekly donations

The Sacred Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and Matrimony are available only to those persons who comply with the above requirements of parish membership.

A Biblically based stewardship is part of the vision of Annunciation parish. Parishioners are encouraged to practicing tithing and also to consider Annunciation parish in planned giving such as trust funds, etc.

Couples who are planning to be married at Annunciation parish must be free to be married in the Church and must contact the pastor at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date. Persons applying for annulments of a previous marriage should not set a Church wedding date unless their annulment has been granted.

Couples who are cohabitating or involved in same sex civil unions or so-called same sex "marriages," as well as couples who are contracepting are asked to seek the pastor's help in understanding the Church's teaching and in conforming their lives to the moral teaching of the Church. Such persons **cannot receive Holy Communion** until their lives are reconciled with the Church.

Parish members entering the hospital or who are home-bound should contact the pastor or parish business office.

Prior to undergoing surgery or going under anesthesia parish members should contact the pastor.

No eulogies or public addresses by laity are permitted during funeral services.

Cremation is permitted but not encouraged. Ashes are not permitted in the church. Funeral services with the body of the deceased in the church must take place prior to cremation. Ashes are to be buried according to the burial rite of the Church. Ashes cannot be scattered or kept in homes.

Appropriate behavior and dress are required for all liturgical services. No audible conversations, or waving across the church. Electronic devices must be turned off. No food, candy, or gum chewing. Dress code is formal and modest for all services.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed every Friday. If this is not possible an equivalent

Grand Raffle Update

1st Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, October 8th

2nd Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, November 12th

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 10th

Countdown - 71 Days

Grand Prize - \$5,000

RAFFLE TICKET SALES UPDATE

Keep up the good efforts...

Don't stop now!

	# of Tickets	Amount	%
Goal	350	\$35,000	100%
Sold	(159)	(15,900)	45.43%
Unsold	191	\$19,100	54.57%

NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ

“TICKET WARRIORS” - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Kathleen Andrews, Bill & Sandy Davis, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Dennis Dombrowski, Gary & Sharon Dorencz, Jim Forkal, Rob & Debbie Gartshore, Linda Gaydos, Anne Gazzolo, Catherine Gazzolo, Ned & Lynn Grabavoy, Jim & Lois Greybar, Bill Gulas, Maria Gulas, Bill & Mary Horne, Bob & Sheila Horne, Mary Ann Horne, Marianne Horvath, Ken & Donna Hrusosky, Bill & Sue Izquierdo, Paul Kaderabek, Mary Kenes, Marilyn Lopez, Patrick & Teri Manaher, Maria Meseke, Diane Zelnick Milmont, Dennis Mrowca, Angelica Nolan, Cecelia Okonski, John & Mary Oreluk, Johnny & Hazel Oreluk, Justin Orenic, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Gloria Paulson, Jack & Jamila Pawchak, Sonny Pawchak, Betty Pawlowski, Georgia Peceniak, Brian & Donna Rusnak, Joe Schudt, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Jason & Courtney Smee, Daniel Snaidauf, Esther Thomas, Mike Triggs, Bill & Nancy Withers, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Morning of Recollection

~ WITH FR. DWIGHT LONGENECKER ~



St. James at Sag Bridge

Overview

Father Longenecker is a Catholic convert with a fascinating conversion story. He is a prolific writer, blogger at *Standing on My Head*, and author of numerous books, including *Beheading Hydra* and *Immortal Combat*. Please join us as Father inspires us with a plan to battle the cultural currents of our day. He will also share the fascinating facts behind the *Sword of Saint Michael*, a mysterious imaginary line linking seven monasteries from Ireland to Israel.

Agenda

Saturday, October 21, 2023
8am - Mass
9am - 12pm - Talks, Refreshments,
Recollection

There will be opportunity for Confession

Cost

\$25 per person

Visit historicstjames.org to learn more and purchase your ticket.

Location

St. James at Sag Bridge
10600 S. Archer Ave.
Lemont, IL

Scan this code to learn more about Fr. Longenecker and his ministry.



~ Sponsored by the Sag Bridge Mission Society ~



Life Chain



LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Sunday, October 1
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Pick up signs at Access Health Center
(1700 75th St - Downers Grove, IL 60516)
We will stand along 75th Street

LIFE CHAIN is an annual, nationwide, peaceful, prayerful hour of silence on public sidewalks supporting the dignity of and right to life. Many thousands of churches participate each year in this annual event of prayer and witness to the sanctity of unborn life.



Family Catechesis will continue on the **3rd Sunday of the month** with a potluck luncheon followed by instructions for both adults and children. Any adult is welcome to attend these instructional Sunday afternoons.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...
on **Saturday, October 7th**
we will have a mid-year
Cleaning of the Pews!
starting at 9AM

Due to complications with the adhesive pads, we applied in the spring, all of the pew legs need to be cleaned to remove the gummy adhesive. We will also be cleaning the church floor to remove the residue left behind. We could really use your help with this process to get our church looking its best!

Please see Catherine for more details.

Family Catechesis

Sunday, October 15th
Noon - 1:30pm

ByzanTEENS will meet on the
1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month.

ByzanTEENS

Tuesday, October 3rd & 17th
6:30pm to 8:00pm



THE WAY OF A PILGRIM



The Way of a Pilgrim Silent Retreat

Christ's Peace House of Prayer
22131 Meager Rd - Easton, KS

Friday, Oct 13th @ 5:30PM

Sunday, Oct 15th @ 4:30

The Jesus prayer is an ancient form of prayer that teaches us how to pray always. On this silent retreat, we will be putting into practice the ancient tradition of walking while praying this simple and powerful prayer. There will be conferences, eucharistic adoration, Mass, confession as well as time for private prayer, reflection and walking.

For more information about this retreat, contact Christ's Peace House of Prayer:

<https://archkck.org/cpp/retreats/preached-retreats/>

OR Call 913-773-8255

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NOVEMBER 2 - 5, 2023

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Moving Forward
Appreciating Our Past

Registration closes Oct 1st

- \$250 per person
- \$400 per family
- Young Adult (18-35)*

*registration underwritten by The Maria Theresa Foundation



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