



THE FORERUNNER

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
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John Conkey – Council President

February 2016 Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Service Schedule

Note: The following schedule assumes that Father Basil is available to serve at St. John's that day. If not, we will have a Reader's Service, and notify everyone via the Phone Tree.

February 6

Vespers @ 6:00 pm

February 7

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

*Coffee Hour following Liturgy

Svetlana Blake and Lilia McGraw

February 14^v Zacchaeus Sunday

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour following Liturgy

Shirley Donovan and Dea Biberdorf

Annual Parish Meeting

February 20

Vespers @ 6:00 pm

February 21 Publican & Pharisee Sunday

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour following Liturgy

Mary Ann Conkey and Mary Foster

February 28 Prodigal Son Sunday

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour following Liturgy

Svetlana Blake and Lilia McGraw

Reader's Schedule

Hours	Epistle
2/7 Tom Demchak	Tom Demchak
2/14 John Conkey	John Conkey
2/21 Doug Donovan	Doug Donovan
2/28 Julia Biberdorf	George Sura

Feast & Saints

2/2	Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple
2/6	St. Christina
2/6	St. Dorothy
2/8	St. Theodore Tiron &
2/9	St. Theodore Stratelates
2/14	Zacchaeus Sunday
2/21	Publican & Pharisee Sunday
2/28	Prodigal Son Sunday



***The youths of St. Johns will be hosting a Souper Bowl Sunday on February 7th during the Coffee Hour. Anything left over will be for sale and all donations during and/or after church will go to assist a needy family in our area.**

Please contact Shirley Donovan or Mary Ann Conkey if there are changes with the Coffee Hour. Cash donations go towards the purchase of coffee, cream, sugar, and donuts

Birthdays	
Dorian Batchko	2/01
Mary Ann Conkey	2/02
George Sura	2/02
Emily Demchak	2/04
Julia Batchko	2/15

There are no Anniversaries this month.

The Hanging Vigil above the Royal Doors of the iconostasis is supported by Irene Pollock in loving memory of her sister and brother-in-law Margaret and Robert Stefanko.

The Vigils on the Tetrapod are supported by Irene Pollock in loving memory of her parents, sisters, brothers, husband, nephew and stepfather.

The votives in front of the iconostasis, on the candle stands and in front of the icons in the nave are supported by Andrew & Louise Tocimak in loving memory of the Tocimak family.

From the President by John Conkey

Our annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2016. Please plan to attend, review the annual budget information, and participate in the process.

There are several project in the works on which we could use assistance. The Church By-Laws and the Cemetery By-Laws are both under review, but we need more than one person looking at each subject.

In addition we could use some fresh ideas on the Church Council. Anyone interested in being a member of the Council should contact myself or one of the other Council members prior to the meeting.

We could also use help in various areas to keep our parish vital. Anyone interested in assisting in keeping the church moving forward is encouraged to step forward. Areas that we need help with include:

Board Member	Volunteers	St. Anne's Guild Members/Treasurer
Church School Director		Historian
Treasurer		Coffee Hour Coordinator
Candle Desk Supervisor		Reader {reparation and Scheduler
Fundraising Coordinator		Secretary
Choir members		Website Maintainer
Outreach Coordinator		Any other task you are willing to take on

The same few people doing these tasks need some relief. Please look inside yourself, pick a task or two that you can help with, and step forward and volunteer at the meeting on the 14th.

Yours in Christ,
John

Remember in your prayers: Archbishop MELCHISEDEK, Father John, Father Adam, Father Ted, Father Paul, Father Michael, Father Andrew, Father John, Matushka Judy Horosky, Matushka Ksenia Batchko, Larry Ammerman, Mary Ann Ammerman, Jen Ammerman and Victor, Alexis Blackburn, Karen Blackburn, Matthew Boroughf, Chris Conkey, John Conkey, James Crites, Helen Czar, Eugene Demchak, Joe Demchak, Mike Demchak, Steve Demchak, Kari Donovan, Matthew Donovan, Michael Evans, Bonnie Fetcenko, Randy Fetcenko, Rose Marie Fetcenko, Olga Finlayson, Kenneth Finlayson, Jack Foster, Mary Foster, Harry Horosky, Alexandra Mamrak, Eugene Minarich, Evan Morgan, Richard Nakles, Gloria Rice, John Saupp, Mary Sura Saupp, Harry Socie, Alexandra Stine, Karen Stine, Eleanor Sura, Andrew Tocimak, Irene Tocimak, Louise Tocimak, Walter Varagea, Delores Varagea, Patricia Wood

"O Master, the all-sustainer, and Holy King, Who punishes, but reduces not to death, Who strengthens the failing and raises the outcast, Who remedies the bodily sorrows of men, we pray unto Thee, O Our Lord, visit Thine infirm servants with Thy mercy; forgive them every transgression, voluntary and involuntary. Verily O Lord, send down from Heaven Thy healing power, touch the body, extinguish the fever, lessen the suffering and every infirmity of Thy servants, raise them decumbent, from sickness, and from the bed of evilness, make them whole and all-restored, return them to Thy Church well-pleasing and fulfilling Thy will. For it is of Thine own, to be merciful and to save us, O Lord, and unto Thee we send glory, to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

**God has a purpose for your pain,
A reason for your struggles,
And a reward for your faithfulness.
Don't give up!**