



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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*Leaders of the Apostles and
teachers of the world, pray to the
Master of all to grant peace to the
world and great mercy to our souls.*

Fr. Ed Cell 413-218-6404

April 23, 2023

Web Site: www.stspucc.org

Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, *Pastor*

Third Paschal Sunday and that OF THE OINTMENT-BEARING WOMEN ST. GEORGE, MARTYR AND WONDERWORKER

Epistle: ACTS 6: 1 - 7 Gospel: MATTHEW 15: 43 - 16:8 Tone: sheet

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY-FRIDAY 10:00AM

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)

Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy:

**Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and
9:30AM until 10:00AM**

**Religious Education – Saturday 10:00AM –
11:00AM**

**Sunday After 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Call Audrey Sokol 203-924-1184 for more
information.**

Preservation – Please use the form in church
vestibule, mail it to the church or bring it to
Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young or
Robert Jaskilka.

Address or Name Change/New Phone Number

– Please update your records. See Michael
Wysowski, Jr. to update this info.
Returned checks are subject to a **\$35.00 fee**.

Bulletin Notices – Notices for the bulletin must
be **in writing** by Wednesday @6PM to be
included in that week's bulletin.

Parish Council meets every 3rd Wednesday
of every month @7:15pm in the church hall.

**Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 1:00 to 3:00
PM or by Appointment on other days**

******Please Note ******

**Mass Offerings, Sorokousty
Mother's Day, Father's Day**

**Checks must be made out to the Fr. Edward Young
not the Church ! Thank You...**

Baptism Arrangement for baptism is to be made
personally at the Parish Office. Please call rectory for an
appointment.

Marriage – Arrangements for marriage are to be
made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date.
Please call rectory for an appointment.

Sick Calls – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly
and sick at home, please call Parish Office Fr. Young
at 203-734-3895, **Please advise the rectory of any
hospitalization.**

In your Estate planning – Remember Sts. Peter & Paul Church in your
will.

Stewardship - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve
one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). All
Catholics, should give generous support—time, money, prayers, and
personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan
programs and to the universal Church

Special Share in the Eucharist *– Bread & Wine

offered for a week, month, or year. Donations: one week - \$20.00
Donors/intentions will be listed. Robert Jaskilka,
Michael Wysowski, Jr or Fr. Edward Young

Eternal Light *– offered to light for a week \$10.00.

Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young

Virgin Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp* also available for offering!

Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each. Robert Jaskilka Michael
Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young

All start on Monday to Sunday!

***Offering must be made when dates are reserved!**

A Welcome to St. Peter and St. Paul Parish to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are over twenty-one years of age and have not yet registered, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, please fill out the form below. Each household must be registered at St. Peter and St. Paul and every adult receives a set of stewardship envelopes. Registration also entails an annual dues to the parish. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for church authorities to issue him or her a sponsor certificate, reference, or any other certification.

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Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____

From the Vespers of Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women: Women disciples, why do you open the myrrh with tears? The stone is gone; the tomb is empty: Behold corruption destroyed by life! The seals witness that the guards of the godless have watched in vain. Mortal nature has been saved by the flesh of God. Hell is wailing. Go with joy and proclaim to the apostles: Christ has slain death as the first-born of the dead. He awaits you in Galilee! The Myrrhbearers came early to Your tomb, O Christ, seeking You to anoint Your most pure body. Enlightened by the angel's words they proclaimed joyous tidings to the apostles: The Leader of our salvation has been raised; He has captured death, granting the world eternal life and great mercy.

Bread and Wine Offering- None Offered

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| 04/22 | Saturday | | No Liturgy |
| 04/23 | Sunday | 8:30 AM 10:00 AM | Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Bogdan Zalusky req. by Dr. & Mrs. Sean & Nadia Hellenga |
| 04/24 | Monday | 8:30 AM | +Peter & Eva Wislocki & Deceased of Family |
| 04/25 | Tuesday | 10:00 AM | +Peter Klimkowsky |
| 04/26 | Wednesday | | No Liturgy |
| 04/27 | Thursday | 6:00 PM | God's Blessing & Good Health on the Occasion of the 60 th Wedding Anniversary of Jan & Stefania Gebuza from Family with Love. |
| 04/28 | Friday | 10:00 AM | +Mary Cirkot |
| 04/29 | Saturday | | No Liturgy |
| 04/30 | Sunday | 8:30 AM 10:00 AM | Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Maria Pisarczyk req. by Luba Pisarczyk |

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| ETERNAL LIGHT |  | <i>Good Health Jan & Stefania Gebuza - God's Blessing & Good Health for Jan & Stefania Gebuza on 60th Wedding Anniversary by Loving Family</i> |
| BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP |  | <i>Good Health Jan & Stefania Gebuza - God's Blessing & Good Health for Jan & Stefania Gebuza on 60th Wedding Anniversary by Loving Family</i> |
| SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP |  | <i>Good Health Jan & Stefania Gebuza - God's Blessing & Good Health for Jan & Stefania Gebuza on 60th Wedding Anniversary by Loving Family</i> |

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| BREAD & WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES 5/1/23-5/7/23 9/4/23-9/10/23 | ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 5/1/23-5/7/23 5/8/23-5/14/23 6/5/23-6/11/23 6/26/23-7/2/23 8/14/23-8/20/23 9/4/23-9/10/23 10/9/23-10/15/23 11/20/23-11/26/23 12/25/23-12/31/23 | BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 5/1/23-5/7/23 5/8/23-5/14/23 5/15/23-5/21/23 5/22/23-5/28/23 6/5/23-6/11/23 6/26/23-7/2/23 11/20/23-11/26/23 | SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 6/19/23-6/25/23 |
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| 2023 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekt) | <p>During Lent & every Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after 8:30 AM & 10AM Sunday Liturgies.</p> <p>Please bring your dues book to the church hall <u>dues will not be collected in the rectory</u> Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00 per member. , <u>Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering!</u></p> <p>Please remember - this is not our church but YOUR church!</p> <p>Please fulfill your responsibility to your Church!!</p> |
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Over 50 letters have been **mailed to delinquent dues members** of St. Peter & St. Paul totaling over \$27,000 - **Past Church Dues** are due during lent to support your church to pay our obligations to keep the church running such as salaries; electricity; oil ; gas; water ; and continual maintenance; repair of the church, rectory and cemetery; insurance ; chancery fees; and telephone just to name a few. As spoken of during the 2022 annual meeting, February 19, 2023.

TODAY



Sunday, at 9:30 AM there will be the Recitation of the Holy Rosary of Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. One of the intentions for our prayers will be for our parish, and the needs for Ukraine. In this time of Foreign Invasion prayers are needed for we are hearing of the deaths of some many Soldiers and Civilians each day. Please Pray for USA and Ukraine in this time of Great NEED!

God Save and Protect! Боже спаси і О Хорони!



PRAYER FOR OUR NATION Lord, we pray for peace and unity in our nation today. Keep us in peace, O Christ our God, under the protection of your Holy Cross; save us from our enemies, visible and invisible, that we may glorify You with thanksgiving, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. We pray that You would inspire this nation to be a nation under God. Give us your hope. Give us your peace. Amen The Light of God ~ surround us. The Love of God ~ enfold us.

The Power of God ~ protect us. The Presence of God ~ watch over us.

The Mind of God ~ Guide us. The Law of God ~ direct us.

Wherever we are God ~ be our strength.

PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND THE WORLD: MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS, THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL, SPREAD YOUR OMOPHOR ~ WE IMPORE YOUR PROTECTION OVER UKRAINE AND BEG THAT YOU INTERCEDE WITH OUR LORD TO GRANT PEACE.



PRAYER FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF UKRAINE IN TIME OF INVASION: O Lord God of powers, and God of our salvation, O God, who alone work wonders: look down with mercy and compassion on

Your humble servants, and out of love for mankind hearken and have mercy on us and on the land of Ukraine. For, behold, enemies have once more gathered together, in order to cause division and enmity. But You who know all things, understand that they have risen up righteously, and that it will be impossible to oppose their multitudes unless You show us Your help. Therefore, we who are sinful and unworthy pray unto You in repentance and with tears: Help us, O God, our Savior, and deliver the land of Ukraine for the sake of the glory of Your Name, that the enemy may not to say: "Their God has forsaken them, and there is none to deliver and save them." But let every nation understand that You are our God, and we Your people are always protected under Your dominion.



Preservation Donation - \$100.0 by Marsha & Edward Schuck

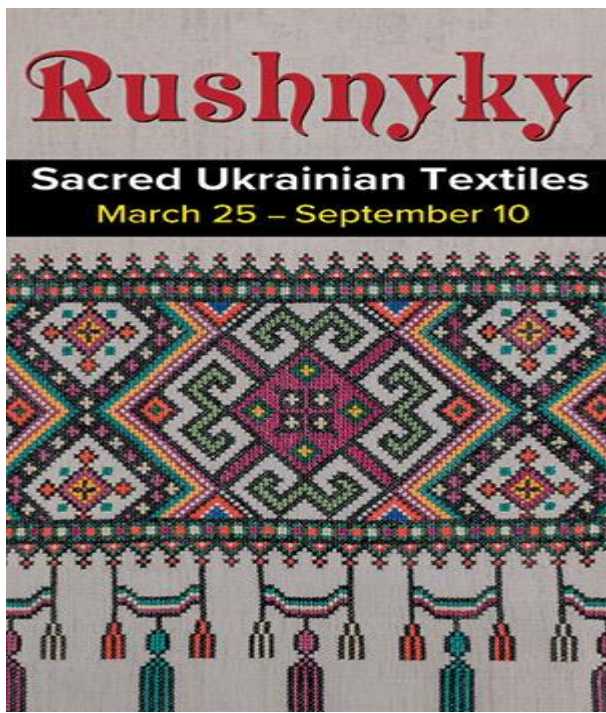
Church Donation - \$500.00 by Michele Ranno MD, In memory of +Mary T. Ranno; +Motel Family and +Primachuk Family



SPIRITUAL BOUQUET for Mother's Day on Sunday, May 14, 2023

Please complete the special Mother's Day remembrance envelope with the names of living mothers and/or deceased mothers whom you want to remember in a prayerful way was during the Sunday Liturgies on May 14th. All names will be read during the Two Sunday Divine Liturgies.

Please return the envelope with your good-will offering by placing it in the collection basket no later than Sunday May 7, 2023. Thank you.

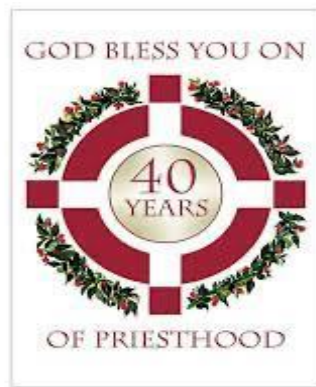
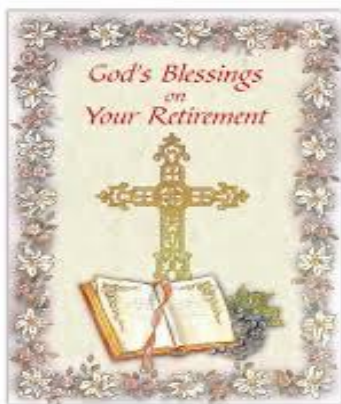


On Sunday, May 21st, at 2 p.m. the Yevshan Ukrainian Vocal Ensemble will be presenting a concert of Ukrainian sacred and secular music at the Knights of Columbus Museum, Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center at 1 State Street in New Haven, CT, just north of the Union Railroad Station. This concert will coincide with a beautiful exhibit of authentic Ukrainian Rushnyky - woven tapestries and textiles. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. A house without a rushnyk is not a home.” — Ukrainian proverb The word rushnyk derives from ruka, “hand,” and while it can refer to an ordinary towel, the ceremonial rushnyk is distinct in its ornamentation and its importance. In almost any Ukrainian home, the family icons—and, more recently, family photographs—would be draped with rushnyky. They are believed to offer protection to family, home and village. The cloths appear in all family rituals, infants are wrapped in them at birth and they play a significant role in betrothal and wedding ceremonies. Remarkably, even after the turmoil of the twentieth and twenty first centuries the use of rushnyky is still an integral part of Ukrainian culture.

Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center at
1 State Street in New Haven, CT

NO KNEELING – We should not kneel or make prostrations in Church or in our private prayers at home from Pascha through Pentecost (this year, May 28). Kneeling and prostrating are postures of repentance and sorrow for our sins. The brilliant solemnity of the events that we are celebrating takes precedence over such external manifestations of penitence. For our Lord’s death and resurrection “blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us ... nailing it to His cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.” (Col. 2:14,15) Accordingly, “here is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus ...” (Rom. 8:1) We resume kneeling at appropriate times during the “Kneeling Vespers” celebrated after the Divine Liturgy for Holy Pentecost

Father Edward’s Retirement and 40th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination



We are beginning to plan a celebration for Father Edward that will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2023. We would welcome and greatly appreciate anyone who would help with this event. Our first planning meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 26th at 6:30** in the church hall. We hope you will join us. If you can’t attend this first meeting, but are interested in helping, please see or email Scott Walker at sjjawalk@aol.com

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

EPISTLE - ACTS 6: 1 - 7 GOSPEL - MATTHEW 15: 43 - 16:8 TONE 2

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

The Angel came to the Myrrh-bearing Women at the tomb and said: *"Myrrh is fitting for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy."* (Troparion - Tone 2)



On this day, the third Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Myrrh-Bearing women; and we also commemorate Joseph of Arimathæa, who was a secret disciple, and also Nicodemus, who was a disciple by night. Joseph and Nicodemus were reliable witnesses of the Lord's burial, thus they were ranked together with the women who beheld the Resurrection. They were called Myrrh-Bearers, because Joseph and Nicodemus, being in a hurry to bury the body of the Lord on the Friday, since the next day was the great day of the Sabbath, anointed it according to Jewish custom, but not as they ought to have done; they only anointed it with aloes and spices, wrapped it in a winding-sheet, and committed it to the grave; for this reason, having an ardent love for Christ, as disciples of His, these women purchased costly myrrh and came by night, both for fear of the Jews and because the Law permitted them to mourn earlier in the day and to anoint the body, thereby making up for a deficiency that had been due to pressure of time.

The Jews did not embalm the dead like the Egyptians. Rather they anointed a corpse and surrounded it with large quantities of spices to counteract the odor of decay. John 19:39 says that Nicodemus brought one hundred pounds of myrrh and aloes for that purpose. When the women returned to the tomb at first light on Sunday morning, according to Mark and Luke, they brought more spices. The odor should have increased to such a degree that further masking would be needed if people were to visit the tomb. But the Lord did not need their spices; not subject to corruption, He had conquered Death and destroyed its hold over us.

The anointing of a dead man with myrrh was a loving act in order to compensate for the corrupted body. The Pharaohs thought about an illusory eternity for the body, when they anointed their dead. The Jews thought anointing gave honor to the dead. The real anointing is putting on incorruptibility. Christ rose from the grave, Himself being precious myrrh of sweet fragrance. Therefore, human nature carried this precious and new myrrh. The myrrh-bearing women did not anoint Jesus. After His Resurrection, the new myrrh-bearers, humanity, were given the opportunity to put on Christ, and not just to be anointed. In the Songs of Solomon, the Church cries out to the Lord, *"Thy name is ointment."* This ointment, this myrrh, becomes an anointing of every Christian by the rising of Christ from the grave.

The Myrrh-bearers knew that the service they offered was fruitless in a sense – Jesus was dead and they could not change that. They could simply perform a last act of love and remain by the tomb in witness to their love for Him. Their faithfulness to serve Christ even in death was rewarded; they were blessed to see the empty tomb and to bear witness to the Apostles that Christ was risen.

When they arrived at the tomb, they saw different sights: the two shining Angels inside the tomb, and the other sitting on the stone; after this, they beheld Christ and worshipped Him; St. Mary Magdalene asked Him about Himself as if He were the gardener. Because these women proclaimed the Resurrection and contributed greatly to assuring us, with utter certainty, of Christ's Resurrection, the Church of God received the tradition of celebrating them after St. Thomas Sunday, for they were the first to see Christ risen from the dead, preached the message of salvation to all, and most excellently pursued the life according to Christ and as befitted women who were disciples of Christ. By the intercessions of the Holy Myrrh-Bearers, O God, have mercy on us. And they were mightily blessed for their faith and good works, as the angel appeared to them first and gave them the wonderful news that **"Christ is risen!" Indeed He is risen. !** **PARISH MYRRHBEARERS** – We are all holy Myrrh-bearers as members of the Church, of the many sisterhoods and organizations in Eastern Orthodox and Greek Catholic Churches. As Church members we serve in a variety of ways in the worship, teaching and fellowship activities of the community. As the women in the Scriptures ministered to the material needs of Christ and His disciples, parish Myrrh-bearers serve their community by coordinating Sunday morning coffee hours and hospitality at other parish meals. Elsewhere the parish Myrrh-bearers may maintain the parish prayer list or ministry of intercession' remembering the needs for which parishioners have asked their prayers. In some parishes the Myrrh-bearers are those who exercise a ministry at the church's regular Sunday services. In some parishes Myrrh-bearers come into special prominence when preparing the grave and on Holy Friday when they keep watch before the holy shroud. _

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON :

SALVATION: Page 20, Section 32-33; Page 59, Section 158



Feast of St. George Great Martyr and Wonderworker: The patron saint of Western Ukraine is St. George. The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Cathedral in Lviv is named in his honor. St. George was an officer in the Roman army. He was a Christian who had refused to sacrifice to the pagan gods. For that George was tortured and beheaded at Nicomedia in Asia Minor. His great faith in Christ enabled him to face martyrdom with courage and peace.

In the icon, George is riding on a horse in military uniform. He slays the dragon with a lance. He rescues a woman who was in danger of being devoured. George is depicted fighting a dragon, symbolizing the devil.

Victorious in his struggle with the evil one, the devil, George defends and protects the royal maiden, symbolizing the Church.

The Feast of St. George is celebrated on April 23rd on the Gregorian calendar and on May 6th on the Julian calendar. The faithful had immediately following his death recognized the saintly qualities of George

whose intercessory power had resulted in many a miracle. When the persecution of Christians ended, churches were built dedicated to St. George in Constantinople, Syria, Egypt, and elsewhere throughout the world, including Ukraine.

The troparion for his Feast speaks of St. George as "Liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the sick, and champion of kings." He was loved and admired by many who were not Christian. On his Feast Day, tens of thousands of people would climb the stairs to the Monastery of St. George located in the Princes' Islands each year. They would come to venerate his miraculous icon, light a candle, embrace the icon and implore Saint for help. Many who were not even Christian came from a great distance to thank the Great Martyr for answering their personal prayer.




The great love of St. George for others is rooted in his love for God, our Heavenly Father. The saintly martyr understood well the words of Our Lord who taught us that God "makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:45).

This spirit of Love without discrimination was taught by Our Lord in the parable of The Good Samaritan. Let us remember the words of Our Lord that He will speak at His Second and Glorious Coming: "...I was a stranger, and you welcomed Me..." (Matthew 25:35). "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of Mine, you did for Me." (v. 40) May we today have this same spirit of self-giving love in imitation of Christ Who redeemed us from sin and opened wide the gates to the Heavenly Kingdom. **Rev. D. George Worschak**



Calling all parish girls to participate in the May crowning of our Blessed Mother Mary on Sunday, May 7, at the end of the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. All interested girls please contact Mrs. Susan Monks at 203 257 2089

or shsmonks@hotmail.com. There will be a reception following the Crowning. A short rehearsal will be conducted after the 10 am Liturgy on April 30. All participants must attend. A Long side is our Lady of Zavanytsia: this place is called the Lourdes of Ukraine. Let us as a Parish begin the month of May with great Love and devotion to the Mother of God. All participate in the May Crowning in Honor of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and pray for in Ukraine and throughout the world. Most Holy Mother of God Save Us!

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| <p>For your AD info, message Call 203-734-3895 or YoungE8073@aol.com</p> | <p>WAKELEE MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME John S. Zaleski Director Virginia K. Hylwa Administrator</p> <p>203.734.1490 <i>Parishioners Serving Parishioners Over 90 Yrs.</i></p>  | <p>For your AD info, message Call 203-734-3895 or YoungE8073@aol.com</p> <div>  <p>JOIN SUMA F.C.U. & Save Big! Support Locally! Bank Near & Far!</p> </div> <p>For all your financial needs - we are just a call, click or a text away</p> <p>914.220.4900 memberservice@sumafcu.org or visit our New Haven or Stamford branches. We are open!</p>  <p>www.sumafcu.org</p> |
| <p>Support those who advertise in our bulletin!</p> | | |



Easter Luncheon April 16, 2023



Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with the event, and those who donated the money, baked goods, food, and the door prizes. We were able to raise \$1,938 for the church and \$425 for Ukraine from the quilt fundraiser.



Meatballs for sale – Huge meatballs 4 for \$10.00



Tomato sauce with sausage (quart) for \$10.00

Mother's Day *at St. Basil Seminary*

- *Moleben to the Mother of God*
- *A concert program to follow, led by Kalynonka, Vesna, and Synevyr Ensembles, choreographer Hryhorlyy Momot*
- *During the picnic,
you may enjoy the Ukrainian food*

May 14th
12:00 pm





St. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

Tag Sale!

We are happy to announce that our first tag sale after COVID will be held on August 26!! This event is an important fundraiser for our parish.

Although we are still in the planning stages, we wanted to reach out to our parishioners for two reasons.

1. For this tag sale to be successful, we will need items to sell! As you clean out your closets, basements, and garages, would you kindly put your items aside for us? (Please no clothing!) As we get closer to the date, we will let you know when to bring items to church.
2. This is a HUGE undertaking! To make it a success, **we need your help!** We are forming a committee and will have a sign-up sheet on the table near the church entrance. Your help will be greatly appreciated! Many hands make light work!

If you have any questions, kindly contact:

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Irene Henry: irenehenry54@gmail.com, 203. 592.6215