

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector



Sunday, October 6, 2019
Gospel: St. Luke 7:11-16

Tone 7
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

16th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Apostle Thomas
St. Innocent of Moscow, Apostle to the America

OCTOBER Bulletin Sponsor: Diane Tyron
For the recovery of Greg & strength of Kathryn

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, October 6

9:05 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy /
Social / Woman's club meeting

Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 7 & 8: Diocesan Assembly

Wednesday, October 9

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy for Feast of St. Tikhon of
Moscow
6:00 pm: Public Village Meeting

Thursday, October 10

6:00 pm: Lions Club Meeting

Friday, October 11

10:00 am: Respect Life Meeting

Saturday, October 12

9:00 am: Lighthouse Festival & Oak Harbor
Apple Festival

Sunday, October 13

9:05 am: Hours followed by Social / Choir Re-
hearsal
11:00 am Halupki Dinner VFW

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

October 6: His Eminence Archbishop Nikon /
Shooting victims from Odessa TX /
John

October 20: Erin Haninger

November 3: Police Officer Killed in Houston ;
Police officer Brian killed in NY

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL COLLECTION

St. Vladimir's Seminary

110 E Main Street, Marblehead, OH 43440
www.holyassumptionmarblehead.org

CANDLE / BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR OCTOBER

Bulletin: (\$50) Diane: For the recovery of Greg
& the strength for Kathryn

Chandelier: (\$50) Susan: In memory of her fa-
ther, Frank; her brother William Peter & her
God-father, Peter; For the health of her mom
Julia.

Altar Candles: (\$50) Roberta: In memory of her
brothers David, Randall and William and
brother-in-law Charles.

Candles on the tomb: (\$25) Elchisco Family in
loving memory of their dad George Elchisco.

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25) Jean H: In
Memory of her mother, Helen Pipenur.

CANDLE / BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR NOVEMBER

Bulletin: (\$50) Fr. Andrew: In memory of his moth-
er Dorothy on 15th Ann. of repose

Chandelier: (\$50) Elchisco Family: in loving
memory of our brother George Michael

Altar Candles: (\$50)

Candles on the tomb: (\$25)

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25)

MONTHLY TITHING ONLY FOR SEPTEMBER

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,100

Sunday, September 1: \$ 790

Sunday, September 8: \$ 869

Sunday, September 15: \$1,210

Sunday, September 22: \$1,118

Sunday, September 29: \$ 900

TOTAL: \$4,887



Rectory 419-798-4591 / Cell 570-212-8747
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ATTENDANCE - SEPTEMBER

Sunday September 1: 33 Total (22 members; 2 non-member reg.; 3 children; 6 guests; 24 Communicants; 13 attended Vespers

Sunday, September 8: 34 Total (22 members; 1 non-reg; 3 children; 8 guests; 28 communicants; 27 attended Vespers

Friday, September 13: 8 people attended Vespers

Saturday, September 14: 10 attended Liturgy

Sunday, September 15: 26 total (21 members; 1 non member reg; 2 children; 2 guests; 14 Communicants; No Vespers

Sunday, September 22: 17 total (15 members; 1 non-reg; 1 child; 13 communicants); No Vespers

OTHER WEEKLY INCOME

Sunday, September 1: \$27 candles; \$55 Vigils; \$45 Special Collection (SOS Month).

Sunday, September 8: \$27 Candles; \$120 Vigils; \$110 Special Collection for August; \$260 Special Collection (SOS Month); \$110 Cemetery; \$225 into Building Fund.

Sunday, September 15: \$17 Candles; \$125 Vigils; \$50 Bulletin; \$135 Special Collection (SOS) \$25 food pantry.

Sunday, September 22: \$44 Candles; \$45 Vigils; \$200 donation St Michael; \$110 Special Collection (SOS)

Sunday, September 29: \$20 Candles; \$105 Vigils; \$160 Special Collection (SOS)

BUILDING / RESTORATION FUND

Our 125th Anniversary is coming!

Fund Purpose: To collect funds to pay for the restoration, repair and beautification of the building and parish room. This will avoid using general funds which are earmarked for budgetary items.

Please consider contributing generously to the *Building/Restoration Fund.*

PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

Tim Heffernan Rachael Adamcio
Luke Welch Lydia Welch
Tristen Welch

Possible Catechumans:

Loreen Welch Cheyenne Welch

May God & the Holy Spirit guide them in their journey in the Orthodox Church and the Orthodox way of Life.

VIGILS-SEPTEMBER 29

Susan Guzy (3) Special intentions

Laura Kovach (3) Health of Joe, Joe, Mark, Lisa, Dana, Julia, Steve, Meyer; Wedding blessings to Paul and Felicia; Birthday blessings to Jack and Chloe

Sandy Martin (1) Special intentions

Jim Mazur(2) Health of family and friends

Darlene, Nick and Gabe Mazurik (1) Special intentions

David and Roddie Mazurik (4) Blessings for Deb & Marco; Safe travel

Twarek (10) In loving memory of cousin John, Health of Judy, Health and recovery of Steve Turinsky and John McDonald; Birthday blessing to Nikki (9/25); Birthday blessing to Greg (9/26); Birthday blessing to Amber (9/26); Health of Jada, Liz, Christine, MaryAnn and Bob; Health of Joe, Sonya, Julia, Diane, Stella, Ron, Becky, Jake, Helen; Special intentions, Special intentions

MONTHLY TOTAL OF OTHER INCOME

Candles: \$135

Vigils: \$450

Bulletin: \$50

St. Michael's Donation: \$200

Special Collection (SOS):

\$710 (collection) + \$300 (from Church) = (Total \$1,010)

Special Collection August (March for Life): \$110

Cemetery: \$100

Building Fund: \$260

Food Pantry: \$25

PRAYER LIST Updated 10-3

Clergy:

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman
John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*)
James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*)
Moses Barry
Joseph Gibson
Emilian Hutnyan
Josef Von Klarr
Vladimir Lecko
Christopher Phillips
Peter Tutko
Deacon Paul Mitchell
Deacon Mark Sauskojus
Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

Matushkii:

Pani Patricia Duranko
Virginia Lecko
Sonya Tutko
Victoria Kopistiansky

Parishioners / & their Family:

John Beadle (*Elcishko*)
MaryAnn Cook (*Cousin to Twarek's*)
John Richard Elchisco
Ruthe Flewelling
Debbie Garnek (*Roddie's sister*)
Michael Glovinsky (*Basil's nephew*)
Ernest Gresh (*Basil's nephew*)
Shirley Gresh (*Wife of Ernest*)
Aldin Griffith (*Soski*)
Julia Guzy
Joseph Habegger (*Laura brother-in-law*)
Alice Jackson (*Mazurik*)
William Jappsen (*Diane T.*)
Michael Kouznetsov (*Mary Hiser's son*)
Kristen (*Cassell's daughter*)
David LaValle (*Fr.'s cousin*)
Helen Lis
Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s cousin*)
Maria (*Terrie's mom*)
Greg Mazur
Jim Mazur
Judy Mazurik (*Paul Mazurik's*)
Baby Stella Miller
Katelyn Pipenur (*Niece of Jean*)

Helen Jean Rofkar (*Elchisco*)
Joe Rose
Margaret Rose
Steven Schirtzinger (*Soski*)
Christy Schutt (*Joe's sister*)
Peter Truta (*Jean H's cousin*)
Diane Tryon
Greg Tryon
Christine Twarek
Valentin (*Cassell*)
Bob Whitham (*Fr's cousin*)
Katie and her newborn Bodhi
(*Cassell's daughter-in-law*)

Other Requests:

Alexia
George Bicheler
Dick Biro (*Natalie's friend*)
Anna Burch (*Wayne's friend*)
Mary Ann Cook (*Twarek*)
Bob Cook (*Twarek*)
Danielle (*Cassell's friend*)
Ben Franklin (*Laura friend*)
Theodore Geletka
(*St. Michael Broadview Heights' choir director*)
Brad George (*Christi's friend*)
Donald Gresh (*Basil*)
Elliot Joy (*Police chief's son*)
Tommy Leonchik (*Fr's friend*)
Jake Lipstraw (*Twarek*)
Anna Maiani (*Friend of Wayne*)
Pauline Meath (*Fr's*)
Charlie Nowak (*Avery's*)
Debbie Pribanic (*Golob*)
Jada Reeves (*Twarek*)
Beth Reinhard (*Diane friend*)
Elvis Reyes (*Fr's friend*)
Sandy Scafaria (*friend of Jean*)
Allison Spoerl (*Cassell*)
Matthew Sterling (*Tyron*)
Janice Timko
Becky Yatsko (*Twarek*)
Rachel (*Darlene M.*)
Bonnie (*Cassell*)
Kim (*Cassell*)
Sharon (*Cassell*)
Susan (*Cassell*)

Dominic (*Cassell*)
Mat. Carley & her unborn baby (*Cathedral in Chicago*)
Elizabeth McDonald & her unborn Baby (*Fr's friend*)
Kristina and her unborn baby (*Fr. Friend*)

Military:

Craig Cassell
Nathan Brown

Captives:

Metropolitan Paul
(*Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo*)
Archbishop John
(*Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo*)

The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; Those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world

NOTE: Please let Fr. Andrew know when someone needs to go on or come off the list.

For Your Prayers

Julia Guzy (96 yrs old)
1601 Church Rd
Marblehead, OH 43440

Please remember her & Susan (her daughter) in your prayers. Send a card of greeting.

Justifying Genocide and Building a Better World By Fr. Lawrence Farley

I have just finished watching a brief ten minute video on Youtube from 2008 entitled, [“The Unbearable Lightness of Being a Nazi”](#), originally entitled “Happy Nazis”. It is a chilling documentary which compares two photo albums received by the US Holocaust Museum. One set of photos shows some of the upper level leaders and some women workers at Auschwitz in happy and light-hearted moments of fellowship and camaraderie, such as sing-alongs. Another set of photos shows the inmates of Auschwitz during the “selections” made after the trains pulled into the camp, some of the photos taken just moments before those in the photos were killed. It is the juxtaposition of the two sets of photos, all of them taken around the same time, which makes the documentary so chilling.

The documentary also features the words of a survivor of the camp, Regina Speigel. Looking at the pictures of the leaders and workers in the camp, Regina was amazed. “You look at these pictures,” she said, “they look almost like normal people. They’re devils. They’re something in human flesh. Because how could you sit there and know what’s happening to people and enjoy [yourselves]?” Hers is a heartbreaking testimony; you can still see the pain that she endured when she was an eighteen year old prisoner there shining and damp in her now elderly eyes.

Yet it is important to state that in one particular Regina was mistaken. The workers and leaders in Auschwitz were not devils in human flesh. There were indeed normal people. That is the point and the lesson of Auschwitz. If they were inhuman devils then their crimes would contain no lessons for us, and have no more moral significance than do the actions of wild animals. If a wild animal such as a bear attacks, kills, and rips a man to shreds, this is tragic, but offers no moral lesson. Of course wild animals kill; that is what wild animals sometimes do and why we call them “wild”. It is precisely because the leaders and workers at Auschwitz were people like ourselves that the tremendous evils that they committed and connived at contain lessons for all of us.

It is sadly the case that normal people, men and women who are capable of joy, kindness to family members and children, and light-hearted jokes and merriment, are also capable of committing great evil. One does this by justifying the evil action in some way and then by walling up this part of one’s life away from all the other parts. In Nazi Germany the State attempted to justify its extreme actions against Jews, Communists, Gypsies, and other dissidents by saying that Germany was fighting for its life with its back to the wall, and that these actions, though difficult, were necessary for national survival. They painted a picture of a noble and civilized Europe led by Germany fighting against the subhuman hordes of Asia led by a worldwide Jewish conspiracy. It was all nonsense, of course, but it was widely believed nonetheless, and for many people it provided the justification for doing what they felt needed to be done. Doubtless they looked forward to the end of the war when a German victory meant that such terrible things need no longer be done and they could sit back and enjoy the better world their hard actions had created.

Having such a justification in place, they could then compartmentalize their lives, and turn off their conscience whenever it might rebuke them during the “selections” and the subsequent murder of men, women, and children, keeping that terrible work in a hermetically-sealed part of their mind. Scripture is familiar with such a process; St. Paul calls it having your conscience cauterized or seared (1 Timothy 4:2). One becomes morally like a split-personality, the two parts of one’s life floating side by side like oil and water. One never allows the monstrous significance of some actions to trespass into the rest of one’s life. The people in such a state are not devils, for devils and demons have no such split in them that we know of. Demons are single-mindedly evil throughout, incapable of joy or kindness at any level.

The lessons for us are obvious, even if we have never found ourselves in situations where the thought that we were fighting for our very survival sounded plausible. We can see this perennial temptation to deny full humanity to others as a justification for our negative actions against them. This happens routinely in war: those whom our governments send us out to kill must first be dehumanized as much as possible. In fighting the Germans during the First World War, we were not trying to kill German men **Con’t Pg 6**

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARY	BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAY
10-1-2009: Archbishop Irenee of Canada 2- Fr. Matthew & Pani Eleni Stagon 3- Fr. Matt Stagon Priestly ordination 7- Fr. Eli & Mat. Larissa Bremer 9- Sub-deacon Wylie & Pauline Meath 23- Fr. Matthew & Mat. Jodi Moriak	1-Trudy Ellmore 2- Marguerite Bird 3- Ethan Chendorain 4- Fr. Michael Macura 5- Lydia Guerrero 6- Brian Lariccia 6- Ron Royhab 10- Walter Litzie 10- Craig Cassell 11- Karen Muzyka 12- Fred Soski	13- Mary Hiser 14- Fr. Andrew Groom 16- Fr George Lardas 17- Tim Glovinsky 20- Matushka Jodi Moriak 20- Helen Lis 20- Hayden Issler 25- Sam Dardovsky 25- Elliot Joy 31- Fr. Peter Zarynow <p style="text-align: center;">NAMESDAY</p> 10-9: The Most Blessed Tikhon

If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family Orthodox and non-Orthodox.

OCTOBER REPOSED LIST

2- His Grace Bishop Antoun (2017) 3- Anna Tomko (1990) 4- William Peter Guzy (1974) 5- John Elchisco Sr. (1982) 5- Mark Conroy (2018) 6- Andrew Tomko (1970) 6- Helen Elchisco (1956) 7- Michael Gresko (1963) 8- Archpriest Michael Kostyk (1964) Former Pastor 11- Helen Pipenur (2009)	12- Pauline Mary Gresh (1981) 13- James E Jump (2011) 13- Tom Grgich (2018) 13- Michael Mazurik (2018) 14- George Kaitsa (1991) 15- Michael Mazurik (1972) 15- John Kovach (1983) 16- Mary Kobb (2017) 18- Nadexda Kaitsa (1992)	19- Gori Pietropolo (Trudy's dad) (2017) 21- Alex Mazur (1920) 21-Terry (Bobbie's cousin) (2017) 28- George Elchisco (1996) 28- Anthony Glovinsky (1946) 31- George Rusincovitch (1994) William Martin (1982) Joseph L. Mazurik (1944) Anna Mazur (1945) Anna Danchisen (1945)
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Bishop Paul's Travel Schedule

St Thomas the Apostle, Kokomo, IN

October 4th to 6th

·Celebration of 25th Anniversary

Diocesan Assembly

Archangel Michael, Broadview Hts., OH

October 7th to 8th

Christ the Savior Church, Byesville, OH

October 11th to 13th

·Fr. Benjamin Johnson to receive the Gold Cross

LIGHTHOUSE FESTIVAL IN MARBLEHEAD

Second weekend in October.

OAK HARBOR APPLE FESTIVAL

Second weekend in October presented by the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce

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who were fathers, brothers, and sons like ourselves. We were (the enlistment posters told us) “hunting the Hun”. The Vietnamese enemy soldiers were not men like ourselves, but “Gooks”; the Japanese were “Japs”. This happened too in racist lynchings in America in past decades; the men lynched and killed were also called by other names, which I will not mention here.

The lesson therefore is that we must refuse to demonize or dehumanize our opponents. We can denounce their actions, but must still recognize that our opponents are men and women like us, and souls for whom Christ died. The end never justifies the means, and we must fight fair, striving to understand our opponents and agreeing with them when they speak the truth. In this age we must do whatever good we can, of course, but ultimately it is Christ alone who will build a better world. We must always live and act as if the world were ending tonight, and that tomorrow we will stand before the dread throne of the Lord of glory and give an account for what we have done. We cannot safely build barriers within our hearts to justify our actions, walling off one part of our life from the other parts. Our prayer must always be, “Unite my heart to fear Your Name” (Psalm 86:11).

Glorification of Saint Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, Apostle to the Americas

Commemorated on October 6

Glorification of Saint Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to America (in the world John Popov-Veniaminov), was born on August 26, 1797 in the village of Anginsk in the Irkutsk diocese, into the family of a sacristan. The boy mastered his studies at an early age and by age seven, he was reading the Epistle in church. In 1806 they sent him to the Irkutsk seminary. In 1814, the new rector thought it proper to change the surnames of some of the students. John Popov received the surname Veniaminov in honor of the deceased Archbishop Benjamin of Irkutsk (+ July 8, 1814). On May 13, 1817 he was ordained deacon for the Irkutsk Annunciation church, and on May 18, 1821, he was ordained priest.

The missionary service of the future Apostle of America and Siberia began with the year 1823. Father John spent 45 years laboring for the enlightenment of the peoples of Kamchatka, the Aleutian Islands, North America, Yakutsk, the Khabarov frontier, performing his apostolic exploit in severe conditions and at great risks to life. Saint Innocent baptized ten thousand people, and built churches, beside which he founded schools and he himself taught the fundamentals of the Christian life. His knowledge of various crafts and arts aided him in his work.

Father John was a remarkable preacher. During the celebration of the Liturgy, memorial services and the all-night Vigil, he incessantly guided his flock. During his time of endless travels, Father John studied the languages, customs and habits of the peoples, among whom he preached. His work in geography, ethnography and linguistics received worldwide acclaim. He composed an alphabet and grammar for the Aleut language and translated the Catechism, the Gospel and many prayers into that language. One of the finest of his works was the Indication of the Way into the Kingdom of Heaven (1833), translated into the various languages of the peoples of Siberia and appearing in more than 40 editions. Thanks to the toil of Father John, the Yakut people in 1859 first heard the Word of God and divine services in their own native language.

On November 29, 1840, after the death of his wife, Father John was tonsured a monk with the name Innocent by Saint Philaret, the Metropolitan of Moscow, in honor of Saint Innocent of Irkutsk. On December 15, Archimandrite Innocent was consecrated Bishop of Kamchatka, the Kurile and Aleutian Islands. On April 21, 1850 Bishop Innocent was elevated to the rank of archbishop.

By the Providence of God on January 5, 1868, Saint Innocent succeeded Metropolitan Philaret on the Moscow cathedra. Through the Holy Synod, Metropolitan Innocent consolidated the secular missionary efforts of the Russian Church (already in 1839 he had proposed a project for improving the organization of missionary service).

Under the care of Metropolitan Innocent a Missionary Society was created, and the Protection monastery was reorganized for missionary work. In 1870 the Japanese Orthodox Spiritual Mission headed by Archimandrite Nicholas Kasatkin [afterwards Saint Nicholas of Japan, (February 3)] was set up, to whom Saint innocent had shared much of his own spiritual experience. The guidance by Saint Innocent of the Moscow diocese was also fruitful, by his efforts, the Church of **Con't Pg 7**

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The guidance by Saint Innocent of the Moscow diocese was also fruitful, by his efforts, the church of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos was built up into the Moscow Spiritual Academy.

Saint Innocent fell asleep in the Lord on March 31, 1879, on Holy Saturday, and was buried at the Holy Spirit Church of the Trinity-Saint Sergius Lavra. On October 6, 1977, Saint Innocent was glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church. His memory is celebrated three times during the year: on March 31, the day of his blessed repose, on October 5 (Synaxis of the Moscow Hierarchs), and on October 6, the day of his glorification.

Luke 7:11-16 (*Gospel*)

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

HALUPKI DINNER AT VFW MARBLEHEAD

When: Sunday, October 13
Time: 11:00am-4:00pm
Cost: \$12

Menu: Halupki, Mashed Potato, Vegetable, roll w/ butter & Dessert (Additional Halupki available for separate purchase) Carry-outs will be available!

Presale tickets available! Purchase your tickets from VFW or Village Pro Hardware during normal business hours. Tickets will be sold at the door. Meals are available while supplies last. Purchase your presale ticket to guarantee your meal.

2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (*Epistle*)

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

ST JOSEPH OF MARBLEHEAD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT

When: Saturday, October 26th
Time: 5-7:00pm
Where: St Joseph's church hall

Reservations only & must be made by October 21st.

The benefit will be to the Danbury Food Pantry.

Menu:

Clambake: (1 Dozen Clams, ½ Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Sweet Potato, Dessert & Beverage

COST: \$24.95

Chicken Dinner: ½ Chicken, corn on the Cob, Sweet Potato, Dessert & Beverage.

COST: \$11.95

Extra Dozen Clams (With clambake only)

COST: \$12

Call Bryan: 419-341-7145 or **John:** 419-265-

2019 EASTERN CHURCHES SEMINAR “MY SIN & GOD’S MERCY”

When: Sunday, October 20

Time: 3-5pm

Where: Notre Dame College Sdm. Bldg. Great Room (4545 College Drive / South Euclid, OH

Presenter: Dr. Peter Bouteneff

Dr. Bouteneff teaches courses in ancient and modern theology, spirituality, and the arts, at St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Seminary where he is professor of systematic theology. Book sales and signing after presentation.

Dr. Bouteneff’s presentation will be based on the theme of his book, “How to be a Sinner.” The book doesn’t contain advice on how to sin better. It’s a compassionate reflection on what it actually means to identify myself as a sinner, and to do so in a healthy way. The focus is on a healthy self-regard and surrender to the endless love and mercy of God, who saves us precisely through and within our brokenness. “There is a crack in everything. That’s how the light gets in.” Presentation is free and open to the public. For more info, contact : 440-279-9348

October		
Cleaners	Readers	Social
6 Laura Kovach	JoeS	<i>Open</i>
13 David & Roddie	Ron	<i>Open</i>
20 Joe & Sonya	Tim	<i>Open</i>
27 Ron & Bobbie	Wayne	<i>Open</i>

DANBURY FOOD PANTRY - OCTOBER

Suggested donation of Laundry Detergent (and other non-perishable goods) will be collected through October 13.

October donations will be delivered to the food pantry Thursday, October 17.

Thank You & God Bless.

What does it mean to have freedom, to be free?

In the popular use of the word, “freedom” is erroneously linked to the idea of “I can do what I want, and no one can tell me what to do.” But there is no freedom in this statement. Whenever a child rebels against one’s parents, we need to understand it as the first stage in a process where a child is seeking to establish an identity of their own apart from their parents. But rebellion is not freedom. A child is still enmeshed in dependency on their parents even in a state of rebellion. They are not free, self-determining people yet.

Parents and their children can get stuck in this stage of life if they don’t work through this rebellious phase. This phase gets worked through when children, as they grow older, are no longer motivated by the desire to oppose their parents in areas of decision making. This does not mean that parents have no say. Parents may still be a major motivator in their child’s decision making in life, but the decision is a free one, unmotivated by the need to say to one’s parents “You can’t tell me what to do.”

So how do parents help their children to move on from this rebellious phase and truly become free? Here are several things to consider:

- Parents need to respect that their child has the ability to choose even at a younger age.
- When dealing with parent-child conflicts, mom or dad needs to focus on controlling the environment around their child, not controlling the child him or herself. Let the child choose options of discipline that the parent can live with.
- Involve a child in the process of problem solving/discipline when it comes to conflict.

In this limited space it is hard for me to give justice to this topic of freedom. I will eventually tie this to youth ownership in parish life. I ask for your patience as I seek to write a few more notes on this topic.

The blessing of the Lord be upon you,
The unworthy +Paul