

Sf. Iosif de Maramures
Romanian Orthodox Church

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Har si pace de la Bunul Dumnezeu!

Informatii in aceasta scrisoare:

1. - evenimente la Biserica Sf. Iosif de Maramures din ultimele doua luni;
2. - proiecte actuale si viitoare;
3. - servicii religioase in luna Octombrie - Sambata Mortilor;
4. - servicii oferite de Biserica;
5. - activitati culturale la Biserica;

1. In primul rand doresc sa va multumesc pentru participarea la evenimentele organizate de **Biserica Ortodoxa Romana Sf. Iosif de Maramures din Hazleton PA**. Apelul facut de noi pentru **Orfelinatul si Scoala Ortodoxa din Mexic** s-a bucurat de un success deosebit datorita dumneavoastra: astfel am reusit sa trimitem ajutoarele necesare copiilor de acolo.

De asemenea, proiectul **asfaltarii si inchiderii parcarii Bisericii** a fost realizat cu succes. Totusi, datorita pretului oarecum ridicat al acestui proiect am cerut ajutorul dumneavoastra pentru a putea acoperi macar o parte din cheltuielile Bisericii. **Lista donatorilor este inca deschisa** in asteptarea donatiilor dumneavoastra.

Dorim sa adresam multumirile noastre personale celor care au ajutat la participarea Bisericii la **FunFest, sambata 8 Septembrie 2007** dar si celor care au cumparat din produsele oferite.

2. Unul dintre proiectele actuale ale Bisericii este **imbunatatirea Scolii Duminicale**. De la inceputul lunii Septembrie, **Scoala Duminicala** a fost reorganizata cu lectii de religie predate de **Diacon Mircea Airinei** in limba romana. Recent, la aceste lectii a fost adaugata o **prezentare interactiva realizata pe computer** pe care copiii o urmaresc cu interes la televizor si care le este prezentata si explicata de **D-na Preoteasa Cici Stafiuc**. In fiecare Duminica avem intre 12 si 20 de copii care participa activ la aceste lectii. Personal, speram ca acest numar sa creasca treptat cu ajutorul si interesul dumneavoastra - va rugam, **aduceti copiii la**

Biserica si la Scoala Duminicala. Scoala Duminicala este oferita gratuit de Biserica.

3. In afara de slujba Sfintei Liturghii din fiecare Duminica, in luna Octombrie, exista cateva sarbatori mai importante printre care si **Sf.Dimitrie Basarabov – Sambata 27 Octombrie**, cand este si pomenirea generala a mortilor. In aceasta Sambata dimineata vom oficia **Sfanta Liturghie si Parastase** pentru cei adormiti incepand cu **ora 9.30**. Pentru cei care nu pot participa, vom oficia **Slujba Parastasului si a doua zi, Duminica 28 Octombrie 2007 dupa Sf.Liturghie**.

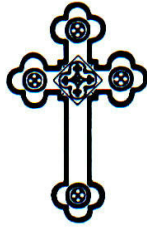
4. **Biserica Sfantul Iosif**, prin Preotul Paroh Traian Stafiuc, ofera **Servicii de Indrumare Spirituala** inainte si mai ales dupa casatorie. De fapt, tinerii care se pregatesc pentru primirea Sfintei Taine a Nuntii in Biserica Ortodoxa trebuie sa aiba cateva sedinte obligatorii de sfatuire spirituala cu preotul paroh. De asemenea, parintii si nasii care se pregatesc pentru Sfanta Taina a Botezului pentru copii lor, trebuie si dansii sa ia legatura obligatoriu cu preotul paroh pentru o intrunire speciala de sfatuire spirituala.

5. Unul dintre evenimentele importante in viata Bisericii este **Balul Strugurilor din Sambata 20 Octombrie 2007** la care ati primit deja invitatie si la care va asteptam cu drag.

De asemenea, pentru cei care nu au aflat inca, Biserica are un abonament la toate emisiunile romanesti prin satelit. Se pot viziona toate transmisiile inclusiv meciurile de fotbal. De cateva saptamani, **Domnul Christian Maghear** (presedintele Consiliului Parohial) a organizat vizionari de meciuri de fotbal in fiecare Duminica dupa "Coffee Hour". Cei interesati, sunt invitati si asteptati sa participe la aceste intruniri amicale la care se poate servi o gustare sau/si o bautura racoritoare.

In final, dorim sa va reamintim ca toate eforturile noastre sunt indreptate spre suportul Bisericii Sf.Iosif. Ne-ar face o mare placere daca v-ati implica si ati participa mai mult in viata Bisericii. Avem planuri pentru Biserica si avem nevoie de dumneavoastra sa ne sustineti pentru binele copiilor nostri si pentru educatia lor morala si spirituala. Dumnezeu sa va binecuvinteze si sanatate sa va daruiasca!

Al dumneavoastra rugator catre Domnul Hristos,
Preot Paroh Traian Stafiuc



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St. Chariton the Confessor

Peace and blessings in the name of our Good Lord!

In this letter:

1. – last month's events at St. Joseph Romanian Orthodox Church;
2. – ongoing and future events;
3. – religious services in October – General Commemoration for Departed;
4. – services offered by Church;
5. – cultural events at Church;

1. First of all, allow me to express my deepest thanks for your participation in all the events organized by **St. Joseph Romanian Orthodox Church**. Our appeal made for **Project Mexico** had a great success because of all who donated items necessary for those needy children.

Also, the **repaving of the church's parking lot** was successfully done. However, because of its cost, we are asking for your financial support to cover (at least partially) the Church's expenses. A **donation list** is still open for those who wish to help.

We would also like to extend our personal appreciation to all those who helped at **Hazleton's FunFest on Saturday, September 8, 2007** and those who bought our goods.

2. One of the ongoing projects is **to improve the Sunday School**. Since the beginning of September 2007 the **Sunday School** has been reorganized by having Orthodox religion lessons taught by **Rev. Deacon Mircea Airinei** in Romanian. Recently, to these lessons, was added a **PowerPoint presentation**, viewed with much interest by the children, which is presented and explained by **Mrs. Cici Stafiuc**. Each Sunday there are 12 to 20 children who actively participate in these lessons. Personally, I hope this number will go up with your involvement and cooperation – **please bring your children to Church and Sunday School**.

3. Besides the Sunday's Holy Liturgy, in October there are a few other important feasts: **Saint Dimitrie the New – Saturday October 27th**, also the **Memorial Saturday**. On this day we will serve the **Liturgy** followed by the **"Saracustra"** (memorial service) for the departed starting **9:30** am. For those who are not able to come for Saturday service, we will have **commemoration service next day, Sunday October 28th, after Liturgy**.

4. **St. Joseph Romanian Orthodox Church** offers, through its parish priest, Rev.Fr.Traian Stafiuc, **counseling services** before and after marriage. The couple preparing to receive the Holy Matrimony into the Orthodox Church must have counseling sessions with Rev.Fr. Stafiuc. Also, parents and god-parents (sponsors) preparing their children for Holy Baptism into the Orthodox Church must have a mandatory spiritual counseling meeting with the parish priest.

5. We are looking forward to seeing you at one of the important events in our parish life, the annual **"Grape Harvest Festival" - this year scheduled on Saturday, October 20th**.

Also, we would like to tell you that the church now has a subscription to all Romanian satellite channels. You can watch the entire broadcast programs including soccer. As a matter of fact, **Mr. Christian Maghear** (2007 Council President) recently organized soccer game viewings on each Sunday after Coffee Hour. Those interested are invited to participate in these events, to have a snack and a soft drink together. Donations accepted.

As a final point, we would like to remind you that all our efforts are to fully support St. Joseph's Church. We would love to see you involved and participate more in the church's life. We have good plans for this church, and we do **NEED YOU** to support us for our children's sake, spiritual formation, and moral education.

May our Good Lord bless you with health, salvation for many years!

Your intercessor to Christ our Lord,
Rev.Fr.Traian Stafiuc
Parish Priest