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# Fr. Nick's Net



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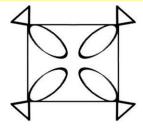
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#### July/August, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With a tough ending comes a new beginning! The Lord has brought an end to the Halkias family's ministry at Holy Trinity in Steubenville. With that comes a new beginning for us at Holy Trinity in Canton, OH and a fresh start for this parish with a new priest and his wonderful family.



There are so many clichés regarding this transfer that it is hard to pick one: 'This is bitter sweet;' 'When God closes a door, He always opens a window;' 'We have to make lemonade out of lemons;' 'Time to start an exciting new chapter;' etc.

I'm not really one for clichés anyway. What I can say for absolute certainty is that this is the will of God the Father. But it isn't just the will of God the Father for my family. If we have a God that is only looking out for my family in this, then we truly have a short-sighted Savior. This is, without a doubt, the will of God for my family, but it is also equally the will of God for the wonderful family at Holy Trinity in Steubenville (as well as the Moore family who is being blessed by coming to Steubenville as much as you will be blessed by their time here.)

God is looking for opportunities for the parish to grow. He is bringing a blessed Orthodox family into this community. Their willingness to love and serve you will be apparent through their talents and dedication – first to the Lord and secondly to the parish and the surrounding community.

I have all the faith in the world that you will give them the same wonderful opportunities that you gave our family. That is all that they will need to be a joyful presence for their growth and for the growth of Holy Trinity. It is a unique time for us and we cannot miss this chance to witness the love of God to our city and local community.

Remember that the mission of our Parish is to be disciples of Jesus Christ, by sharing God's love with everyone (that was a paraphrase. For the complete mission statement, see the bottom of the cover page). First we have to know God's love, and then we can extend God's love. Many of us have experienced God's love, but we keep it to ourselves. That is not helping ourselves and it is definitely not offering anything to anyone else either.

All people want a deeper relationship with God. They yearn for something more meaningful in their lives. The Orthodox has unique message to the world. We cannot stifle that message by keeping our mouths shut. Your witness to God's work in your life will offer the opportunity for someone else to find the truth in the Lord through the Orthodox Church. But we have to open our mouths and speak.

Don't worry about arguing. Those that wish to argue, and some are within the church, aren't really interested in sharing the love of God. They only want to be right. Being right won't inspire anyone, and in many cases it will discourage many. Being the loving representative of the outstretched merciful arms of our Savior will create peaceful inspiration in everyone you come across.

At that point, it won't matter about being right or wrong. All that will matter will be our love. And people will be attracted to the peace and joy offered by your witness to the Lord's work in your life. It truly can be a new beginning for Holy Trinity. Let us embrace this opportunity and witness to Christ, Who has saved us! God Bless you, now and forever!!!

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# **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### Wednesday Paraklesis Services ...... July/August

Paraklesis Services will be offered every Wednesday evening at 6:00 P.M. unless otherwise stated.

# JULY

These are the services for the month of July. Please check your schedules and plan to attend.

Sunday, July 14 Fr. Nick Awa				
8:30 A.M.	Orthros in Weirton, All Saints			
9:30 A.M.	Liturgy in Weirton, All Saints			

Sunday, July 21Fr. Nick Away10:00 A.M.Liturgy in Steubenville, Serbian Church

# AUGUST

These are the services for the month of August. Please check your schedules and plan to attend.

**Thursday, August 1** ..... **Panagia Fast Begins** Strict Fast for the first 14 days of August.

Friday, August 2

6:00 P.M. Paraklesis

Monday, August 5

6:00 P.M. Great Vespers

Tuesday, August 6Holy Transfiguration8:30 A.M.Orthros

9:30 A.M. Liturgy Wednesday, August 7

6:00 P.M. Paraklesis

## Friday, August 9

6:00 P.M. Paraklesis

#### Monday, August 12

6:00 P.M. Paraklesis

#### Wednesday, August 14

6:00 P.M. Great Vespers

# **Thursday, August 15** ...... Holy Dormition 8:30 A.M. Orthros

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

#### Wednesday, August 21

6:00 P.M. Paraklesis

# Tuesday, August 27 ..... St. Phanourios

8:30 A.IVI.	Orthros
9:30 A.M.	Divine Liturgy - Canonsburg, PA

#### Wednesday, August 28

9:00 A.M. Paraklesis

Thursday, August 29 ..... Beheading of John the Baptist

8:30 A.M. Orthros 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following people will be celebrating their birthday in the months of July and August:

#### JULY

Nicholas Terezis	7-03	Marino A
Marianne Balakos	7-10	Nicholas
Jordan Karvounides	5 7-10	Maria Ma
Judith Dines	7-11	Barbara I
Manuella Petrides	7-12	Frank Vo
Andoni Demitras	7-13	Mary Al I
Nicholas Kotsanis	7-16	George S

# Marino Alexander 7-19 Nicholas Riley 7-22 Maria Matzorkis 7-22 Barbara Maragos 7-24 Frank Vostatek 7-26 Mary Al Kaed 7-30 George Shea 7-31

#### AUGUST

Marie Kamarados8-04Pauline Panagis8-06George Parikakis8-08Mary Ann Pappas8-09Nikolas Kamarados8-10Neove Young8-12Anastasia Mastros8-14Sophia Mastros8-14Paul Mastros8-14Marianthi Halkias8-14Carole Caleodis8-15Stelianna Tsouris8-15Maria Kamarados8-15

#### Joyce Locascio 8-17 Jackie Strovilas 8-18 Christopher Vogagis 8-21 Anne-Charissa Halkias8-21 Katherine Riley 8-22 Alivia Vostatek 8-23 Levani Balakos 8-23 Vasile Matzorkis 8-24 Anthony Mougianis 8-26 Christina Kotsanis 8-28 Anastasia Kotsanis8-29 Nicholas Strovilas 8-29

If your name was not listed and you had a birthday during this month, please contact the office; and we will be happy to place it on our roster for next year.

# FLOWERS FOR THE PANAGIA

Beginning at the end of July, we will be taking a collection for the flowers that will adorn the tomb of the Panagia for the feast of her Dormition. Dates and times for decorating the tomb of the Theotokos will be announced in August.

# **FESTIVAL APPRECIATION DINNER**

On Sunday, July 7, following Divine Liturgy, we will have our Annual Festival Appreciation Dinner. Let us thank those who helped make our festival the success that it is. Please RSVP by July 3 to the church office and let us know how many people you are bringing. Thank you!

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

BIBLE STUDY ..... The Bible Study normally meets on the 1st and 3rd, Wednesday of the month at 10:00 A.M. Please check the weekly bulletins for any changes. We have finished our current Bible Study and will resume in September.

### PARISH GROUPS

#### АНЕРА .....

The AHEPA Society will now have their meetings scheduled through our Call Now system.

PARISH COUNCIL ...... July 9, August 13 Parish Council meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at the church unless otherwise stated.

PHILOPTOCHOS ......Resumes in September, 2019 Enjoy your summer, Ladies of the Philoptochos Society

<u>(Changes will be made through the Call Now System)</u>. Please contact Angie Mahfood with any questions. Thank you.

**CHOIR** The Choir will be taking a much needed break during the month of July. They will resume in August.

Choir rehearsals will be held on the first Monday of each month at 5:00 P.M. <u>(Changes will be made through</u> <u>the Call Now System</u>). Please contact Pete Caleodis if you are interested in joining the choir. Thank you.

#### FR. NICK AWAY

Father Nick will be on vacation from July 13th through July 23rd. If you need to speak to him or if there is an emergency, please contact the church office. The secretary will make sure your message gets to Fr. Nick or to one of the area clergy who are helping to fill-in while Fr. Nick is away.

## AND ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST

How abandoned South Street looks the day after the festival. Gone are the crowds, the music, and all the activity around the midway. No, today there is not much evidence of what produced a most successful event.

How does one put together a food festival that has become a community event? Let me count the ways.

We begin with an untiring chairman who organizes the leaders of each work station.

He sets up meetings, plans all the various booths, and puts out a call for all the various volunteers to work during the four days.

Then in February the work begins. Pastry and food is prepared. Combine all this to equal success. There is no doubt that it all came together this year.

Just read the editorials and articles in the paper and listen to the news reports on the radio.

Put it all together to show that "ekaname onoma" (we made a name in the community).

When the "start button" was pushed, the event moved through four days like a well-oiled machine. It was beautiful to experience. Comments like "best food of any festival around," "I return every year," "Love the dancers and the music," Can't wait till the next one," could be heard throughout.

Yes, the lines were long, but all agreed the wait was worth it. Festival number 33 has become a pleasant memory for all—workers, visitors, and regulars. When the tents are removed and the street returns to normal, a vision of it is all that remains.

Congratulations, everyone on another festival to remember and relive. What more can be said? "Ke tou Chronou!" Until next year, remember and relive Festival 33!

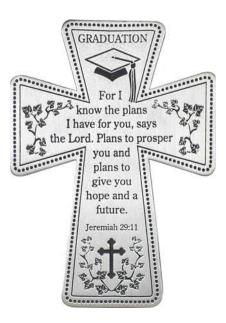
## **MAY FINANCIALS**

May weekly income\$4021.61May weekly expense\$6053.11

# 2019 Holy Trinity College Graduates & Festival Pics



Jennifer Lynn Apesos graduated with a Masters in Professional Accounting from WVU John Chambers College of Business and Economics in May of 2019.





**Michael Petrides** graduated with a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from the WVU School of Dentistry in May of 2019. He will be continuing his education with a General Practice Residency at Mercy Medical Center in Canton, OH.

# Holy Trinity Greek Fest 2019 d by Sunset Mo

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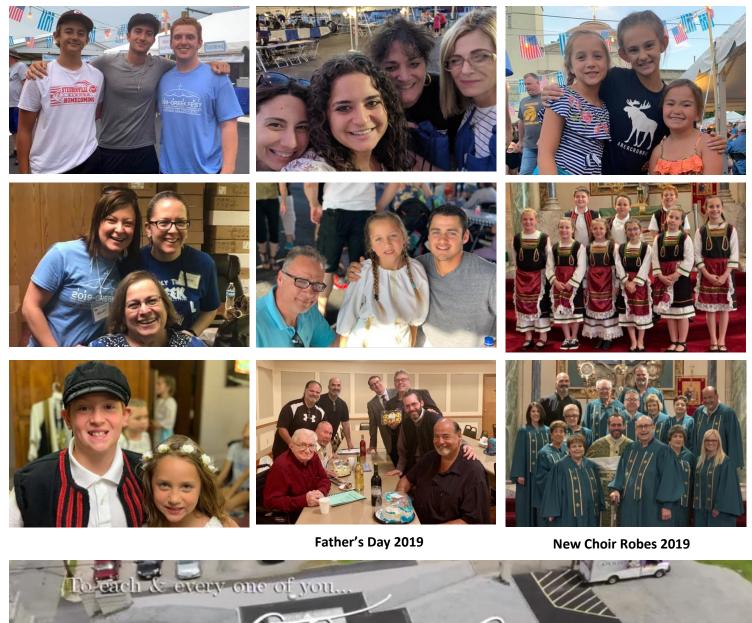








# Festival Pics, Father's Day & New Choir Robes





# SERMON OF HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS OF AMERICA ON SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS, JUNE 23, 2019



Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, beloved children in the Lord!

Today our Church honors the feast of All Saints, a continuation from yesterday's Leave-Taking of Pentecost, which marks coming full circle in our long liturgical journey. It commenced with Triodion, continued into Pentekostarion, and encompassed the entirety of God's revelation to the world, establishing the Church through Jesus Christ, the Firstborn of all creation, which today is the Church of the Firstborn, "as sealed in the archetype on high" in the Holy Spirit.

It is not by chance then that from the Vespers, together with the Kontakion of All Saints we chant as well the Kontakion and the Apolytikion of Pentecost:

The Kontakion:

When the Most High descended and confused the languages of men, He divided the nations, but when He apportioned the tongues of fire, He called all to unity, and with one voice we glorify the All-Holy Spirit!

The Apolytikion:

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, Who has shown forth the fishermen as men most wise, by sending upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them, has caught the world as in a net: O You Who love mankind, glory to You!

Today, then, begins a new liturgical cycle of our Church, one in which we must make every effort to live the witness of all the Saints of our Church, which stretches across ceaseless centuries since the Day of Pentecost, and which draws a straight line of our faith from the time of the Holy Apostles and the Holy Martyrs – men and women. I emphasize that our faith is not an individual consideration, but a shared and lived experience, the witness of our Saints, as we confess in the Creed, the Symbol of our Faith: "In One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church."

And above all others, we especially invoke the presence of the Most Holy Theotokos, We remember all our ancestors –forefathers and foremothers, the patriarchs of Israel and the prophets, the apostles and the preachers, the evangelists and the martyrs, the confessors and the ascetics, and "every righteous spirit perfected in the faith." To them we cry aloud: "Rejoice glorious Apostles, Prophets, Martyrs and Hierarchs! Rejoice company of the Saints and Righteous, honorable chorus of Women, and intercede with Christ for the sake of the world!"

Starting from the Reading of the Prophets of the Vespers and coming to the Epistle and Gospel Readings of today's most praiseworthy Sunday, we must say that in all things the ageless witness of God's Saints is chief, united with the Prophets, Apostles, and Martyrs, because the God of all our Saints is one and the same. He is the One who condescended to reveal our spiritual receptivity and ability so that we might enter again into His Kingdom. Thus in the Epistle Reading we heard about the certainty of the faith of the Prophets, to whom the pre-Incarnate Word of God the Father spoke, revealing to Moses and the Prophets the promise of his Incarnation. At the same time, we have the witness of the Apostle Paul, that "He was enthroned at the Right Hand of God." And again in the Reading of the Holy Gospel we hear about the "Regeneration, or Rebirth," "when the Son of Man will sit down on the Throne of His *glory,"* – this was immediately offered at the moment of Pentecost, the moment of the Holy Spirit, when spiritually we confess and we see the Lord of Glory guiding the Saints, the Firstborn of the Church.

Therefore, the Church sets before us All our Saints in order for us to remember that at the conclusion of the Holy Gospel: "But many who are first shall be last and the last first," that we always have a spirit of genuine humility and fraternal engagement, such that we recognize the destructive passions and possess the right standard of faith by which we yield and submit the passion of the Cross that perfects our faith in Jesus Christ. Thus from today to the middle of September in the Church we shall hear the Gospel Readings from the Gospel of the Evangelist Matthew that sets out the central theme of the Kingdom of God, of which all the Saints of our Church have tasted!

The Saints, my beloved brothers and sisters, are those who traversed this world like Christ, following His steps and

fulfilling His commandments. They overcame death and and lived the resurrection through ascetic practice and even tears, through love and compassion, and at times through their confession and martyrdom.

The Saints are the men, women and children who through the ages until our own times have listened to the Holy Gospel and lived it! They are the ones who love their neighbor, exactly as Christ taught His Disciples.

In this way, the saints are able to console us in times of trouble. They are able to lead us through darkness into light. They are able to teach us not only to wear the cross of Christ as jewelry, but to bear the cross of Christ as His faithful disciples.

And when we follow Him, he leads us to the heavenly banquet, which is this Divine Liturgy that we are celebrating today as one Church. Yesterday, we celebrated my enthronement among you. But today, we celebrate the ultimate enthronement – of Christ at the right hand of the

Father. Today, we remember His second and glorious coming.

This service is very special because the whole Church is present with us around the holv chalice. For the first time, as your new Archbishop, Т am celebrating this sacrament of Eucharist with my fellow bishops of the Holy Eparchial Synod,



with the pious clergy of this blessed Archdiocese, and with all of you as precious members of the sacred Body of Christ.

But those of us who are celebrating the liturgy this morning are not the only ones present. Numerous people are represented at this hour. With us are all of the parishes and communities throughout the country, all of the ministries and departments of our Archdiocese, all our sister Orthodox Churches. They are all participating and sharing with us in the same communion.

So, my beloved brothers and sisters, we are called to follow the saints – if not to martyrdom, at least from our own position and place in society. Each of us has been privileged to be baptized and be called by our name, a Christian name, the name of one of the saints, who pray to God for us and our loved ones.

The saints embrace all of creation with their love and prayer. Like the Holy Spirit that we celebrated at Pentecost, the saints are the assurance and conviction, the promise and pledge of the continuous presence of God in our hearts and in our lives. We can rejoice because there are countless saints – a cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) – who lived before us and who still live among us.

Today, all of us are called to make a promise to God in return for His promise of the comfort of His Spirit and the communion of His saints. Let us, therefore, pledge to live and behave in the way that the saints lived: with all our heart and all our mind, with all our will and all our strength.

If we do this, if we undertake this commitment, then His strength will complement our weakness, His grace will be sufficient for our shortcomings. For "all things are possible through Christ who strengthens and sustains us."

(Philippians 4:13)

Let each of us be the glory and light of Christ in our world even if we are just a small candle, a small flame. Let each of us work to make the world less dark, less frightening, less unwelcoming. Let each of us proclaim the good news that "God so loved the world that He gave

His only son." (John 3:16) Let each of us remind our neighbors that God has never left the world, but always lives in the world through His saints. And let us live in such a way that others will know – by our love and by our joy – that we are His disciples.

In this way, we – and along with us, the whole world – will experience the promise of our Lord before His glorious ascension: "And look, I am with you all the days of your life, even unto the end of the ages." (Matthew 28:20)

#### Amen!

-Taken from: https://www.goarch.org/-/sermon-of-his-eminencearchbishop-elpidophoros-of-america-on-sunday-of-all-saintsjune-23-2019

# NEW ARCHBISHOP ENTHRONED AT GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, A 'NEW ERA' FOR 9-11 CHURCH

By Lauren Green | Fox News - June 24, 2019

Amid the sounds of ancient chant music of Byzantium, a new archbishop was enthroned Saturday at the Greek Orthodox Church in America.

The packed pews of Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York City erupted in shouts of "Axios!" (Worthy! in Greek) as His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros Lambriniadis, 51, entered the center aisle. Elpidophoros, a native of Istanbul, is the shepherd now for 1.5 million Greek Orthodox Christians residing in the United States.

That number is small in comparison to the ranks of the Roman Catholics and Protestants that dominate the country's Christian landscape. But the lavish service harkened back to the heart of Christianity, some 2,000 years ago, when all Christians were part of one church, one people, and one

Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

The new archbishop also signals a welcome change to a contentious issue: the completion of St. Nicholas Church, the only house of worship destroyed on 9-11.

Elpidophoros replaces Archbishop Demetrios, 91, who resigned a few months ago after serving for nearly 20 years. Much of his leadership was clouded with controversy over the rebuilding of St. Nicholas National Shrine



Church, which sits next to the World Trade Center. The plans for its rebuilding were impressive: the iconic Greek Orthodox dome and beautiful garden were to be a place to welcome all 9-11 memorial visitors needing a spiritual respite from the horrors of reliving the tragedy and trauma of the terrorist attacks.

The church structure is now more a shell than shelter; the building unfinished. Construction was halted in December of 2017 after donors complained about how the finances were managed. Some monies allocated for the shrine were reportedly moved to pay for other projects. According to reports, the project needs another \$30 million to be completed, which brings the total amount of the project to \$80 million. Elpidophoros said in his enthronement speech that he would convene a fundraising committee.

He vowed: "My heart is ready and steadfast in this task as well."

Elpidophoros' other task is to spiritually strengthen a weakened Greek Orthodox Church, once considered an immigrant church, but now one whose young members are not as zealous about learning the Greek language – which is often the main language of the services. Elpidophoros oversees 540 parishes in the U.S. and some 800 priests.

Father Aristidis Garinis, a young priest who is one of three for the large congregation of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church in Flushing Queens, attended the enthronement.

While he admires Demetrios as a great spiritual leader, he said of Archbishop Elpidophoros, "we are all eager to follow him side by side as he continues to build up the body of Christ here in America. His vast knowledge and spiritual maturity has immediately infused us priests with a stronger will to work

and produce in the vineyard of our Lord."

Eplidophoros is only the seventh Archbishop to be enthroned in the history of Greek Orthodox church America. At 51, he's young enough to lead the church for the next few decades. But its relatively small numbers belies its political prowess.

The Greek Orthodox Church is active in the fight for religious freedom. Through its

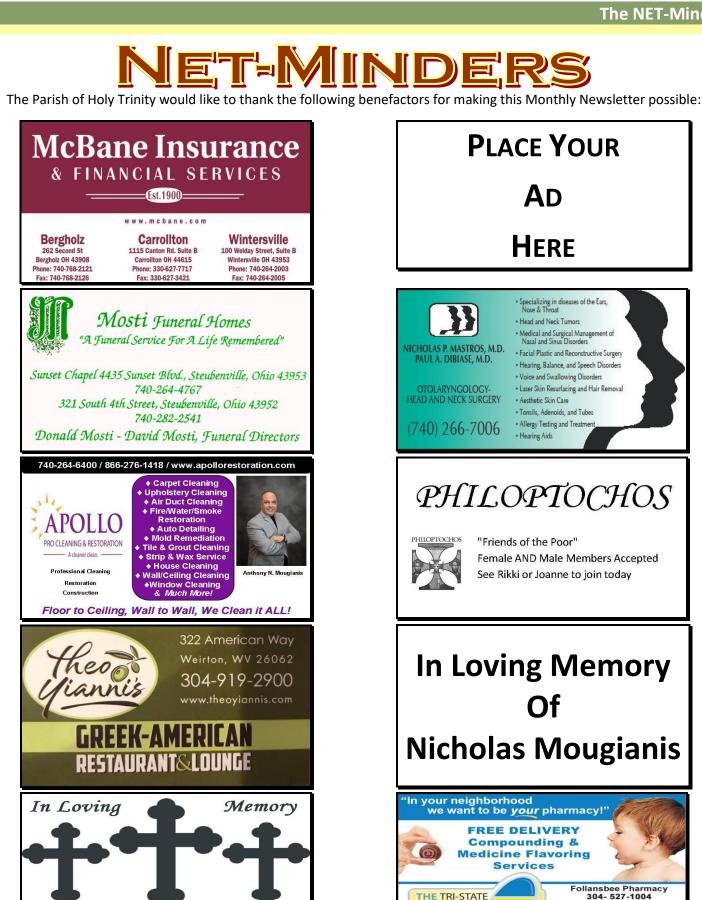
Archons -- the Greek Orthodox version of the Knights of Columbus -- called The Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, the Archons work with closely with the Religious Freedom Institute and the State Department, organizing Religious Freedom conferences around the world and in D.C.

The Archons, comprised mostly of prominent and, some would say wealthy, Greek Orthodox men, whose fundamental goal and mission, says its website, "is to promote the religious freedom, wellbeing and advancement of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, which is headquartered in Istanbul, Turkey."

Elpidophoros knows he has his hands full. While he was elected unanimously, the one-time theology professor feels the outside world is watching and asked for the church hierarchy's "cooperation in the days and months ahead."

-Excerpted from: https://www.foxnews.com/faithvalues/new-archbishop-enthroned-at-greek-orthodox-churchcathedral-a-new-era-for-9-11-shrine-church

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# About the Picture on the Cover



# WELCOME TO STEUBENVILLE, FR. MATTHEW & PRES. JENNIFER MOORE & FAMILY!!!

Fr. Matthew Moore is coming to us from St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Charleston, WV. He was ordained in to the priesthood in 2014. Fr. Matthew and Presvytera Jennifer were both born and grew up in Iowa, but have lived in Indianapolis, Milwaukee, and Boston. They were married in 2003 and have three beautiful daughters: Adeline (11), Katherine (7), and Beatrice (6). They are very excited to serve at Holy Trinity, and look forward to meeting everyone in Steubenville and the surrounding area.