

January 31, 2016

Sunday of Meat-Fare

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

A couple riddles for you (answer to the first is at the bottom of the page, but don't look just yet!). "Feed me and I live, give me something to drink and I'll die. What am I?" Here's another: "I grow when I'm given away, I die when I'm not given away. What am I?" The answer is *love*. When Christians live that love, things blossom. When they keep it to themselves, then the fruit dies on the vine. Today, we read about the dread and terrible Day of Judgement, the day of doom, when all things from all men at all times will be revealed for all to see. Each will be given an exacting judgement from He who cannot be deceived. Interestingly, as our Master and Lord, Jesus Christ, lays it out in this Gospel reading today we see that He will not judge us on great deeds done on a large scale. Rather, we will be judged by our love. (Love means concrete acts done selflessly for the ultimate good of another). We can do that in our own parish and by that, gain paradise. So, call or visit someone on the sick list. Our parish supports Natalia, a handicapped woman in Sambir, Ukraine. Can you give \$3 in the box at the back to feed and clothe her? Would you like to visit a local prison? Call Fr Jason and you can go with him. What about those poor women feeling abandoned to such a degree that they hand their babies over to be aborted? Jesus is there during the 40 Days for Life praying for and assisting those women. Come out and be counted. There are many ways to live out this divine love that God has given you through your Baptism.



Note that this parable is about one thing: *love*-- not a mere humanitarian concern for abstract justice and the anonymous "poor," but concrete and personal love for the human person, that God makes me encounter in my life.... The following is from Fr Schmemmann.... "Christian love is the 'possible impossibility' to see Christ in another man, whoever he is, and whom God, in His eternal and mysterious plan, has decided to introduce into my life, be it only for a few moments, not as an occasion for a "good deed" or an exercise in philanthropy, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God Himself. There is no "impersonal" love because love *is* the wonderful discovery of the "person" in "man," of the personal and unique in the common and general. It is the discovery in each man of that which is "lovable" in him, of that which is from God.

Not all of us are called to work for "humanity," yet each one of us has received the gift and the grace of Christ's love. We know that all men ultimately need this *personal love*-- the recognition in them of their unique soul in which the beauty of the whole creation is reflected in a unique way. We also know that men are in prison and are sick and thirsty and hungry because that personal love has been denied them. And, finally, we know that however narrow and limited the framework of our personal existence, each one of us has been made responsible for a tiny part of the Kingdom of God, made responsible by that very gift of Christ's love. Thus, on whether or not we have accepted this responsibility, on whether we have loved or refused to love, shall we be judged. For "inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, you have done it unto Me..."

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner

Answer: Fire

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **Fr Jason is available for house blessings between now and Feb. 6.** If you do not want your house blessed, please call the office. Otherwise, Fr Jason will call ahead to bless houses by neighborhoods.
- **Pregnant woman** in Crafton area in need of assistance. Through Fr. Jason work with the Pro Life movement he has learned of a woman in the Crafton area who has chosen to keep her child but has been abandoned by the child's father. If you'd like to help email the parish office or call.
- **An international student** who will be attending Seton LaSalle High School is in need of a host family to provide her room and board. If interested in helping, call Fr Jason for more details.
- **Parish Retreat: Fr. Teodosy Kraychuk**, a monk and priest in our church from Canada, will be directing our parish retreat March 11-13. Attend!
- **Eparchial Days of Mercy** will be held here at HTUCC on March 5th. This will be a wonderful time to go to Confession during the Holy Fast of Lent.
- **Get Ready!** Lent is coming soon! To make this the most memorable Lent of your life consider doing one of the challenges from our bulletin on Jan. 17. (E.g. Meditate each day at a set time on a Gospel passage, talk to one stranger each day, write a 25,000 word novel in 30 days about your life, Pick one bad habit you already have and ditch it for 30 days, fast from media for Lent...)
- **Blessing of Candles** will take place on **Tuesday, Feb. 2**, the feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple at the 9am Divine Liturgy. Candles will be available in the church vestibule before liturgy, (\$5.00).
- **Want to start Lent** on the right foot? Go online and type this:
http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/hopko/the_sunday_of_the_last_judgment

Prayer List: Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. If you don't have a prayer list, contact the office and we'll send you one. Keep in your prayers: Anastasia Chruszcz, Stephanya Borszcz, Pauline Danesky, Alice Haritan, Luba and Peter Hlutekowsky, Daniel Holowaty, Theophil Konecky, Pat McGuire, John Maslany, Helen Novak, Joe Popivchak, Mary Simek, Margaret Staskowicz, Anna Szmul, Tillie Volanski, Pete Wheat, Theresa Zozula, Most Rev. Richard Seminack, our pastor from July 1984 until July 2003, and a speedy recovery for Sr. Ann Laszok.



Mark your Calendars: Climbing the Stairs to Mercy: *Let us approach the throne of grace to find mercy! (Hebrews 4:16)* Our church will host a program for the Year of Mercy on **Saturday, March 5, 2016**, beginning at 9:30am with registrations and ending at 3:30pm. Confessions will be heard around the clock. This program will feature 3 presentations, followed by group discussion to share insights: (1) “What do we know about Mercy from the Scriptures?” {Rev. Fr. Jason Charron} (2) “Do we pray for Mercy in the Liturgy?” {Rt. Rev. Msgr. George Appleyard} and (3) “How can we practice Mercy in our lives and parishes?” {Rev. Fr. Michael Polosky}.

Letter from the Eparchy “Jubilee Year of Mercy” - January 2016 is in the church vestibule in English and Ukrainian. Please take one to read.

Take responsibility to protect your life! Prepare NOW for a sudden emergency. You could be anywhere - at work, school, home, or in the car. How will you communicate, find each other and know if your children, family members and parents are safe? Where will you meet, where will you go, and what will you eat? Our church’s fallout shelter may not provide for everyone’s needs - regardless of how many frozen pyrohi are stored. **There will be three (3) free 1 hour presentations**, beginning at 1pm in the church hall. Attend these three (3) one-hour presentations produced by the PA Emergency Management Agency, NRA and the American Red Cross, and learn that awareness and preparedness is your key to personal safety and survival.

Class #1 “Emergency Preparedness” will be on Sunday, Feb 14th

Class #2 “Refuse to be a Victim” will be on March 6th

Class #3 “Disaster Preparedness for Seniors” will be on April 10th

The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Ukrainian Selfreliance of West. PA Federal Credit Union will be **Sunday, February 28th** at 3:00pm at the Ukrainian-American Citizens Club (302 Mansfield Blvd. Carnegie). Call 412-481-1865 to make your reservations by February 22nd.



Adult Valentine’s Day Dinner / Dance will be sponsored by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Carnegie on **Saturday, February 6th** from 6pm until 11pm (doors open at 5:30pm). Cost: \$23 /person and includes Dinner, Desserts, Beer, Wine Soda and all set ups (BYOB). Enjoy live music & dancing until 11pm. Please RSVP by Feb. 1st to Marianne Erhart 412-276-2436 or Sandy Santillo 412-276-1011. Reserve early, LIMITED seating, Checks payable to: SEAS / CM&G.



Ukrainian (Pre-Lenten) Zabava (Food, Live Music, Dancing) is sponsored by the HTUCC Youth Group next **Saturday, February 6**, from 7pm until 12:30am at the Holy Trinity Church Auditorium. Admission is \$5 per person and \$7 for a “group of two”. Proceeds of this event will help offset expenses for the World Youth Day trip to Krakow Poland & Lviv Ukraine in late summer. To make reservations by Feb 1st, contact Bo at 412-726-8309 or Vasyl at 412-245-6424.

A Spaghetti Dinner will be sponsored by The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Catholic Church, 4136 Jacob Street, Wheeling, West Virginia, next **Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016**. The time will be from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Menu will consist of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread & butter, dessert, and coffee or tea. The cost will be \$7.00 for Adults and \$3.50 for children. It will be held in the Church Hall which is handicapped accessible. Carry out available. Telephone 304-232-1777. Everyone is welcome!



Sisters seek volunteers for Ukraine in 2016: After last year’s successful English catechetical camp in Skole, Ukraine, the Sisters of St. Basil the Great have been invited to organize similar week-long camps in four different areas of Ukraine: Ivana-Frankivsk, Zutomyr (near Kyiv), Mukachev and Lviv. Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM and Sister Joann Sosler, OSBM, and their accompanying volunteers will collaborate with the Basilian Sisters and seminarians in Ukraine to hold these English language catechetical camps.

In order to hold these camps for the children (ages 10 to 16), the Sisters are seeking volunteers to teach English (i.e. basic grammar, reading, writing and/ or pronunciation, etc). Room & Board will be supplied for the volunteers but they are asked to pay for their own airfare. Volunteers may come for one, two, or three weeks. Depending on the number of volunteers participating and camps held, the Sisters will also visit orphanages and psychiatric institutions.

This year’s Basilian Volunteer Program is tentatively scheduled from May 27 to June 27, 2016, and will be limited to humanitarian efforts in Western Ukraine. For an application and additional information concerning the Come and Serve with the Sisters in Ukraine Program, please contact: Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM 412-260-1607 srannl@aol.com. Early application is advised to ensure acceptance. Monetary donations to this worthy cause may be made on line at www.stbasils.com or mailed to: Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, Provincial Superior, 710 Fox Chase Road, Jenkintown, PA 19111-4118



A World Youth Day (WYD) Trip to Krakow Poland & Western Ukraine

is being organized by the Eparchial Youth Committee from the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma. The next WYD will be held in Krakow Poland from 7/23 to 8/5 (tentative dates).

“Christ among us” - Ukrainian Catholic radio program on station WPIT at 730AM dial can be heard each Sunday from 2:00 – 2:30pm, a program brought to you each Sunday at this time to reach those who are elderly or ill, and those who are not able to attend their church for Sunday worship. **You can also listen to the radio program on-line at www.wpitam.com or <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/listen/>.** This program is sponsored by the Diocesan Resource Committee of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma, OH, and by your contributions. Each Sunday we will bring to you the word of God, we hope to brighten your lives and bring you joy and solace.

40 Days for Life Pittsburgh Kick Off will be **February 9th** at 7pm at Synod Hall, Oakland, with guest speaker Rev. Dr. John Guest. 40 days for life (February 10th thru March 20th) is a peaceful prayerful and proven effective pro-life campaign. For additional information: 412-926-9413 or nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com.

\$2,000 post-secondary scholarship will be awarded to a student by Pennsylvania American Water. To apply, students must complete the Stream of Learning Scholarship application at pennsylvaniaamwater.com. Deadline is March 21, 2016. All applications must be postmarked by March 21, 2016. Any questions, call 724-743-3103.

The Church was a Mother to you in Life, providing for your Spiritual Needs: Please Remember the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma in your Last Will and Testament. The wording to do this is as follows:

“I give and bequeath to the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of St. Josaphat in Parma, located in Parma, Ohio, ___% of the residue of my estate [or: the sum of \$ ____].”

Vital Stats: \$1,101 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$80.10 for candles, \$205 for the Eparchy, \$50 Initial Offering, \$19 for “The Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund”, \$50 for the Youth Group Sandwich Project, and \$122 from the “frozen” Pyrohi Project, all for a grand total of \$ 1,627.10. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Quarterly Reminder (January 2016): Our Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma is obligated to remind its members that they, especially the victims, have a right and duty to report any incident of the sexual abuse of a minor by the clergy, or by an employee or a volunteer. One should come forward and make that known to his or her pastor or to the bishop or to one of those who assist him in this regard. Once more we remind our readers that our current Bishop Bohdan Danylo can be reached at his Chancery at 440-888-1522 or by writing to him at P.O. Box 347180, Parma, OH 44134-7180. The Victim Assistance Coordinator, Marika Zaliszczuk can be reached on her cell 412-215-5372. You may view the Policies & Procedures at www.stjosaphateparchy.com –then click the link for policies.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday: February 6 at 4pm: Helen Zaletski
- Sunday: February 7 at 8:30am: Terry Styran & at 11am: Cantor
- Monday: February 8 (Pre-sanct.) at 7pm: Angela Honchar
- Friday: February 12 (Pre-sanct.) at 7pm: Cantor

What's happening in our parish this week . . .

Sat. 1/30	First All Souls: <i>Our fathers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian & John Chrysostom</i>	
8:30am	Parastas for those enrolled in Sorokousti	JC
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Emily Stecko requested by Stephanie Fedora	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the health of Stephanya Borszcz requested by the St. Josaphat Society	IS
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Sun 1/31	Sunday of Meat-Fare: <i>The holy miracleworkers Cyrus & John</i>	
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Otchych requested by Diane Kuffner	IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC
also Divine Liturgy for God's Blessing for good health for Eleanor Patross requested by Bob & Eileen Stovash	IS

Mon 2/1		<i>The holy martyr Tryphon</i> The Pastor's day off	
Tues 2/2		Encounter of our Lord with Simeon and Anna	
	9:00am	Divine Liturgy to mark the 1 st anniversary of the late Michael Haritan and the birthday of the late Julia Kucher requested by Michael & Jane Haritan	JC
		<i>.....with the blessing of candles</i>	
Wed 2/3		<i>Holy Simeon, the receiver of God & prophetess Anna</i> Non-liturgical day	
Thurs 2/4	6:45am	<i>Our venerable father Isidore of Pelusium</i> Divine Liturgy at Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh	JC
Fri 2/5	9:00am	<i>The holy martyr Agatha</i> Matins	
Sat. 2/6		<i>Our venerable father Boukolus, bishop of Smyrna</i>	
	4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Catherine Mishtal requested by Richard Migliorato & Staff at Salon Richards	JC
		<i>.....also Divine Liturgy for the health of Pete Wheat requested by the St. Josaphat Society</i>	IS
Sun 2/7		Sunday of Cheese-Fare: <i>Our venerable father Parthenius</i>	
	8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of George (26 th anniversary) & Mary Hanczar requested by their son, Michael & Jodi Hanczar	IS
	11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC
		<i>.....also Divine Liturgy for the health of David Popivchak requested by his mother Helen and Family</i>	IS

Mon
2/8

First Day of the Great Fast: *The great martyr Theodore*

7:00pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy for the repose of Lesya Protynyak
requested by Rebecca Egidi Family
(moved from 1-22-16)

JC

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Lubomyr Chubko	Luba Hlutkowsky	Dan Pituch
Nataliya Milligan	Volodymyr Sabuzhak	Roman Lutsiv
Ronald Artinger	Vasyl Zhurybida	James Bogdon
Jonanthan Hoover	Sheerena Zaletski	Judy Krisovenski
Adrienne English	Bohdan Mykhailiv	Yuri Wowczuk
Voldamyr Matviiev	Natalia Charron	Sophia Chubko
Braden Hoover	Roman Konecky	Nestor Lernetovych
Stephen Medwig	Jessica Petrovych	Andrew Sywy
Anastasia Chruszcz		

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Bruce Alstad	Pat Baessler	Gabby Blythe
Halyna Ciarallo	Ivan Slota	Donna Sradomski
Ted Sywy	Cesare Ulrich	Mary Kurzawski
Maria Hanzel	Vivian Ulrich	Loretta Luebbert
Olga Konecky	Heidi Sciulli	Tillie Volanski
Alex Konecky	Anne Konecky	Mark Popivchak
Chris Kohl	Rebecca Zaletski	Alice Johnson
Natalia Lutsiv	Maxim Milligan	Daniel Saad
Joseph Wowczuk		

Quotes:

"If we make every effort to avoid death of the body, still more should it be our endeavor to avoid death of the soul. There is no obstacle for a man who wants to be saved, other than negligence and laziness of soul." St. Anthony the Great

"Let us fast an acceptable and very pleasing fast to the Lord. True fast is the estrangement from evil, temperance of tongue, abstinence from anger, separation from desires, slander, falsehood, and perjury. Privation of these is true fasting." St. Basil the Great

"For nothing so fills the mind with impurity, as anger remaining constantly within." St. John Chrysostom