
FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

I read this obituary and just had to share it, just had to! I never knew this lady, but may God bless her soul for all eternity! Before I share this with you though, please don't think that I'm trying to find creative ways to avoid writing my usual "*From the Desk of the Pastor*" by simply cutting and pasting. May it never be so! As you read this obituary for a woman none of us ever knew, you will understand why I'm sharing it with you. May it serve to inspire you to be *crazy* and live your life with all the absent-mindedness of the great Saints who were so busy fumbling about with God's affairs that they barely gave a thought to their own, or to what people would think. I want to thank Mary, the lady I never knew, for being an example of holiness and for showing us the craziness of God's love for us. Enjoy!

Jason, priest and sinner

Mullaney, Mary A. "Pink" If you're about to throw away an old pair of pantyhose, stop. Consider: Mary Agnes Mullaney (you probably knew her as "Pink") who entered eternal life on Sunday, September 1, 2013. Her spirit is carried on by her six children, 17 grandchildren, three surviving siblings in New "Joisey", and an extended family of relations and friends from every walk of life. We were blessed to learn many valuable lessons from Pink during her 85 years, among them: Never throw away old pantyhose. Use the old ones to tie gutters, child-proof cabinets, tie toilet flappers, or hang Christmas ornaments. Also: If a possum takes up residence in your shed, grab a barbecue brush to coax him out. If he doesn't leave, brush him for twenty minutes and let him stay. Let a dog (or two or three) share your bed. Say the rosary while you walk them. Go to church with a chicken sandwich in your purse. Cry at the consecration, every time. Give the chicken sandwich to your homeless friend after mass. Go to a nursing home and kiss everyone. When you learn someone's name, share their patron saint's story, and their feast day, so they can celebrate. Invite new friends to Thanksgiving dinner. If they are from another country and you have trouble understanding them, learn to "listen with an accent." Never say mean things about anybody; they are "poor souls to pray for." Put picky-eating children in the box at the bottom of the laundry chute, tell them they are hungry lions in a cage, and feed them veggies through the slats. Correspond with the imprisoned and have lunch with the cognitively challenged. Do the Jumble every morning. Keep the car keys under the front seat so they don't

get lost. Make the car dance by lightly tapping the brakes to the beat of songs on the radio. Offer rides to people carrying a big load or caught in the rain or summer heat. Believe the hitchhiker you pick up who says he is a landscaper and his name is "Peat Moss." Help anyone struggling to get their kids into a car or shopping cart or across a parking lot. Give to every charity that asks. Choose to believe the best about what they do with your money, no matter what your children say they discovered online. Allow the homeless to keep warm in your car while you are at Mass. Take magazines you've already read to your doctors' office for others to enjoy. Do not tear off the mailing label, "Because if someone wants to contact me, that would be nice." In her lifetime, Pink made contact time after time. Those who've taken her lessons to heart will continue to ensure that a cold drink will be left for the overheated garbage collector and mail carrier, every baby will be kissed, every nursing home resident will be visited, the hungry will have a sandwich, the guest will have a warm bed and soft nightlight, and the encroaching possum will know the soothing sensation of a barbecue brush upon its back. Above all, Pink wrote - to everyone, about everything. You may read this and recall a letter from her that touched your heart, tickled your funny bone, or maybe made you say "huh?" She is survived by her children and grandchildren whose photos she would share with prospective friends in the checkout line...

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **Msgr. Appleyard** is filling in for Fr. Jason this Saturday, 4pm, and we extend to him a joyous and warm welcome! Thank you for your service!
- **At the combined Liturgy this Sunday at 10:15 a.m.** Fr. Smereka and Fr. Deacon Myron will lead us in worship in both Ukrainian and English. As in every Sunday, your spiritual and musical participation is expected. ☺ Fr. Jason will return next week from the consecration at St. Elias the Prophet Ukrainian Catholic Church, in Brampton, Ontario, Canada. If you are ever interested in seeing how Christians turn tragedy into triumph, then find out about Fr. Roman Galadza and his parishioners' response to the destruction of their church building and how they handled it. Examples to us all! Joy and gratitude no matter what may come!
- **Please pray for the departed soul** of the servant of God, *Margaret Staskowicz*, who passed away in peace on Sunday, September 25. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Michael, and survived by three children and great grandchildren. Her funeral services were private. May her memory be eternal!

- **Stephen, welcome home!** Today, after a thirty-year hiatus we welcome back Steve Zinski as our full-time cantor and krylos director for all of our services. While we are sad for our neighbors at the Southside parish that they are losing him, we are glad to have Steve's inimitable and dedicated presence at our parish again. Mnohaya Lita!
- **Sunday, October 23rd will be a combined, bi-lingual Liturgy (Wedding Anniversary Celebration) at 10:15 AM.**
- **Restored!** Wooden base around the church gutters have been brought back to their former glory.
- **A HUGE THANK YOU** to Serhiy and Olya Chovnyk (and family!) for their extensive work last week in making our September Ukrainian Party a huge success. We had at least 70 people show up at the party. How could a hearty mixture of good people, games, activities, music, food and song not result in happy times?!?! Thank you for your work!
- **A note of explanation:** What does the church direct us to do with holy things which can no longer be used? For example, an old holy card with an icon of Jesus on it, blessed pussy willows from many years ago, broken icons, old liturgy books or vestments? Anything blessed or used for the sacred services cannot be thrown into the trash. They are either to be burned or buried. In all, the underlying idea is that *what has been dedicated to God should be returned to God*, in a sense, the same way a person's dead body is committed to the earth. During last Sunday afternoon's festivities at Trinity Acres, I failed to explain this to people ahead of time. When it came time to light the bonfire, people were shocked to see old liturgical books from our church about to go into the fire. I apologize for not explaining this ahead of time. But, I hope this belated explanation serves to alleviate your just concerns. The lesson learned: this priest needs to explain things better to his flock, and we have all learned that never should one just "throw out" what has been dedicated to God.

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 Hlutkowsky, Daniel Holowaty, John Maslany, Helen Novak, Joe Popivchak,

Mary Simek, Tillie Volanski, Donald Schultz, Teresa Zozula, Dr. Justine Perhosky, James P. Holdcroft, Rich Hurey, Eugene Szeszak, Theodore Hritzko, John Yenchik.

Eparchial Fall Youth Retreat will be next Sat. & Sun. **Oct 8th & 9th** at Trinity Acres. Theme: **“Press On”** based on Phillipians 3:10-14. Fee: \$75 includes meals, hotel room & T-shirt. Hotel: Comfort Inn (4770 Steubenville Pike, 15205; 412-927-2756). Please call Lisa at 412-302-7238 or lmhladio@zbzoom.net.

English & Ukrainian Practice will be on Wednesday evening **October 12** and **October 19th** at 7:30pm in the church for the Bi-Lingual Bishop’s Divine Liturgy held on Oct. 23rd.



HTUCC “Nite at the Races” will be Saturday, **Nov. 12th** in the church hall. Doors/Buffer opens at 5:30pm * 1st race runs at 7pm * \$12 Admission includes Buffet – Soft Drinks – Beer – Coffee – Tea – Desserts * \$10 for each horse * 50/50 raffle * Ukrainian Auction * Call 412-279-4652 for information or go to our website: www.htucc.com.



The next Coffee & Catechesis (C&C) is scheduled for Saturday, **October 22nd** from 10:15 – 11:15am at Carnegie Coffee Company (Old Carnegie Post Office Building). This is an Adult Apologetics Class. Asking questions and being open to the truth allows our faith to deepen, and better enables us to defend the faith to others. Please bring your friends, and most certainly ask questions. To submit questions simply put anonymous questions in the "Natalia Fund box" in the church vestibule in front entrance, by email or just by asking questions with the group over coffee. For more information or to RSVP please contact Deacon Myron @ [412-303-9086](tel:412-303-9086) or mjspak@verizon.net



How are we living out the Gospel? Here’s an opportunity! 260 Sandwiches (130 lunches) for the homeless will be prepared by our Parish Youth Group on **Friday, October 14th** at 6pm in the church hall. They will be distributed to homeless and less fortunate in Pittsburgh’s Hill District on Saturday morning, Oct. 15th. The total cost of this project is approximately \$300. Each lunch contains 2 bologna (or other meat) and cheese sandwiches (2 slices of meat & 2 slices of cheese), a drink, fruit, a snack & 2 condiment packages. If you would like to support the Youth Group with this project (in any way), contact Bo Mykhailiv at 412-726-8309 or bohdanmykhailiv@yahoo.com.



HTUCC's Art, Crafts & Food Bazaar will be on Saturday, **Nov 5th** in the church hall from 9am – 1pm. Table Cost: \$30. Take-Out Food, Baked Sale and much more! If you plan to donate any items for the HTUCC vendor table, please bring them to the rectory by Monday, Oct. 31st. Please contact Mayda Medwig at 412-722-2050 or go to our website: www.htucc.com.

Bishop's Charity Dinner Dance will be on **Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016** at The Airport Marriott Hotel (777 Aten Drive, Coraopolis, 15108). *Time:* 5:00pm Cocktail Hour; 6:00pm Dinner Served. *Cost:* \$75 per person **by reservation only by Oct. 16th**. Please contact Luba Hlutkowsky at poltava1@gmail.com or 412-519-70187 or 412-275-3975 to make reservations. Charitable donations by churches, organizations and persons are welcomed. *Please make checks payable to: **Diocesan Resource Committee*** and mail to DRC, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, P.O. Box 16319, Pittsburgh, PA 15242-0319. For each \$250 in donation amount, the donor will receive one (1) dinner reservation. For a \$500 donation, the donor will receive two (2) dinner reservations.



The Eparchy of St. Josaphat has printed the 10th series in Discovering ways to live the Year of Mercy – *We extol You, O Christ the Giver of Life and we honor your precious Cross!* You can find a copy in English and Ukrainian in the church vestibule. If you need more copies, please call the rectory.

Bishop Canevin High School will host it Fall Open House on Sunday, October 23rd from 12pm to 3pm. Families and students in grades 6-11 are invited to tour the school, meet current students and faculty, and learn more about Bishop Canevin's Jesuit-inspired education. For more information, please contact Marianne Reinhart, Dir. of Admissions & Enrollment, 412-922-7400 ext. 228 or reinhartm@bishopcanevin.org.

Flea Market at St. Philip Parish will take place next Saturday, Oct. 8th from 9am – 2pm at Ascension Worship Site, Fr. Conner Hall 114 Berry Street, Pgh (Ingram) PA 15205. For more information call 412-922-1187 or 412-489-6241.

Annual Craft & Vendor Show will be held at Carnegie Presbyterian Church (219 Ewing Rd., Carnegie) on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Sample of Vendors: Usborne Books & More, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple and many handmade items. Also, 50/50 Raffle, Chinese Auction and homemade lunches. 412-279-3223, www.carnegiepresby.org.

Mediterranean Food Festival takes place at St. George Orthodox Church, (610 Dewey Ave., Bridgeville) on **Fri., Oct 28th, Sat., Oct 29th and Sun., Oct 30th** from Noon – 8pm (Fri & Sat) and Noon – 6pm (Sun). Family recipes prepared by hand! Dine in or Carry Out. Shish Kabob Lamb, Baked Kibbee, Mediterranean Chicken, Spinach pies, just to name a few!! Order by phone or online. 412-221-2277; www.stgeorgebridgeville.org.

Autumn Tea @ Atonement (618 Washington Ave., Carnegie) will be on Sat. Oct. 22 at 1pm. Doors open 12:15. Spend the Saturday afternoon in their dining room filled with fine china and savor the delicious tastes of homemade crumpets while enjoying a fall fashion show. Tickets are \$25. *Advanced ticket sales only.* Call Tonnie 724-693-2660 to reserve your tickets before Oct. 15th.

Public Square Rosary Crusade: America Needs Fatima is sponsoring a rosary rally on **October 15th** from Noon to 1pm. They will gather at the Broniak and Kraf Greenhouse and Florist property at 3205 Washington Pike (Rt. 50), Bridgeville. They will pray for God's blessings upon America, especially for an end to abortion. For more information, call Sue Chirumbole 412-276-1163. Bring a chair if desired!

The Patriotic Rosary will be sponsored by the Father Denys Assembly 0939 Knights of Columbus and the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Contemporary Choir on **November 7th** at 6:30pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church (330 Third Ave, Carnegie). We will be presenting and praying this most unique and inspiring rosary for our beloved country's return to the principles and values of our founding fathers.

Fr. Alex Wroblicky will be one of the presenters at the first Eastern Catholic Bible Conference to be held at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall on **Nov. 4 & 5**, 8:30am – 4:30pm. This conference is a joint effort by several Eastern Catholic Jurisdictions to help our faithful become more acquainted with the Scriptures. Register and pay online at www.eparchyofpassaic.com. \$30 per participant, includes lunch.

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 for Sunday Sept 25th: \$1,733 was offered in the collection with another \$155.25 for candles, \$20 for the Eparchy, \$30 for Exaltation of Holy Cross, \$12 for the Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, \$100 for the Bishop's Challenge for 2017 Camp Heritage, \$25 donation for the Youth Group Sandwich Project, for a grand total of

\$2,075.25. The Pyrohi Project brought in a “*net amount*” of \$1,205. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday, Oct. 8 at 4pm: Angela Honchar
- Sunday, Oct. 9 at 8:30am: Serhiy Chovnyk
- Sunday, Oct. 9 at 11am: Cantor

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

Sat. 10/1	4:00pm	Protection of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	GA
	also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Stephen & Helen Zaletski requested by Stephen P. Zaletski	IS
Sun. 10/2	10:15am	<i>The holy priest-martyr Cyprian</i> Bi-lingual Divine Liturgy for the repose of Arlene Daniels requested by Marika Zaliszczuk	IS
Mon. 10/3		<i>The holy priest-martyr Dionysius the Areopagite</i> The pastor’s day off	
Tues. 10/4		<i>Our venerable father Francis of Assisi</i> The pastor is on retreat through Fri. Oct 7 th	
Wed. 10/5		<i>The holy martyr Charitina</i>	
Thurs. 10/6		<i>The holy glorious apostle Thomas, called the twin</i>	
Fri. 10/7		<i>The holy martyrs Sergius and Bacchus</i>	
Sat. 10/8	4:00pm	<i>Our venerable mother Pelagia of Antioch</i> Divine Liturgy to mark the 1 st anniversary of the late Emily Stecko requested by Ted Stecko Family	JC

....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Bishop Seminack
requested by Jean Daniels Family

IS

Sun. 10/9	<i>The holy apostle James, son of Alpheus</i>	
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Theophil "Ted" Konecky requested by Lubomyr Chubko Family	IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Szmul requested by Bohdan & Anne Konecky	IS



BIRTHDAYS

Tom Kerchansky
Olga Gonskyi
Stephanie Fedora
Volodymyr Petrovych
Mary Pietrantonio
Maranda Kuzemka

Carola Medwig
Borys Bednarchuk
Zoryana Petrovych
Dennis Kurzawski
Maria Bagmet

Michalina Pituch
Stephen H. Zinski
Ming Medwig
Christine Kalymon
Maribel Medwig