

February 7, 2016

Sunday of Cheese-Fare

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

A sign in the main window of a shoe repair store in Vancouver said the following:

WE WILL HEEL YOU

WE WILL SAVE YOUR SOLE

WE WILL EVEN DYE FOR YOU.

The power of a word! The heeling that witty store owner had in mind is a bit different from the healing Christ has in mind, but both involve fixing and restoration.

Fixing and *restoration* are what make today, Cheesefare Sunday, and tomorrow evening's service so important. They set us on the road to healing. By words our souls are healed because He died for us. And the greatest healing words our ears will ever hear are those spoken by our Jesus who said that unless you **forgive others** their sins, your Father will not forgive you your sins. The greatest "word" of the Father was the life of Jesus Christ, the Word of God. He expressed in himself all that the Father wanted to say and wants to say: You are forgiven, you are healed, you are mine and I will die for you.

As God offered us forgiveness both in word (the teaching of Jesus) and in deed (the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus), so too we really should start this season of healing (a.k.a. the Great Fast, Lent) by asking forgiveness of one another. We begin with those we are closest to because it is they who must put up with our short comings the most. Then, we work our way out from there. But, how do we do this? Personally, liturgically and sacramentally.

Personally, go to each person you have hurt by your conduct and ask their forgiveness.

Liturgically, come to Monday night's Forgiveness Vespers and Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and ask for forgiveness.

Sacramentally, prepare yourself to come to the Sacrament of Holy Confession here on March 4th and March 5th at our Days of Mercy where numerous priests will be available to hear confessions. Come to the heart of the Father and receive the warm, healing waters gushing from the eternal spring of His loving kindness

In Christ,

Jasen (priest and forgiven sinner)

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **Something new in our parish: “In Loving Memory” cards.** Have you ever attended the funeral of a friend who belongs to another church and wanted to assure them that you are doing something for them or their late loved one in a meaningful way? Today, you can find cards in the vestibule of the church. When they open the card they see that you have requested a Liturgy or a Panakhyda or a Parastas for the deceased to be remembered here at Holy Trinity. Suggested donation \$2 per card.
- **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 4th and March 5th. This will be a wonderful time to go to Confession during the Holy Fast of Lent. Bishop Bohdan has requested that our church be a regional site for confessions. All day Friday, March 4th and Saturday, March 5th, our parish will be open for confessions with numerous priests available.
- **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...)
- **Another Lenten activity in our parish: “The Three Foods.”** Mark your calendar for 7pm February 26th. At that time we will have nationally renowned Catholic author and speaker Mike Aquilina come to our parish and speak after Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. There will be food for the soul (pre-sanctified liturgy), food for the mind (Mike’s lesson on the role of the Christian family in converting the ancient word) and food for the body (everyone brings one dish – potluck!)
- **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.

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, Theophil Konecky, Pat McGuire and Theresa Zozula (*both are now home! hurray!*) John Maslany, Helen Novak, Joe Popivchak, Mary Simek, Margaret Staskowicz, Anna Szmul, Tillie Volanski, , Most Rev. Richard Seminack, our pastor from July 1984 until July 2003.

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Peter Wheat, beloved husband of the late Mary (Ostaffe) Wheat; beloved father of Michael (Elizabeth) and Joseph (Gloria), and great-grandfather. Pete died on Monday, February 1, 2016 at the age of 92. Funeral services were held at Holy Trinity on Thursday, February 4th with interment at Chartiers Cemetery. May his memory be eternal!



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. 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}. *Remember confessions will be heard around the clock on both Friday (March 4th) and Saturday, (March 5th)!*

Letter from the Eparchy "Jubilee Year of Mercy" - January 2016 is in the church vestibule. You will also find copies Great Fast Pastoral message of the Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the USA. All copies are in both English and Ukrainian. Please take one to read. Call the rectory if you need more copies.

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.



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).

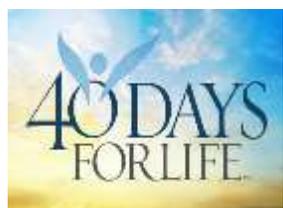
Take responsibility to protect your life! Prepare NOW for a sudden emergency. You could be anywhere - at work, school, home, or in the car. How will you communicate, find each other and know if your children, family members and parents are safe? Where will you meet, where will you go, and what will you 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 next 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

"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 this Tuesday, **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.

Our Vigil is on Sunday, February 21st in front of the Planned Parenthood Clinic (933 Liberty Avenue) downtown Pittsburgh from 3pm to 7pm. (Time Slots are 3-4pm, 4-5pm 5-6pm and 6-7pm. Please bring a friend. Call Deacon Myron 412-303-9086 or mjspak@verizon.net. **PRAY TO END ABORTION!**

\$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: \$2,205 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$126 for candles, \$180 for the Eparchy, \$115 for Utilities, \$5 for Circumcision of our Lord, \$59 for Presentation of our Lord, \$110 for Theophany, \$50 for Special Offering, \$40 Initial Offering, \$49 for “The Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund”, \$20 for the Youth Group Sandwich Project, and \$1,647.50 from the Pyrohi Project, all for a grand total of \$4,606.50. 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:

- Monday: February 8 (Pre-Sanct.) at 7pm: Angela Honchar
- Friday: February 12 (Pre-Sanct.) at 7pm: Cantor
- Saturday: February 13 at 4pm: Sandy Krivonyak
- Sunday: February 14 at 8:30am: Serhiy Chovnyk & at 11am: Cantor
- Friday: February 19 (Pre-Sanct.) at 7pm: Cantor

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

Sat. *Our venerable father Boukolus, bishop of Smyrna*

2/6

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Catherine Mishtal requested by Richard Migliorato & Staff at Salon Richards JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Pete Wheat requested by the St. Josaphat Society 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 also Divine Liturgy for the health of David Popivchak requested by his mother Helen and Family	JC IS
Mon 2/8	First Day of the Great Fast: <i>The great martyr Theodore</i> <i>The Pastor's day off</i>		
	7:00pm	Forgiveness Vespers (condensed) and Pre-sanctified Liturgy for the repose of Lesya Protynyak requested by Rebecca Egidi Family	JC
Tues 2/9	<i>The holy martyr Nicephorus of Antioch</i>		
	8:30 am	Matins	
Wed 2/10	<i>The holy martyr Charalampius, bishop of Magnesia</i>		
	6:30 pm	Pre-sanctified Liturgy in Wheeling, WV, OLPH	JC
Thurs 2/11	<i>The holy great martyr Blaise, bishop of Sebaste</i>		
	8:30 am	Matins	
Fri 2/12	<i>The holy father Meletius, archbishop of Antioch</i>		
	7:00pm	Pre-sanctified Liturgy for the repose of Arlene Daniels requested by Rebecca Zaletski	JC
Sat. 2/13	<i>Our venerable father Martinian, the hermit of Caesarea</i>		
	4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the health of Theresa Zozula and Patricia McGuire requested by St. Josaphat Society	JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Nick Volanski
requested by his wife Katherine & Mary Ann

IS

Sun *The passing of our venerable father, Cyril, teacher of the Slavs*
2/14

8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Dennis Daniels requested
by George Honchar & Family IS

11:00am Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish JC

.....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 1st anniversary of the
late John Shiwarski requested by his wife Mary & Family IS



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: "Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..." -- Pope Benedict XVI

"Nothing, how little so ever it be, if it is suffered for God's sake, can pass without merit in the sight of God." -- Thomas a Kempis

A great quote on the role fasting plays in our spiritual life:

"The heart cannot remain firm in purity, so as not to be defiled, if it will not be crushed by fasting. It is impossible also to preserve holiness without fasting, and the flesh will not submit to the spirit for spiritual activity, and prayer itself will not rise up and act because natural needs predominate. And the flesh will be compelled to become feverish. And from thoughts the heart is aroused and is defiled, and through this, grace departs, and the unclean spirits have boldness to rule over us as much as they wish." -- St. Paisius Velichkovsky - 'Field Flowers'"