

April 17, 2016

Sunday of the Paralytic Man

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! ~ Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!

“Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Beth-za'tha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." John 5:2-8

Years ago a pair of birds built their nest on top of a monument in a main plaza in Buenos Aires. Three times workmen removed it, and three times the birds rebuilt it. Finally, the citizens insisted that the workmen let the nest stay.

What keeps me from pursuing my spiritual life as persistently as these birds persist in building their nest, or as persistently as I pursue my professional or social life?

Let us meditate on this anonymous quote:

*A hammer strikes a rock fifty times, without a crack appearing. On the fifty-first blow, the rock splits. This blow alone didn't split the rock, but also all those that went before it.*

Keep hammering away! Don't give up! Tell that special person what you've been putting off. Your persistence to this person (or to yourself) may make an eternity of a difference.

In Christ,

Jason (priest and sinner)

## New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- Camp Heritage at Trinity Acres will be held 3 weeks this summer for age group 4 -12 from 9:30am – 3:30 pm daily.

Week 1: June 20-24 (Monday – Friday)

Week 2: June 27 – July 1 (Monday – Friday)

Week 3: July 5-7 (mini-camp) (Tuesday – Thursday)

Early Bird Registration Cost BEFORE May 15<sup>th</sup>: Weeks 1& 2 @ \$75 / wk, Week 3 @ \$50. Hot lunch and daily snacks provided. Faith, Fun & Friendship!!! Registration Forms can be obtained either from the rectory or on our website.

- Need a full-time job? Enjoy working with concrete, masonry? If so, call Branislav Lyk at “Nu Restoration.” 412-660-1611.
- Ви шукаєте постійну роботу? Ви досвідчений з бетонної, цегляної кладки? Якщо так, викличте Браніслав Лик в "Nu реставрації." 412-660-1611.
- We wish to thank **Veronica Alstad** for her years of service on PAC! We welcome **Harry Kohl** as PAC’s newest member.
- Please take home your Easter Lilies this weekend! Thank you!
- Youth Group Members please pick up in the Sacristy your new YouCat catechisms.
- Weekly book study starting up! **“Yes or No?: Straight Answers to Tough Questions about Christianity”** by **Peter Kreeft**. Copies for sale in vestibule. Contact office to register. Enrolment limited to 10.
- A parishioner took the time to share with me fundraising ideas. Here are some of them. I think they are all worth a try! Please, continue to send in your ideas for fundraising ideas in the near future to keep our church beautiful:
  1. Have the children paint pictures, and host an art show/sale in the auditorium.
  2. Put together and sell spiritual survival/first aid kits (pocket Bible, prayer rope)
  3. Have a 5k run through the woods of the picnic property.
  4. Collect loose change, but make it "competitive". Track donations either a) by Liturgy (4:00 vs. 8:30 vs. 11:00), or b) by what side of the nave people sit on.
  5. Sell raffle tickets for free dozen of pyrohi a week for a year.

**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, John Maslany, Helen Novak, Joe Popivchak, Mary Simek, Margaret Staskowicz, Anna Szmul, Tillie Volanski, Bishop Richard Seminack, our former pastor, Donald Schultz, Pat McGuire & Teresa Zozula.

**Welcome** into our church, newly baptized Charleston Colaizzi, infant son of Dr. Ivan and Ashley Colaizzi. May God Bless him with a long life of health and happiness!

**Please keep in your prayers** the soul of Kathleen Popivchak, beloved wife of Joseph Popivchak who died on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at the age of 66. There were no visitations, and the service was private. May her memory be eternal!

**Peter and Luba Hlutkowsky** would like to extend the following letter of thanks.  
To Our Parish Family and Dear friends,

Peter and I take this opportunity to thank the members of the St. Josaphat Society for the Liturgy celebrated for our health. It was a joy to work with you side by side for the last few years, the bond we created is that of a close family. We love you and respect the work you do for our church.

We thank our Pastor Jason and his family, and Father Ivan Smereka for their pastoral visits, and to Kim Holdcroft for her understanding, kindness and patience.

We would also like to thank all those that took time to drive us to church, doctor's visits and shopping.

To the many people who wrote cards and letters, especially the Sunday School children and Ridna Shkola children and their teachers.

Thank you to all who have sent prayer cards in inspirational messages.

May Our Risen Lord keep all of you healthy, happy and safe. You will always be in our prayers.

Chrystos Voskres! Voistynu Voskres!



Mother's Day (May 8<sup>th</sup>) offering envelopes and cards are in the church vestibule. Deadline to submit your envelopes listing your mother's name is Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please place in the collection basket.

Bishop Canevin High School presents GUYS and DOLLS this Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> \* ShowTime: 7:30pm Call 412-922-7400 x 210 to reserve your tickets [\$10 / \$7]



The Parish Youth Group will be assembling 130 lunches (260 sandwiches) for the homeless on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the church hall. Distribution of these lunches to homeless and less fortunate in Pittsburgh's Hill District takes place on Saturday morning, May 7<sup>th</sup>. The total cost of this project is approximately \$300.00. If you would like to support the Youth Group with this project please contact Bo Mykhailiv at [412-726-8309](tel:412-726-8309) or [bohdanmykhailiv@yahoo.com](mailto:bohdanmykhailiv@yahoo.com).

A Pentecost Fine Arts Festival will take place on May 12-15 at Our Lady of Grace (310 Kane Blvd. Pittsburgh 15243). Live entertainment (Mike Gallagher) and readings of short fiction & poetry, an Exhibit of original works by parish artists, a reading by Fr. Richard Infante from his recently released book, Last Priest Standing at La Bella Bean Coffee House & Eatery (609 Washington Ave.), Joe Negri, jazz guitarist and Dr. Sam Hazo, Poet Laureate will recite selections of his published poetry. More information: call 412-279-7070 x 15 or [j.baker@olgscott.org](mailto:j.baker@olgscott.org).

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept. 5K Run/Walk will take place on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 8am sharp at the Carnegie Municipal Borough Bldg. Registration fee through April 1 is \$15. Entry forms are available at [www.carnegieborough.com](http://www.carnegieborough.com) or call 412-276-1414 ext. 1421. All proceeds benefit the Carnegie Volunteer Fire Dept.

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Blessing of the Bikes will be sponsored by Carnegie Presbyterian Church (219 Ewing Rd, Carnegie) on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Registration: 10am, Blessing: 11am. Visit their website to pre-register [www.cpcriders.org](http://www.cpcriders.org).



FREE Mammography and Women's Wellness Day takes place on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Clair Hospital Breast Care Center for women 40 and older who do not have health insurance from 8am-1pm. Free transportation will also be available. Pre-registration is required. Call 412-942-7811 by Wed. April 20<sup>th</sup>.

A Spring Flea Market will take place at the Church of Atonement at 618 Washington Ave., Carnegie on Friday, April 29 (9am – 3pm) and Sat. April 30 (9am – Noon).  
Kitchen items, linens & bedding, clothing, toys, etc.

**Quarterly Reminder (April 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. 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](http://www.stjosaphateparchy.com).

As part of the VIBRANT PARISH (A place to encounter the living Christ) you can find a Mission Days Guidebook from Ascension to Pentecost written in English and Ukrainian on the eparchy's website [www.stjosapheparchy.com](http://www.stjosapheparchy.com). The first page in this Guidebook describes the Mission Days, a Ten Day Journey.

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:** \$1,461 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$155.50 for candles, \$27 for Utilities, \$63 for Easter Flowers, \$10 Special Offering, \$10 Palm Sunday, \$500 Baptismal Gift, \$69 for “The Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, \$500 memorial donation on behalf of Emily Stecko for the museum project, \$2 Liturgical card purchase, \$20 for the Youth Group Sandwich Project and the Nut Roll Project brought in a ‘net amount’ of \$647, all for a grand total of \$3,464.50. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God!

### **Lector Schedule:**

- Saturday, April 23 at 4pm: Stephanie Fedora
- Sunday, April 24 at 8:30am: Ben Ciarallo
- Sunday, April 24 at 11am: First Repentance Children

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

Sat. *The holy martyrs Agape, Irene & Chioina.*

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the health of Margaret Staskowicz  
requested by the St. Josaphat Society JC

....also Divine Liturgy for the health of Yuriy, Solomiya,  
and Matviy Yarmola requested by Kyudmyla Kalachuk IS

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Sun. **Sunday of the Paralytic Man:** *Our venerable father Simeon.*  
4/17

10:30am Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish JC

....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 1 year anniversary of the  
late Catherine Yuschak requested by Frances Yuschak IS

....followed by Sviachene in the church hall

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Mon. *Our venerable father John, disciple of St. Gregory.*  
4/18 The pastor's day off

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Tues. *Our venerable father John, the ancient hermit*  
4/19

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Wed. **Mid-Pentecost:** *Our venerable father Theodore "Trichinas".*  
4/20 9:00am Funeral in Ambridge for Fr. Nestor

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Thurs. *The holy priest-martyr Bishop Januarius.*  
4/21

9:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Mary K. Stein  
requested by her friends (OLPH) JC

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Fri. *Our venerable father Bishop Theodore of Syceum.*  
4/22

9:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sue Kanai requested by  
Joseph Bak JC

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Sat. *The holy glorious great martyr, victor & miracleworker George.*

4/23

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for Anna, Andrew & Mary Ananevich  
requested by John Maslany JC

....also Divine Liturgy for all the deceased in the Volanski  
Family requested by Katherine & Mary Ann Volanski IS

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Sun. **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman:** *The holy martyr Sabbas.*

4/24

8:30am Divine Liturgy to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the late  
David Esterburg requested by Arlene Esterburg JC

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

....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Thomas &  
Robert Boyle requested by wife & mother, Betty Boyle IS

....with the celebration of First Repentance

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## Birthdays

Christine Medwig	Halyna Charron	Richard Pietratonio
Bernard Ciarallo	Liliya Didoshak	Dr. Ivan Colaizzi
Brian Medwig	Maggie Saad	Mary Sembrat
Vasyl Koutsyk	John Pretka	Rosemary Zuk
Oksana Slota	Esther Koss	Mary Simek
Yurko Honchar	Avery Artinger	Katya Charron
Anthanasia Medwig		

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: (Both from G.K. Chesterton)

\*Fallacies do not cease to be fallacies because they become fashions.

\*An adventure is only an inconvenience rightly considered. An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered.

