
FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

In 1607, Lord Baltimore sent ships, the Ark and the Dove, to the “New World” to establish an English Catholic colony. Soon these fabled ships landed in Maryland and the colonists got about their work. In 1620, there were no Catholics leaving Southampton on the Mayflower. In 1776, one signer to the Declaration of Independence, and only one, was Catholic: Charles Carroll of Maryland. (Amazingly, in spite of all the prejudice against Catholics during this time, Mr. Carroll served a career as a public servant. He was called by some “the most distinguished Catholic layman in American history). In the Revolutionary War, a Catholic by the name of Casimir Pulaski was an American general. It was not until 1831, during the presidency of Andrew Jackson, that a Catholic served in the United States cabinet: Attorney General Roger Taney. It was not until 1928 that a Catholic, Al Smith, ran for president. And, as we all know, it was not until 1960 that a Catholic, John F. Kennedy, won the presidency. In 1963, Pope John XXIII was posthumously awarded the US Presidential Medal of Freedom. And now, in the 2016 Congress, there are 165 Catholics, which is 31% of the total.

As Catholics, we should remember that there have been historical forces pulling against us for some time. Forces which wish to make us just ordinary, instead of extraordinary. These forces (political, social) would like to see us fade into the background so that there will be nothing distinctive about our presence in these lovely lands. In fact, as we look at the current number of Catholics serving their country we can say, “we’ve arrived!” Catholics have become so much a part of the fabric of this land that it is shocking to think that a time actually existed when Catholics in the halls of power were looked upon with suspicion. However, we should guard ourselves against any feelings of comfort. Although we are as much a part of this lovely nation as anyone else is, can we say that we are still distinct? As we close out this Marian month of May, we turn with increased devotion to the Holy Theotokos, the Ever Virgin Mary, and take a moment to consecrate ourselves, our families to her. Love of Mary is a distinctive trait among we Catholics, it is something that sets us apart and it is something which deepens our love for Jesus, because by turning to the Mother, the Mother turns to her Son for us; and the Son cannot refuse the Mother.

Before this month closes on Tuesday, I urge you to give yourself to Mary. Through this consecration you will enrich your spiritual life, and you will enrich this nation in which we live by giving it a distinctive Catholic witness.

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)

Registration **Cost:** Weeks 1& 2 @ \$95 / wk., Week 3 @ \$70.

Hot lunch and daily snacks provided. Faith, Fun & Friendship!

Registration Forms can be obtained either from the rectory or on our website.

- 2016 Acolyte & Youth Convention: June 15, 16 & 17 at the Gilmary Center (Coraopolis) for Middle and High School Students. **\$95 registration fee due June 7th.** www.StJosaphatYAC.org
- Youth Group Outing to the Adirondacks! June 8th evening – June 12th. Please turn in your permission forms no later than Tuesday, May 31st!!!
- **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, Tillie Volanski, Bishop Richard Seminack, our former pastor, Donald Schultz, Pat McGuire & Teresa Zozula, and Dr. Justine Perhosky.

***** Youth Group***** The next Apologetics Class will be Sunday, June 5th in the church hall, immediately following the 11am Divine Liturgy.

Lost and Found: We are happy to say that the lost earring was returned to the happy owner. The house key on a key chain with a brown leather strap and black compass/thermometer whistle has still not been claimed.



Graduations are upon us, and we would like to honor the young people of our parish who are completing high school or college. Please call the rectory before July 6th and provide the names of these students who are making this milestone in their lives. Please include school name, degree earned and future plans. We will also need a list of the names of the family members who will join us in a Sunday Brunch at Papa J's after the 11am Divine Liturgy on July 10th.



Father's Day is Sunday, June 19th. Remembrance envelopes and Father's Day Cards can be found in the church vestibule. All fathers, living and deceased may be listed for the Divine Liturgy on Father's Day. The last day to submit the names is Wednesday, June 15th.

The Sixth Series in "Discovering ways to live the Year of Mercy –The Holy Spirit, the Comforter" can be found in the church vestibule in English and Ukrainian. You can also view this at www.stjosaphateparchy.com.

A Seasonal Reminder: Our Cemetery Rules: Only live flowers planted within 2 feet (24 inches) in front of a marker are permitted. Bushes, shrubs or the use of wood or stone, at the sides of the back of the marker are not permitted. Artificial flowers are permitted on all holidays, but must be removed in 2 weeks. Also, if you see any grave that needs dirt leveling or grass seeding, please notify the rectory.

Once Again, Pennsylvania American Water will sponsor the 10th annual Wonderful World of Water Day Camp July 11 thru July 15 at the Outdoor Classroom in Boyce Mayview Park in Upper St. Clair for students, ages 7-11. A non-refundable fee of \$20 is required to reserve your space. Call 412-488-7490 or email Nancy Martin at nancym@prc.org.

Subway (Sandwiches) Store is hiring now. Stop by the Washington Avenue store (next to the new Aldi's) and ask for Sam.

The Abundant Life Ministry Center will sponsor "Shattered"- Abuse Shatters Lives at the USC Community & Recreational Center (1551 Mayview Rd, Upper St. Clair) on Monday, June 6th from 7pm-8:30pm. This event is free and coffee & pastries will be served. This event is for adults due to the nature of the topic.

Three Scholarship Programs are available: 1) Ukrainian Technological Society – the only application form is on www.utspgh.org. It is important to contact your school's registrar *immediately* for official transcripts - **Deadline: July 8th**, 2) St. Josaphat Society Scholarship Program for a senior in high school that is a member in good standing at HTUCC for at least 3 years and has been accepted into an undergraduate program - **Deadline: July 9th**, and 3) Estina Franzak Scholarship Fund for students of Ukrainian ethnicity attending Duquesne University - **Deadline: June 1st**. Call the rectory for an application for #2 & 3.

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: \$2,132 was offered in the collection with another \$112 for candles, \$247 for the Eparchy, \$10 for Utilities, \$5 for Ascension, \$67 for Pentecost, \$20 for Ss. Peter and Paul, \$20 Initial Offering, \$110 for Aid to the UGCC Mission, \$17 for the Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, and \$210.10 for the Barn Improvement Fund, for a grand total of \$2,950.10. The Mother’s Day offerings were \$895, and The Pyrohi Project brought in a *net amount* of \$1,089.19. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God!

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday, June 4 at 4pm: Helen Zaletski
- Sunday, June 5 at 8:30am: Terry Styran
- Sunday, June 5 at 11am: Cantor

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

Sat. *Our venerable father Nicetas, bishop of Chalcedon*

5/28

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Clyde Stein requested
by Barbara Stein IS

....also Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish JC

Sun. *The holy venerable martyr Theodosia the virgin*

5/29

8:30am Divine Liturgy to mark the 27th anniversary of the late
Ann Krisovenski requested by Arlene Esterburg IS

11:00am Divine Liturgy to mark the 8th anniversary of the late
Ihor Vykhnelych requested by his wife and children JC

....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 32nd anniversary

of the late Msgr. Danylchuck “Fr. Russ” requested by
the Daniels Family

IS

Mon. **Memorial Day:** *Our venerable father Isaac* 
5/30
9:30am Divine Liturgy (at Trinity Acres Cemetery) for those
enrolled followed by blessing of the graves JC

Tues. *The holy apostle Hermas, author of “The Shepherd”*
5/31 Pastor’s day off

Wed. *The holy martyr Justin the philosopher*
6/1
8:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Thomas Witkowski
requested by Sandra Templin (OLPH) JC

Thurs. *Our father among the saints, Nicephorus*
6/2

Fri. *The holy martyr Lucillianus and those with him*
6/3

Sat. *Our father among the saints, Metrophanes*
6/4
9:00am *Eparchial Convention (Gilmory Center) until 4pm*
4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Herman (6th anniversary)
and Nancy Travers requested by Rebecca Zaletski JC

....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 29th anniversary of the
late Katherine Kerchansky requested by Tom Kerchansky IS

Sun. *The holy priest-martyr Dorotheus, bishop of Tyre*
6/5
8:30am Divine Liturgy to mark the 40th anniversary of the late
Milton Morozowich & the 16th anniversary of the late Ann

Morozowich requested by Mike & Nadia Morozowich IS

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

....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 6th anniversary of the late Katyrna Zaliszczuk and all deceased in the Naculich Family requested by Marika Zaliszczuk and Anne & Bohdan Konecky IS

....*Apologetics Class immediately following in church hall*

MAY Birthdays



Teresa Shaheen	Jeff Sradomski	Elizaveta Bohonok	
Walter Demain	Ludmyla Pavlyshyn	Rev. Fr. Jason Charron	
Michael Jula	John Yenchik	Eryna Honchar	Fr. Dcn. Myron Spak
Douglas Blythe	Frances Yuschak	Borys Wowczuk	Taras Davyda
Bohdan Didoshak	Sophia Charron	Yuri Korenovskyi	Peter Moss
Faith Markle	Marie Smereka	Larissa Spak	Douglas Pierce

Quotes:

America, it is said, is suffering from intolerance — it is not. It is suffering from tolerance. Tolerance of right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and chaos. Our country is not nearly so overrun with the bigoted as it is overrun with the broadminded. +Fulton J. Sheen