
FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

The woman and her husband were at a group Reconciliation service in their parish. Because they were so frail, they went into the confessional together, and the woman tearfully admitted to the priest that she had shoplifted a can of peaches. The priest gently asked how many peaches were in the can. She sobbed and replied “Nine.” The priest said that for her penance she would have to say nine Rosaries, “one for each peach.” Just then the woman’s husband spoke up. “Father”, he said, “she also stole a can of peas!”

In today’s Gospel we hear these glorious words from the mouth of our loving Savior: “Friend, your sins are forgiven.” It seems like those are the very words every man and woman had been waiting to hear from the time of the first Garden to the time of the Great Galilean, “your sins are forgiven!”

Where would we be without Christ’s forgiveness? We’d be eternally lost because we have each sinned. Yet, not leaving us abandoned, Christ gave this solemn power to the Church, His Bride, that she might spread forgiveness of sin, freedom and life across the scarred land and scarlet waters of this prodigal world.

Here are some helps to prepare you for confession if you haven’t gone in some time. (I will not be home next Saturday for regularly scheduled confession, but am available all this week until Friday at noon.)

- Responsibilities to God: Have I told God that I want to love him with my whole heart, mind and strength? Do I hold any resentments toward God?
- Responsibilities to Others: Have I been affectionate and loving to my spouse? Have I truly listened to my family members? Have I gossiped about others? Do I manipulate others?
- Responsibilities in Society: Have I allowed the Gospel to influence my political and social opinions, especially on the fundamental question of the right to life?

Since today (Sunday, Sept. 25th) is the start of the *40 Days for Life* campaign allow me to take a brief moment to address the last concern listed, “Responsibilities to Society.” When Pope Francis canonized St. Teresa of Calcutta a few weeks ago (formerly known as Mother Teresa) I thought of these her words: "We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other." Those words from that most lovely and humble of women from the 20th century have always stayed with me. They just cut to the heart of the matter. If the most basic law of humanity (that mothers and fathers should protect the lives of their babies) is up for grabs, then we cannot be shocked or aghast when the more abstract laws of humanity are cast aside. As we read in the newspapers today about the riots and violence in Charlotte, NC, how can we not help but conclude that such anarchy ultimately traces itself back to this land's tolerance for abortion and intolerance for God's commandments. Ultimately, social unrest is connected to unrest against God.

Yes, these words are intolerant. They are intolerant because I'm tired of hearing about more tension between civilians and police, between black and white, between liberal and conservative. I'm tired of hearing about these divisions because they are lies. The real source of division is not between class, race, sex or ideology (as the Marxists and Socialists would have us believe). No! The real division is between those who side with a Christ-centered life and those who work against it (they work against Christ usually covertly, but sometimes openly). So, if we wish to stop the craziness in our nation we have to walk it all back to its start, and its start is in a garden we've all heard about. But, it is a garden we have not only heard about where a man and woman made a sinful choice, it is a garden we cultivate and water. It is the garden of our soul where sin, like a weed, grows at the personal level. If we turn to Christ, to heal the garden of our souls from addiction to sin, then we can recover our broken families, wounded relationships, our crippled nation and our misguided world.

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **Sunday, October 2nd**, will be a combined, bi-lingual Liturgy at 10:15 AM.
- **Sunday, October 23rd** will be a combined, bi-lingual Liturgy (Wedding Anniversary Celebration) at 10:15 AM.
- **This Sunday, September 25th**, all parishioners are invite to a “Ukrainian Fall Picnic” at Trinity Acres. This is the third year we’ve done this and it’s a wonderful day for everyone to enjoy Ukrainian “shyshlyk,” music and sing-alongs. New this year will be an inflatable obstacle course for kids. Bring a salad or a dish and be ready to sing!
- **This past Tuesday** Holy Trinity saw a bit of a face-lift in the form of a high power cleaning of the stones which make up our front entrance. More work to come!
- **Yesterday, Saturday, September 24th**, saw more developments here at our parish with concrete repairs on the walk-ways on the parking lot side of the church, the handicap ramp, and the base of the Morozowich lamp at the front of the church.
- **Before winter arrives** we will address the peeling paint around the base of the church gutters.
- **Please pray for the departed soul** of the servant of God, *Theresa Zozula*, who passed away in peace on Thursday, September, 22, surrounded by family. Memory Eternal! Our condolences to the family.

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, Margaret Staskowicz, Tillie Volanski, Donald Schultz, Teresa Zozula, Dr. Justine Perhosky, James P. Holdcroft, Rich Hurey, Eugene Szestak, Theodore Hritzko, John Yenchik.

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.

HTUCC Youth Group Meeting will be on Sunday, Oct 2 from 11:30am to 2pm immediately after the 10:15am Bi-Lingual Divine Liturgy in church hall for Pizza Lunch & Carnegie Park (weather permitting). Meeting Topic: “Important vs. unimportant things in life”. Bring comfortable clothes to change into. Bring a friend and a fun outside activity (volleyball, football, frisbee, etc.) For more information contact Bohdan Mykhailiv 412-726-8309 or bohdanmykhailiv@yahoo.com.



Annual Food Drive is being sponsored by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus over *this* weekend **Sept. 24th and 25th** to benefit the Food Pantry located at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. The Food Pantry served over 2,500 individuals last year from the Carnegie area. Please leave the bag in the vestibule. If you wish to make a monetary donations, checks should be made payable to SEAS SVdP. **Also, A Pancake Breakfast** is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus today, **Sunday, Sept. 25th**, 7:30am to 1pm in St. Luke’s Hall, (330 Third Ave, Carnegie). All profits from the breakfast will be donated to the Food Pantry. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, coffee or tea. Cost: \$7 for adults, \$4 for children under 10.

- **Eparchial Fall Youth Retreat** will be 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.

- **Ukrainian Krylos** – Practice for anyone interested in singing the new Ukrainian Liturgy at the 8:30am Sunday Liturgy will be on Thursday evening at 7:30pm in the church on **Sept. 29.**



- **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.



- **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.



- **The next Coffee & Catechesis (C&C)** is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th 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

40 Days for Life-Kick-Off will be Sunday, **September 25th** at 6pm at Memorial Park Church (8800 Peebles Rd, Allison Park). Speakers include Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB, host of WAOB Radio, and Rev. Joseph Stump, Pastor of Lincoln Place Church of the Nazarene. For more information, contact Nikki Bruni, Campaign Director at 412-926-9413 or nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com.

Sunday, Oct. 2nd from 3:00pm to 7:00pm has been reserved for the *participation of Holy Trinity parish* at the 40 Days for Life vigil. We will be meeting at the Planned Parenthood Clinic (933 Liberty Avenue) in downtown Pittsburgh. Two vigil participants / hour is recommended. A total of eight participants will allow us to fully staff this event. Depending upon interest, carpooling from Carnegie may be available. The following time slots have openings at this vigil. 3:00 to 4:00pm, 4:00 to 5:00pm, 5:00 to 6:00pm & 6:00 to 7:00pm Thank you for your past participation... Please confirm a time slot for you or your friends at your earliest convenience. This will be a peaceful, prayerful & rewarding experience. Contact Dcn. Myron at 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 Mkhailiv at 412-726-8309 or bohdanmykhailiv@yahoo.com.

Bishop Canevin High School will host its 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 on 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.

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. ***Please send check by Oct. 1st for listing in the Program Book.*** 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.



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.

The Patriotic Rosary will be sponsored by the Father Denys Assembly 0939 Knights of Columbus and the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Contemporary Choir on **Nov. 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 HTUCC Parish Festival committee would like to thank Wolf Candle for their \$30 donation towards our festival.

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 18th: \$1,635 was offered in the collection with another \$114.50 for candles, \$247 for the Eparchy, \$10 for Utilities, \$12 for Birth of the Theotokos, \$182 for Exaltation of Holy Cross, \$11 for the Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, and \$30 donation for CCD books, for a grand total of \$2,241.50. The Pyrohi Project brought in a “*net amount*” of \$1,365. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday, Oct.1 at 4pm: Helen Zaletski
- Sunday, Oct. 2 at 10am: Cantor

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

Sat. *The holy first martyr & equal to the apostles, Thekla*

9/24

11:00am 40th Day Panakhyda for Bishop Seminack JC

4:00pm Divine Liturgy to mark the 7th anniversary of the late James Volanski requested by Katherine & Maryann Volanski IS

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

Sun. *Our venerable mother Euphrosyna of Alexandria*

9/25

8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Emily Stecko requested

by Brian & Pam Lockhart & Family IS

11:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Donna Popivchak Angle
requested by Greg & Linda Popivchak & Family JC

....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Szmul
requested by Angela Honchar IS

2:00pm *Holy Trinity Fall Picnic at Trinity Acres*

Mon. *The passing of the holy apostle John the theologian*
9/26 The pastor's day off

Tues. *The holy martyr Callistratus & his 49 soldier companions*
9/27 8:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of John Syrylo requested
by Suzie Syrylo (OLPH) JC

Wed. *The venerable father and confessor Chariton*
9/28
8:00am Divine Liturgy for the health of James P. Holdcroft
requested by St. Josaphat Society JC

Thurs. *Our venerable father Cyriacus the hermit of Palestine*
9/29

Fri. *The holy priest-martyr Gregory of greater Armenia*
9/30

Sat. **Protection of the Theotokos**
10/1 4:00pm 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. *The holy priest-martyr Cyprian*
10/2
10:15am Bi-lingual Divine Liturgy for the repose of Arlene Daniels
requested by Marika Zaliszczuk IS



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lucille Mosur
Dr. Roger Sembrat
David Johnson
Ray Steranko
Curtis Sembrat
Thomas Medwig
Andrew Kurzawski
Anna C. Kohl
Matthew Zaletski

Helen Popivchak
George Honchar
Keith Reabe
Marian Sywy
Maria Koutsyk
Mary Ann Davis
Andy Saad
Alex Konecky
Irena Kalymon

Craig Shymatta
John Kuzemka
Michael Makar
Dimitro Kulik
Volodimir Gonskyi
Nadiya Nakonechnyy
Allison Grabowski
Randi Schultz
Sandy Krivonyak