
FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Glory to Jesus Christ!

First of all, I wish to thank all of you, my beloved parishioners, for bearing with me these past two months. With Martha's illness taking priority in my life I didn't have time and focus to dedicate my energies to writing very much at all. This meant that the weekly, "From the Desk of the Pastor," fell by the wayside. I am glad to pick it up again as it gives me a sense of *life as normal* again, and it provides me a chance to share my thoughts with you.

There are some major, new developments occurring this weekend here in our parish. First, we have a new cycle of Sunday Epistle and Gospel readings which we will follow in our parish, *per* Bishop Bohdan's gracious permission. This is granted as an experiment to see how the life of our parish and the devotion of the faithful is affected by this change. By way of background, our liturgical cycle prescribes the same Scripture readings year after year. The good in this approach is that you hear these same Epistle and Gospel readings so many times that you know them by heart. The drawback in this approach is that if people are not reading the Bible outside of Liturgy on Sundays then they do not have an occasion to be taught the full complement of the Gospel. We know from our Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church's newly published *Catechism* (see below) that "to understand the Holy Scriptures, it is necessary to join reading the Word of God with hearing the Word of God in homilies." (Christ Our Pascha, para. 47). So, to better equip you in your Christian faith and in your growth toward personal holiness of life I asked Bishop Bohdan if we could switch the regular Sunday readings with the Saturday readings from our church's particular calendar. Seeing a pastoral good in this idea, His Grace was most understanding and helpful in granting this request. To him we are most grateful and continue to remember him in our daily prayers.

The second development, alluded to in the previous paragraph, is the release of a new CATECHISM. This is no small task. Back in 1992 the Universal Catechism of the Catholic Church was released, and it called upon particular churches (like our UGCC) to draw from it when they publish their own Catechisms. Our church now can say that it has an official catechism in both English and Ukrainian languages. We have at the entrance of the church ten copies for sale. The suggested price is \$15. I encourage you to take one and read it through, by this you will deepen your understanding of our common, apostolic faith.

Finally, this weekend is our first weekend using the new pew books which were donated by Janet and Richard Bogdon in loving memory of Catherine Wolk Mishtal. There will be some bumps along the road as we transition to this new translation. I ask for your patience in this. Mr. Steve Zinski has kindly provided for your use a song booklet to help you sing along with those sections of the liturgy where the text is most different. The 8:30am Sunday liturgies will be a little different until Oct. 1st because the cantors will continue to sing as they have always done while the faithful use the new books. On Oct. 1st we are pleased to announce that Steve Zinski will be with us full time helping at all three weekend Divine Liturgies!

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **Holy Trinity Religious Education Classes** will be resuming on Sunday, **September 18th** at 9:30am in the Church auditorium for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade. All children who will be new to our program should be registered by completing forms found in the vestibule of the Church and returning them as soon as possible. Our high school youth group will be meeting in the near future with an expanded program. Saint Josaphat Eparchy's Religious Education Office will *livestream* Catechetical Sunday Divine Liturgy from Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ambridge, PA on Sunday, September 18, 2016. To tune in please follow this link: <http://livestream.com/ECEDlivebroadcast/events/4833496>
- **Pittsburgh Folk Festival** will be held in the schenley Plaza area of the University of Pittsburgh on Saturday and Sunday of this Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 3rd and 4th. Profits from this year's kitchen will benefit the Holy Trinity Youth Group. For more information, please contact Deacon Myron 412-303-9086 or mjspak@verizon.net.
- **Our Holy Trinity Parishioner Email Listing** is not complete. If you would like Holy Trinity to have your email address, you can send it to us by emailing the rectory: holytrinitycarnegie@gmail.com, phone it in: 412-279-4652 or fax it in: 412-279-5109. Thanks!
- **2016 Wedding Anniversaries** for 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th and so on, will be celebrated by Bishop Bohdan with Divine Liturgy, followed by reception at a future date in the fall, yet to be determined. If you would like to participate in this event, please call the rectory with your anniversary date. *So far, 5 couples have called.*
- **Ukrainian Krylos** – Practice for anyone wishing to sing the new Ukrainian Liturgy at 8:30am Sunday Liturgy will begin Thursday evening, September 8th at 7:30pm in the church.



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 Szeszak, Theodore Hritzko, and Martha Charron.

Our group (Men Following Jesus Christ) has been asked once again to serve dinners at the Light of Life Rescue Mission (LOLRM) on Monday September 12th. Please let me know if you &/or your friends are available at that time to help? *Thank you for helping on July 11th*. We need at least seven volunteers to serve dinners (to work approximately from 4:45 p.m. through 6:15 p.m.).

St. Josaphat Society Meeting will be Monday, Sept. 12th at 7pm in the church hall.

Mark your Calendars – The Nite at the Races will be on Saturday, November 5th!

Looking for the person who brought the “Adult Coloring Book and Pencils Basket” to the rectory before the Parish Festival. It never made it to the festival, and we would like to know if we could use it in the Nite at the Races Auction. Please call the rectory.



Annual Food Drive will be sponsored by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus over the weekend of **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 take a bag home and leave it in the vestibule. If you wish to make a monetary donations, checks should be made payable to SEAS SVdP, 330 Third Ave., Carnegie

Also, A Pancake Breakfast will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, Sept. 25th from 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.

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. (This date/time appears to be the least conflicting with the Steeler schedule). 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.

Eparchy of St. Josaphat Pilgrimage will take place on *September 17, 2016* at Holy Trinity Church (526 West Rayen Avenue, *Youngstown, Ohio*. 11am Divine Liturgy, 1pm Lunch, 3pm Moleben. Call 330-744-5820 to reserve lunch by August 14th, \$15 per person. yngholtrinity@att.net.

Ukrainian Food Festival at Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church (220 Mansfield Blvd, Carnegie) will be on September 9 & 10 from 11am until 7pm. Eat in or Take out * Pyrohi, Holupsti, Kielbasa, Halushki, Borscht, Ukrainian Pastries and more!!! For information: 412-527-5359 www.orthodoxcarnegie.org



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.

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.

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.

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 Aug.28th: \$1,849 was offered in the collection with another \$114 for candles, \$35 for the Eparchy, \$45 for Utilities, \$40 for Dormition, \$10 for

Birth of the Theotokos, \$38 for the Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, and \$235 Memorial Donation for Ted Konecky, for a grand total of \$2,366. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7pm: Cantor
- Saturday, Sept. 10 at 4pm: Angela Honchar
- Sunday, Sept. 11 at 8:30am: Terry Styran, and later at 11am: Sophia Charron
- Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7pm: George Honchar

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

Sat. *The holy priest-martyr Anthimus, bishop of Nicomedia*
9/3 4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Stephen & Helen Zaletski
requested by Stephen P. Zaletski Family IS

....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 1 year anniversary of
the late Joanne Bernassoli requested by Clarence & Pat
Davis & Evelyn DeWalt (*moved from 8-24-16*) JC

Sun. *Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
9/4 8:30am Divine Liturgy for the health of Anastasia Chruszcz
requested by the St. Josaphat Society IS

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

....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Szmul
requested by Stephen H. Zinski IS

Mon **Labor Day:** *The holy prophet Zachary and his wife*
9/5 The office is closed

Tues. *Miracle performed by Archangel Michael in Colossa*
9/6 8:00am Divine Liturgy for +Anna Klim requested by Eleanor Patross JC

Wed. *The holy martyr Sozon, shepherd of Cilicia*
9/7

7:00pm **Eve of the Birth of the Theotokos: Vespereal Divine Liturgy** for
the health of Dr. Justine Perhosky requested by St. Jos. Society JC

Thurs. **Birth of the Theotokos**
9/8 Father will be at OLPH for Liturgy

Fri. *The holy and just Joachim and Anne*
9/9

Sat. *The holy martyrs Menodora, Metrodor & Nymphodora*

9/10
4:00pm Divine Liturgy to mark the 31st anniversary (Aug 27th) of the
late Metro Kulik requested by grandsons: Ryan, Ulric,
Daniel, Tyler & Rily Kulik & Jimmy Lockhart JC

....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 6th anniversary of the late
Vasyl Chubko requested by his son Lubi and Family IS

Sun. *The holy Euphrosynos the cook*
9/11

8:30am Divine Liturgy to mark the 42nd anniversary of the late Mary
Honchar requested by grandson Mike & Jodi Hanczar

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

....also 40th Day Divine Liturgy for Mary Vrabel
requested by Barbara & Dcn. Myron Spak & Family IS

Mon. *The holy priest-martyr Autonomus*
9/12 The pastor's day off

Tues. **Prefeast of the Exaltation of the holy & life-giving Cross**
9/13

7:00pm Vespereal Divine Liturgy for the health of Martha Charron

Wed. **Exaltation of the holy & life-giving Cross**
 9/14 Fr. will be at OLPH for Liturgy



BIRTHDAYS

Lucille Mosur	Helen Popivchak	Craig Shymatta
Dr. Roger Sembrat	George Honchar	John Kuzemka
David Johnson	Keith Reabe	Michael Makar
Ray Steranko	Marian Sywy	Dimitro Kulik
Curtis Sembrat	Maria Koutsyk	Volodimir Gonskyi
Thomas Medwig	Mary Ann Davis	Nadiya Nakonechnyy
Andrew Kurzawski	Andy Saad	Allison Grabowski
Anna Kohl	Alex Konecky	Randi Schultz
Matthew Zaletski		

Below is an article worth reading. It lays the points out bluntly and starts a conversation many are afraid to have openly. I encourage you to let me know your thoughts. While we seek the good of everyone (this is love), that does not mean we accept the actions of everyone (this is indifference). In the tug-of-war that is happening around us it seems more and more that people are being forced to choose between religious freedom and sexual freedom. Ultimately, it is a struggle between two different understandings of "freedom." On the one hand there is the biblical view of freedom as the ability to do as I ought to do, and on the other hand there is the French Revolution's view of freedom as the ability to do whatever I want to do. This article was taken from the website "Breaking Point."

<http://www.breakpoint.org/bpcommentaries/entry/13/29787> Fr. Jason Charron

LGBT Rights vs. Religious Freedom

NO MIDDLE GROUND? By: John Stonestreet|Published: August 30, 2016

Last week a thought occurred to me. I wanted to tweet it out but wondered whether it would be too incendiary. The thought was this: "It seems odd how confident we are that folks can lose their unwanted sexual parts, but can't lose their unwanted sexual attractions." And then I thought of the stunning article by Christian ethicist David Gushee. And if you follow me on Twitter, you know what I did next. I hit "Tweet."

In his article at Religion News Service, Gushee fired a warning shot across the bow of conservative evangelicals and religious traditionalists. He writes, "[y]ou are either for full and unequivocal social and legal equality for LGBT

people, or you are against it. . . neutrality is not an option. Neither is polite half-acceptance . . . Hide as you might, the issue will come and find you.”

Now, there have been honest attempts by people on both sides of these issues to offer third-way sensible solutions, even compromises, that accommodate religious freedom and LGBT rights. Still, I think Gushee is right when he said these solutions will largely be rejected, shouted down by demands of a full embrace of the LGBT agenda.

What bothered me, however, deeply about Gushee’s piece, was how he framed the struggle of those who hold strongly to the historic Christian vision of sex and marriage. Conservative religious holdouts, Gushee writes, “are organizing legal defense efforts under the guise of religious liberty, and interpreting their plight as religious persecution.”

Jake Meador, writing at Mere Orthodoxy, was bothered too, using much stronger words than I am today. We’ve seen time and again, and Jake lists them, how federal, state, and local governments are forcing people to choose between their livelihoods and their faith. Meador goes on to point out what is really going on here—a clash of worldviews. And one side, at least, sees it as a total war.

And that side, as I tweeted, sees biological physical reality as fully optional and malleable to our surgical and chemical demands, while at the same time seeing emotional inclinations and sexual attraction as fixed and permanent. This is nothing but pagan Gnosticism on steroids. Gnosticism, over which Christianity triumphed 17 or 18 hundred years ago, held that the body was at best inconsequential, at worst, outright evil. Physical, biological reality is no reality at all.

And that’s where we are today. When the Supreme Court ruled on so called same-sex “marriage,” as my friend Jeffrey Ventrella pointed out to me recently, it wasn’t just legislating morality. It was legislating metaphysics. It placed itself and our nation on the side of those who believe that, as Meador wrote, we “are completely autonomous, self-defining human individuals and [that] the government has an obligation to protect our right to self-definition.”

And all who question that definition, for example Christians—who believe that what God created was good and quite real—well, we’ll just simply have to go along. Or else. So middle-ground solutions, though possible, are becoming increasingly implausible in today’s divided America—an America in which a *Christian* ethicist like Gushee sees no reason to accommodate Christians in a pluralist society.

So, where does that leave us? God willing, it leaves us right where we are, at our posts, obeying Christ, loving God and our neighbors. We continue to educate the young, heal the sick, feed the hungry, preach the Gospel. We continue, as Rod Dreher wrote about last week, mucking through the flood waters of Louisiana like Istrouma Baptist Church, bringing relief to the suffering—and I guarantee there you’re not tripping over volunteers from the LGBT Human Rights Campaign.

No matter how difficult Christian faithfulness might become—middle ground or no—we must continue to be the Church, Christ’s body on earth.