

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Following up on a discussion from our last PAC meeting it is clear that 2017 can be a year of growth for our parish...if we cooperate with God's amazing grace. As such, I'd like to place before you ways that YOU can help Holy Trinity parish grow this coming year. As you know, there are no lack of opportunities to live out our faith. Charity begins at home and in our circumstances that means visiting shut-ins. Truth is some people think that's the job of clergy, but helping those in need is really the job of all the baptized. Here are the words of Jesus Christ: " 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' "(Matthew 25)

Yet, it's not as though Christ would only want us to do that to people we know. What about that hungry neighbor who sees us going to church every Sunday? Are we to say, "Get on the parish register, then help will come!" Of course not. My thinking is that charity begins at home, but radiates out like the heat from the furnace in your home. We can do small things with great love. We just have to see what the needs are around us, and put our faith and love into action. As I shared with PAC, I've decided it best to start with an internal and an external approach.

Internal: We need a two or three person group (non-PAC members) to take turns visiting the shut-ins. Their job will be to bring the parish bulletin, read the Sunday gospel and close with a prayer. After this would be time to share some tea or converse and see how the person is coming along. These group members will schedule the visits among themselves. Please write a note on your collection envelope indicating whether you would like to visit the shut-ins. They supported our parish for many years, and now in these years we ought to support them.

External: First, you who are reading this may not be aware of all we do already. There is the handicapped woman in Ukraine we support monthly (\$200). There is a priest in central Ukraine our parish sends money to every two months or so. There is a very poor parish in rural Nigeria we've sent money to a few times. We have a young,

single mother we help on an as-need-basis. There are the people at the door of the rectory we help. That is a lot there. But, I think we need something corporal. Something concrete which parishioners pitch in and do for the needy around us. We have a wonderful opportunity knocking on our door. I've learned that there are kids in the neighborhood who don't have food to eat once they leave school. This may indeed be due to parental failure, but those are still kids in need of a nutritious meal. I've spoken with the director at the Carnegie Boys and Girls club and they have the facility to feed these kids, they know who they are, they have access to food, but what they really lack are volunteers to warm the food up, prepare it and to clean up. If you are not already involved in pyrohi or one of the other ministries in our parish, I think this is a holy and wonderful way for you to step up and contribute. Please, call the office number and leave your name and we'll put together a group of parishioners who, maybe only once a week, will witness to the faith we preach.

By doing only some of the above, if not all, I'm convinced 2017 will be a year God will bless our parish with growth! Beyond attendance at Liturgy every Sunday, how am I willing to be of service to others this year? How can I express my gratitude to God this year in a way that will be different from the past 50 or 60 years of my life? Now is the time to do something different. If you want to do something, but don't know what, then I'm only a phone call away...

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner


New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

● I wish to thank Mayda Medwig for agreeing to gather information on how best to proceed with updating our parish kitchen. During our last PAC meeting it was determined that because we will not be pursuing at this time a renovation project at Trinity Acres (extremely high cost!), we should look at what needs attention in the church building. The two areas in need of attention are the restrooms (especially, the men's restroom) and the kitchen. At this time I don't have a point man for the restrooms, but Mayda is available to hear your suggests regarding the kitchen. Please call rectory to pass on ideas to Mayda.

● **Due to some unforeseen circumstances we are** changing the house blessing schedule for this year. If you wish to have your house blessed, please sign the sheet at the entrance of the church. Indicate your name, address and date/time and Fr. Jason will arrive at that time. If you do not sign up the presumption is that you don't wish for your house to be blessed at this time.



● **Beginning this week:** There will be small prosphoras available in the alcove near where confessions are heard. If you have a prayer request for the liturgy you are attending (for someone in need of prayers, for health, for the deceased, for anything), simply write it on the slip of paper provided and place it under a prosphora. Someone will give it to the priest before the reading of the epistle so he will remember to include that intention in his prayers at the altar.

● **The First All Souls Day**  is Saturday, February 18th. Please turn in your (Blue Envelope)-“Remembrance of our Beloved Dead” found in your box of church offering envelopes, and/or pick up a Sorokousti sheet from the church vestibule. Please turn in your names no later than Wed., Feb. 15th. You can simply place your names in the church basket, stop by the rectory or email the list; holytrinitycarnegie@gmail.com. Thank you!

● **If you made a Poinsettia Memorial Donation**, feel free to take home your poinsettia *this weekend*. Next weekend the flowers will be available for anyone who wishes to take one home. Thank you!!!

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, Tillie Volanski, Donald Schultz, Dr. Justine Perhosky, James Holdcroft, Rich Hurey, Theodore Hritzko, John Yenchik, Frances Ingram and John Mosur.

Spiritually Adopt a Priest Program. Our priests are indispensable. They give their lives to their saving mission of Christ and His church. It is our duty to pray for our priests. And so we are officially starting our "Adopt a Priest Program." We will send interested parishioners a prayer card with the specific name of a priest, bishop or seminarian for whom to pray. And each year thereafter, at the beginning of our church year, September 1st, we will send a different priest to include in your prayers. **To participate, please e-mail your name and address to: spirituallyadoptapriest@gmail.com.** Indicate your preference for an English or Ukrainian prayer card. Thank you for interceding on behalf of our priests.

ПРОГРАМА ДУХОВНОЇ ПІДТРИМКИ СВЯЩЕНИКІВ
Наші священники незамінні. Вони присвятили своє життя для спасительної місії Христа і Його Церкви. Наш обов'язок молитися за наших священників. І тому ми офіційно починаємо програму духовної підтримки священників. Ми направимо зацікавленим парафіянам молитовну картку з ім'ям певного священника, єпископа або семінариса, за кого слід молитися. Щороку на початку нашого церковного року, 1 вересня, ми будемо посилати Вам ім'я іншого священника, щоб додати його до Ваших молитов. **Для участі надішліть будь-ласка своє ім'я та адресу на електронну пошту: spirituallyadoptapriest@gmail.com.** Складаємо щиро подяку від імені наших священників за Вашу турботу.

Our Lady Grace Catholic Church (OLG) in Scott Township has invited our Holy Trinity Parish to join their **March for Life** Bus Trip to Washington DC on Friday, January 27th. Please meet at OLG at 6am. You will return by 11pm. You will visit the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception; travel to National Mall; and participate in March for Life. **Costs:** \$5.00 for individuals under the age of 18 years old. \$15.00 for individuals over the age of 18 years old. Please contact OLG *no later than Monday, January 23rd* to reserve your seat on the bus. Telephone Jeff Schneider: 412-279-7070

The annual Malanka Dance will be next **Saturday, January 21**, at the Ukrainian American Citizens Club, Carnegie. Doors and kitchen open at 7:30pm. As always from Youngstown, the Fred Yasnowsky Orchestra from 8:30pm-12:30am. Tickets: **\$15-early registration until Jan.18th**. After that, tickets are \$20 for adults, children and students \$5. Cash Bar – Ukrainian food will be available for purchase. For reservations: call Debra Walenchok at 412-276-4007 on weekends and evenings. The Credit Union and Kolos can take your reservation at \$15, but you must call Deb for a table reservation.



A Pasta Dinner will be sponsored by the Ukrainian American Citizens Club on **Sunday, January 29th** from Noon – 6pm. Adult Tickets are \$10 and children under 12 are \$5. Eat in or Take out. *Please support* the Ukrainian American Citizens Club (302 Mansfield Blvd., Carnegie). Thank you.



The Parish Youth Group will be assembling 130 lunches (260 sandwiches) for distribution to homeless and less fortunate in Pittsburgh's Hill District on Saturday, Feb. 18th. They will prepare them on Friday, Feb. 17th at 6pm in the church hall. The total cost of this project is approximately \$300. If you would like to support the Youth Group with this project, please contact Bohdan Mykhailiv 412-726-8309 or bohdanmykhailiv@yahoo.com.

Used Books and Jewelry event takes place on Friday, January 27th and Saturday, January 28th from 9am until 2pm at Church of the Atonement (618 Washington Ave., Carnegie). For more information, call 412-276-0366.

Applying for Scholarships is upon us! Pennsylvania American Water is offering the *Stream of Learning Scholarship Program* to support outstanding student in our area who are charting a course of study that is critical to the water and wastewater industry. To apply for the \$1,000 scholarship go to www.pennsylvaniaamwater.com. **Deadline is March 24, 2017.**



Quarterly Reminder (1st qrt. 2017): 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.

Do you need Estate Planning, Last Will and Testament, Living Will? If so, consider giving John Sembrat a call. His number is: 412-260-8605

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 Jan 1st: \$1,158.35 was offered in the collection with another \$79 for candles, \$185 for utilities, \$520 for Theophany, \$52 for Circumcision of Our Lord, \$100 for Initial Offering, and \$10 prosphora donation, all for a grand total of \$2,104.35. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday, January 21 - 4pm: Mary Reabe
- Sunday, January 15 - 8:30am: Terry Styran, and later at 11am: Cantor

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

Sat. 1/14	<i>Our venerable fathers martyred in Sinai & Raithu</i>		
	4:00pm	Divine Liturgy to mark the 10 th anniversary of the late Harry Ostaffe requested by his wife Carol and Family	AW
	also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Dan Moroco requested by Katherine & MaryAnn Volanski	IS
Sun 1/15	<i>Our venerable father Paul of Thebes</i>		
	8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Bishop Seminack requested by the St. Josaphat Society	IS
	11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the peoplealso Divine Liturgy for Yulia & Michael Konecky requested by Bohdan & Ann Konecky	JC IS
Mon. 1/16	<i>Veneration of the honorable chains of St. Peter the apostle</i> The pastor's day off		
Tues. 1/17	<i>Our venerable father Anthony the great, hermit of Egypt</i>		
	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Eudokia Kalymon requested by Eugene Czuczman & Family	JC
Wed. 1/18	<i>Our father among the saints, Archbishop Athanasius</i>		
	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Pete Wheat requested by Jim & Cindy Sweitzer	JC
Thurs. 1/19	<i>Our venerable father Macarius, bishop of Ephesus</i>		
	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Theophil "Ted" Konecky requested by Eleanor Patross	JC
Fri. 1/20	<i>Our venerable father Euthymius the great of Palestine</i>		
	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the health of Bob & Nancy Wallace	

requested by Geri Mitchell

JC

Sat. *Our venerable father Maximus, confessor*

1/21
4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the People JC

....also Divine Liturgy for Jeannie DeSanto requested
by John Maslany & Family IS

Sun *The holy apostle Timothy, bishop of Ephesus*

1/22
8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Theophil "Ted" Konecky
requested by Lubomyr Chubko IS

11:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Vasylyna Yarmola
requested by Lyudmyla Kalachuk JC

....also Divine Liturgy to mark the 11th anniversary of
the late Les Zaliszczuk and all deceased in the Zaliszczuk
Family requested by Marika Zaliszczuk & Bohdan & Ann
Konecky IS

JANUARY



BIRTHDAYS

Lubomyr Chubko
Nataliya Milligan
Ronald Artinger
James Bogdon
July Krisovenski
Yuri Wowczuk
Sophia Chubko
Nestor Lernatovych
Nadia Kazitska

Luba Hlutkowsky
Volodymyr Sapuzhak
Anastasia Chruszcz
Jonathan Hoover
Adrienne English
Volodymyr Matviiev
Braden Hoover
Stephen Medwig

Dan Pituch
Roman Lutsiv
Vasyl Zhurybida
Sheerena Zaletski
Bohdan Mykhailiv
Natalia Charron
Roman Konecky
Jessica Petrovych