

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

You will find in this week's bulletin and in the church's street sign something folks may call provocative. The topic, of course, is gender ideology which is rapidly gaining acceptance in our schools, in media and in law. But, as we read the Bible and as we draw closer to Jesus we see that God is provocative. He is bold because Truth is bold. And, as the world does its thing from age to age, from fad to fad, the truth simply, irrevocably, keeps marching on (oddly enough, the very moment I wrote those words, *truth marching on*, the band where I am now has begun playing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"). This is what the Church is: a truth-telling organism. So, as she tells the plain truth people who have bought into lies find the truth provocative. As people breathe and as stars shine, so the Church tells the human family the marvelous truth of God. That's what she does. When she fails to do this, in her human members, then in those moments of history she fails in her motherly duty. Her calling is to unite us to Him and through her teaching equip us with everything needed for salvation. We see this in Paul's letter to Timothy: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly

equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:17)

To help equip you for every good work, I've attached in this bulletin the momentous pastoral letter just released by our Patriarch, His Beatitude Sviatoslav on this very topic of Gender ideology. I ask you to read it well and distribute it widely.

Based on the Gospel of today and on this teaching from our Patriarch, today's homily will, with God's grace, serve to equip you in telling others what Gods design is for us as male, as female, as husband, as wife, as wonderfully and beautifully made children of the one God, He who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

● 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 Medwig has graciously made herself available to hear your suggestions regarding the kitchen. Please call the rectory to pass on ideas to Mayda or email her directly at mayda_y@yahoo.com.

● **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.



● **Small proshoras** will be 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 proshora. 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!

● **Poinsettias** from the church are available for anyone to take home. Please help yourself to as many as you want! Thank you!!!

● **Blessing of Candles** takes place **Wed., Feb. 1st** at the 7pm vigil of the Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon. There will be candles to purchase for \$5 prior to having them blessed. You will find these candles in the church vestibule and the side parking lot entrance.

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 & 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, John Mosur, Zac Sudiak and baby Jason & Family.

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

St. Josaphat Meeting will be held this Monday, Jan. 23rd at 7pm in the church hall.



The Annual Pre-Lenten ZABAVA Dance, sponsored by our Youth Group will take place Saturday, Feb. 4th from 7pm – Midnight in the Church Hall. Price is \$7 per person or \$10 a group of two. Age 11 and under are free. There will be Ukrainian food for sale, live music and of course, dancing. Contact Vasyl: 412-245-6424 or Bohdan: 412-726-8309 **by Feb. 1st to make reservations. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

Bi-Lingual Choir & Krylos Practice will take place the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, at 10 am in the church beginning Sunday, February 5th. If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Zinski at 412-276-2259 or shzmusic@aol.com.



Homemade Soups will be available at Holy Trinity, starting Feb. 2nd during pyrohi hours, (Thursdays: 9am-Noon & Fridays: 9am – 2pm). There will be 2 kinds of soup: Borscht (Vegetarian) and Chicken Noodle for \$8/qt. Some soup has already been made and is in the freezer. If you are interested to obtain these prior to Feb. 2nd, please call the rectory 412-279-4652.

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 the National Mall; and participate in the 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.

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,

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: \$1,078 was offered in the collection with another \$79 for candles, \$88 for utilities, \$40 for Initial Offering, \$55 for Theophany, \$20 for Circumcision of Our Lord, \$25 for Special Offering, \$55 for Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, and \$10 for Nigeria Parish and \$10 for Ukraine Parish, all for a grand total of \$1,460. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule for Next Weekend:

- Saturday, January 28 - 4pm: Sandy Krivonyak
- Sunday, January 29 - 8:30am: Serhiy Chovnyk, and later at 11am: Cantor

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

Sat. 1/21	<i>Our venerable father Maximus, confessor</i>		
	4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the People	JC
	also Divine Liturgy for Jeannie DeSanto requested by John Maslany & Family	IS
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Sun 1/22	<i>The holy apostle Timothy, bishop of Ephesus</i>		
	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 11 th anniversary of the late Les Zaliszczuk and all deceased in the Zaliszczuk Family requested by Marika Zaliszczuk & Bohdan & Ann Konecky	IS
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Mon. 1/23	<i>The holy priest-martyr Clement, bishop of Angora</i>	The pastor's day off	
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Tues. 1/24	<i>Our venerable mother Xenia of Rome & her two servants</i>		
	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Ted Konecky requested by Lynn Stafford	JC
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Wed. 1/25	<i>Our Holy father, Archbishop Gregory the Theologian,</i>		
	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the health of Mary Ann Paluch (OLPH) requested by Barb & Dawn Paluch	JC
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Thurs. 1/26	<i>Our venerable father Xenophon, & his wife Maria & their 2 sons</i>		
	8:00am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Emily Stecko requested by Louise Graham	JC
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Fri. *Transferral of the relics of our father John Chrysostom*
1/27
8:00am Divine Liturgy for the health of Bob & Nancy Wallace
requested by Geri Mitchell JC

Sat. *Our venerable father Ephraim the Syrian*
1/28
4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the People JC
....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Helen Musiol
requested by Helen Koss IS

Sun *Transferral of the relics of Igantius, archbishop of Antioch*
1/29
8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Larry Byerly requested by
Angela Honchar IS
11:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Theresa Zozula requested
by Pat McGuire JC
....also Divine Liturgy for the health and birthday of Bohdan
Mykhailiv requested by his parents, Halyna & Bernard IS

Mon. **Three Holy Hierarchs**
1/30
12:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Ted Konecky requested by
Bohdan Bohonok JC



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