

February 19, 2017

Sunday of Meat Fare

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Church exists to save souls. Souls are saved by proclaiming the gospel of Christ, by conversion of heart to his will, by worthy reception of the Holy Mysteries (Baptism, Eucharist, Confession, etc.), by doing good out of the storehouse of faith, hope and love.

At the same time, we are called to further this important work in this world. We see in the writings of St. Paul that he contributed to this mission of the church by supporting his work through tent making. We support our work here by something tastier than tents: pyrohi. Through this exemplary work by dedicated volunteers we are able to not only keep our church going, but going well. Like a good car that needs to have an oil change every 7,000 miles, our pyrohi kitchen also needs some TLC once every fifty years. PAC and I have decided that instead of waiting for a major problem to develop with our kitchen that would cause significant problems, it would be better to be pro-active now and give the kitchen its once-in-a-fifty-year improvement. Granted, this will be on the pricey side. On the other hand, though, I can no longer ignore the fact that my older parishioners work long hours (at times injuring themselves) doing work that would exhaust younger men. Work that now can be cut in half with newer equipment which wasn't possible fifty years ago. For example, a dishwasher, a ball-maker, a blast chiller, a tilting skillet and a safe mixer will all help our volunteers enormously. (As I write this Stephanie is recovering from a mishap with the mixer which could have been prevented by a newer mixer which comes with safety features). With the addition of these new pieces of equipment and a better layout for the kitchen we can look forward to many years of increased pyrohi production without as much exhaustion and stress. To do this I need your help.

Help for this worthy project can come by contributing to a parish fundraiser here at Holy Trinity, which we have not had in decades (so I'm told). Some people may ask, "Why give, when we already have money in the bank?" True, we do have some money set aside in our church account and in our pyrohi account, but this money is for a rainy-day fund. In short, some of the money to cover the cost of updating the kitchen will come from our savings and some of it will (God-willing) come from each of us. I ask each parishioner to give according to one's own means. The goal is \$75,000 between now and May 1. For donations over \$500 we will have a special plaque engraved with the names of the loved ones in whose honor you will have made your donation. This plaque will be prominently displayed so that guests to our kitchen will remember the people who made this church possible.

I look forward in the coming weeks to seeing how this big step develops. Hopefully this project will not be an end in itself but will be a means for us to better share the Gospel with those around us, getting to their hearts through their stomachs. How much do you hunger to share God's word with the godless? Help us as best you can.

Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

● ******Diakonia – Serving one’s neighbor** is one of the most important aspects of our Christian Life. The Gospel reading on the Meatfare Sunday, Feb. 19th recalls the scene of the Last Judgement: Did you offer me something to eat when I was hungry? To read more about this, please pick up Most Rev. Bohdan Danylo’s letter in the church vestibule. Friday’s in Lent after Presanctified Liturgy we’ll be having soup meals in the Church Hall. I would like to open this up to the needy in the area. **Please call Fr Jason to offer your much needed assistance (412 279-4652).** For More materials on Diakonia in the life of the Church go to the eparchy’s web site: www.stjosapheparchy.com

● **Teenager and Young Adults:** This year’s Lock-in-Retreat will be **March 18-19** at St. Anne’s in Austintown, OH. \$25 admission includes presentations, book, meals, T-shirt & FUN! Contact Deacon Myron Spak 412-303-9086 or mjspak@verizon.net. The theme: *To Die for Christ means to Live Forever!*



● **The PAC (Pastor’s Advisory Council)** is up for 3 positions. Please find the Primary Election Ballot within the bulletin. The ***deadline to submit your names for the Primary is Wed., March 1st.*** The Final Election will take place the weekend of March 4th and 5th.

● **Julian Michael Chubko**, infant son of Nazar and Katrina Chubko will be presented for baptism next **Saturday, February 25, 2017** after the 4pm Liturgy. He will be sponsored by Borys Wowczuk and Helena Malyarsky (Olenka).



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, 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, 3 month old baby Jason & Family, Jeanie Kincak, Kerrie Zorey, Mary Anne Szeszak, Tom Kerchansky and Fr. Ivan Smereka



NEEDED: Volunteers to fill our time slot on Sunday, April 2nd from 3:00pm to 7:00pm for the **40 Days for Life Vigil** at the Planned Parenthood Clinic (933 Liberty Avenue) in downtown Pittsburgh. ***Two vigil participants per hour is what is recommended.*** A total of eight participants

will allow us to fully staff this event. Depending upon interest, carpooling from Carnegie may be available, and there is free on-street parking in Pittsburgh on Sundays! This will be a peaceful, prayerful & rewarding experience. For more information on 40 days for Life/Pittsburgh, visit <http://www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh>. If you have any questions, call Dcn. Myron 412-303-9086 or mjspak@verizon.net.

More Volunteers are also needed for volunteering in Ukraine (May 26 - June 16, 2017)



with the Sisters of St. Basil in their ministry to Ukraine's needy. The sisters & seminarians collaborate with the volunteers to teach children English and to visit orphanages & psychiatric institutions. For an application, and additional information contact Sr. Ann Laszok OSBM at srannl@aol.com or 412-260-1607. Michael Haritan,

photographer, produced a *Wonderful* video of the trip last year. Go to: <https://youtu.be/qr4YjE5H-TM>

Christ Our Pascha, English Edition Price Reduction to \$24.95!!!



It is back in stock on our eparchial web site. Follow the link to purchase: <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/product/christ-our-pascha/>

Christ –Our Pascha Workshop will take place Saturday, **March 25th** at Pokrova Church (6790 Broadview Road) in Parma Ohio, beginning at 9:30am and ending at 4pm with a Divine Liturgy. **For information and registration** call or email Sr. Ann Laszok 412-260-1607 or srannl@aol.com. **There will be another Workshop** on Saturday, **April 1st** at Sts. Peter and Paul Church (404 Sixth Street, Ambridge) same times. Everyone is Welcome!

Homemade Soups will be available at Holy Trinity during pyrohi hours, (*Thursdays: 9am-Noon & Fridays: 9am – 2pm*). There will be 2 kinds of soup: Borscht (Vegetarian) and Chicken Noodle for \$8/qt. If you would like to order ahead of time, call the pyrohi kitchen: 412-276-9897 or the rectory: 412-279-4652.



Slightly used Infant –Age 14 children clothing is needed to send to orphanages & the needy in Ukraine. During February & March, please bring in slightly used or new clothes as well as **only** new toys and place them in the collection boxes in the church vestibule and side entrance, marked “Children Clothing – Ukraine” *Also, any monetary donation* would greatly be appreciated to help in the cost of shipping. Please put your monetary donation in the collection basket and mark “Children Clothing –Ukraine” on the outside of the envelope. Thank you!!



Joint Youth Group Meeting and Pizza Lunch with youth from Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton & Our Lady of Grace Churches is this **Sunday, February 19th** from 12:55 to 2:30pm at the Carnegie Boys and Girls Club. The meeting topic: Getting Ready for the Great Fast. Wear conformable clothes! For more information: Contact Bohdan Mykhailiv [412-726-8309](tel:412-726-8309) & bohdanmykhailiv@yahoo.com



The Parish Youth Group will be assembling 130 lunches (260 sandwiches) for distribution to homeless and less fortunate in Pittsburgh's Hill District next **Saturday, Feb. 25th**. *They will prepare them THIS Friday, Feb. 24th at 7pm* 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.

The 14th annual "Protect our Watersheds Art Contest" is open to **4th, 5th and 6th grade students** in schools served by PA American Water. All entries must be postmarked by March 31st. 1st Place winners: \$100 gift card to Barnes & Noble, 2nd Place Winners: \$50 gift card to B&N & 3rd Place winners: \$25 gift card to B&N. Grand Prize Winner: his/her artwork will be printed on unique see-filled cards. More information: www.pennsylvaniaamwater.com

Scholarships: 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.**

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: \$2,996 was offered in the collection with another \$125.50 for candles, \$7 for utilities, \$52 for Presentation of Our Lord, \$75 Youth Group Sandwich Project donation, \$50 Ukrainian Children Clothing donation, \$18 for Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund, \$40.55 for "loose change" collection for building renovation, and \$250 Camp Heritage collection, all for a grand total of \$3,614.05. The pyrohi project brought in a "net amount" of \$1,041. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule for Next Weekend:

- Saturday, February 25 - 4pm: Veronica Alstad
- Sunday, February 26 - 8:30am: Ben Ciarallo, and later at 11am: Cantor

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

Sat.
2/18 **First All Souls:** *Our father among the saints, Pope Leo*
4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the People
 and Parastas for all souls enrolled in Sorokousti JC

Sun
2/19 **Sunday of Meat Fare** -*The holy apostle Archippus,*
 one of the 70 apostles.
8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Msgr. Richard Seminack
 requested by Ted & Charlotte Stecko IS
11:00am Divine Liturgy to mark the 12th anniversary of the
 late Mykola Neczypir requested by the Neczypir Family JC

Mon.
2/20 *Our venerable father Leo, bishop of Catania in Sicily*
 The pastor's day off

Tues.
2/21 *Our venerable father Timothy the Symbolite*
8:00am Divine Liturgy to mark the birthday of the last Julia Maksin
 requested by grandchildren: Allison, Megan, Tyler
 Riley and Jimmy JC

Sat.
2/25 *The holy Tarasius, archbishop of Constantinople*
4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the People JC
 with the baptism of Julian Michael Chubko

Sun
2/26 **Sunday of Cheese Fare** -*The holy martyr Sebastian*
8:30am Divine Liturgy to mark the 12th anniversary of the late
 Catherine Esterburg requested by her daughter Arlene IS
11:00am Divine Liturgy for the health & well-being for Maria
 Vykhnelych requested by her daughter Halyna JC
7:00pm Forgiveness Vespers JC

Mon
2/27

First Day of the Great Fast – *Our father among the saints Porphyrius, archbishop of Gaza*

7:00pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy to mark the birthday of the late Anna Kulik requested by grandchildren: Pam, Ryan, Cindy, Ulric and Daniel

JC

**FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

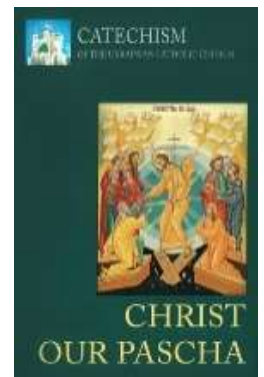


If we missed any birthdays, please call the rectory!

Ivan Slota	Donna Sradomski	Ted Sywy
Halyna Mykhailiv	Cesare Ulrich	Mary Kurzawski
Maria Hanzel	Vivian Ulrich	Loretta Luebbert
Olga Konecky	Heidi Sciulli	Bruce Alstad
Pat Baessler	Mathilda Volanski	Alex Konecky
Anne Konecky	Mark Popivchak	Chris Kohl
Rebecca Zaletski	Gabrielle Blythe	Alice Johnson
Natalia Lutsiv	Maxim Milligan	Daniel Saad
Joseph Wowczuk	Daryna Pidkova	Anna Kalymon
Irina Malyarsky	Oleg Chubko	Christina Hlutkowsky
Yaryna Korenovska	Olenka Koutsyk	

***February#2* Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha:**

The Prayer of the Church Chapter 2, “The Time and Space of the Church’s Prayer,” explains how the prayer the Church, closely bound to the rhythms of nature, fills the daily, weekly, and yearly cycles with the celebration of the feasts of the Lord and the Mother of God, as well as memorials of the saints. As they pray, God enters into the time of people’s lives. He places them within salvation history, the heart of which is the mystery of Christ’s Pasha. The Church building, sacred places, and the homes of Christians are the space designated for the prayer of the Church community. The furnishings of the church, iconography, Church vessels, liturgical chance, and the domestic icon - corner - all of these are arranged so as to reveal the presence and the acts of God among his people. Within this sacred time and space Christians offer God spiritual sacrifice. (#329)



DIAKONIA - SERVING ONE'S NEIGHBOR

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR THE PARISH COMMUNITY

1. Does our parish actively promote social welfare, or charitable assistance?
2. Is there any organized assistance in our parish to care for the elderly, sick, orphans, and the disabled?
3. Do the laity take part in charitable endeavors, or is everything done by the priest- pastor?
4. Does our parish community do anything to assist the needy, especially those in our village, town, or city?
5. Is our parish person-orientated, that is do we manifest the ideal that Christ is the Way the Truth, and the Life of every person?

PERSONAL EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

1. Do I support, and personally take part in the charitable activities of the Church?
2. How do I react when a person in need comes to my door at home, or when I encounter such a person on the street?
3. In so far as I am called to be an icon of Christ, the Prince of Peace and love, the Physician of souls and bodies, do I give others the opportunity to meet Him through my behavior?
4. Do I encourage the other members of my family, especially my children (if I have any), through by my example, and my speech, to perform acts of charity?
5. Do I observe the periods of fasting throughout the liturgical year, and make a special effort to help those in need?