

**December 20, 2015**

**Sunday Before Christmas**

***From the Desk of the Pastor***

Dear Friends in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

“But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,” Matthew 6:3

Many years ago true love came calling and carried off one of Holy Trinity’s own damsels to a new abode with the love of her life, George, in Arnold, PA. Although she left Holy Trinity, Holy Trinity never left her. Now, that very same love which first beckoned her from Holy Trinity has now called her to that eternal abode in God’s kingdom. Catherine Mishtal (Wolk) was a devoted parishioner of our parish who, although living some distance away, for all these decades still considered Holy Trinity *her* church. I know this because she told me so when I spoke with her in October.

Catherine lived the Gospel command to not let your left hand know what your right hand was doing. As Dr. Popivchak’s personal secretary, she ended up working as much for this parish by running errands and assisting in his *many* charitable activities as she did actual work for his dental practice. Catherine, like so many of our parishioners here today who’ve kept this parish running well, did her good deeds in quiet never expecting recognition, recompense nor reward. For this, may God grant her Eternal memory!

Likewise, as we now enter into those final days leading to Christmas let us not think of personal reward and treasured recompense. Doing good deeds in secret is not something that only people of passing generations did, like our late Catherine Mishtal. Good deeds done in secret is the hallmark of God Himself. In the manger in a strife-torn land, an anonymous couple welcomed into our natural world an unassuming God who assumed our nature. Again, good deeds done quietly.

Like the God of the hidden manger, like Catherine, and like so many of our parents gone by, we must get busy this Christmas season by doing great good in little ways. All the while, never letting your left hand know what your right hand is doing....

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner

## New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- *Please Note: Our parish e-mail has been changed to holytrinitycarnegie@gmail.com*
- The engineering students from Univ. of Pittsburg who were working at Trinity Acres have completed their senior project and their recommendations. Anyone interested in seeing their project and suggestions for Trinity Acres please ask Fr. Jason for their report.
- A HUGE Thank you to those dedicated souls who labor during this busy time of year with our pyrohi operation. This coming week will be especially demanding, so please come out and help. Many hands make light work...
- **Якщо хтось зацікавлений** у допомозі, щоб почати сад в Трінті акрів, то, будь ласка, зателефонуйте о. Джейсон.

**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: Luba and Peter Hlutkowsky, Joe Popivchak and Most Rev. Richard Seminack, our pastor from July 1984 until July 2003.

**Please remember in your prayers** the soul of Catherine Mishtal, age 93 of New Kensington, who died Mon., Dec. 14, 2015. She was an active member of not only our church, but also St. Vladimir Ukrainian Church. She was active in their pyrohi project, prayer group and choir as well as an assistant at Dr. Charles Popivchak's dental practice. She was buried on Wed., Dec. 16. May her memory be eternal.

**DRC (Diocesan Resource Committee)** will have a meeting on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in our church hall. Two people from our parish will be selected to attend this meeting.

**"Christ Among Us"** Ukrainian Catholic radio program on station WPIT at 730AM dial can be heard each Sunday from 2:00 – 2:30pm. **They are interested in hearing opinions and feedback on this radio program.** Please contact the rectory with your responses.



**The Parish Youth Group is planning on Christmas Caroling** at parishioners homes on **Sunday December 27, 2015 and Friday, January 1st, 2016** between *1pm to 7pm*. If you would like Christmas Carolers at your home, please contact the parish office. Please support our parish Youth Group with this wonderful Christmas tradition!

**Christmas Day Open House** will be at the Church of the Attonment (618 Washington Ave. Carnegie). You are invited to **Christmas Dinner on Friday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>** from 1-3pm. Local delivery for shut-ins. Place your delivery order now – 412-276-0366 until Mon. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. We welcome everyone!

**Representatives from the Eparchial Youth** Committee from the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma are organizing a World Youth Day (WYD) trip to Krakow Poland and to Western Ukraine. WYD is an international event of young people organized by the Catholic Church. WYD was initiated by Blessed Pope John Paul II in 1985. WYD has occurred every two to three years since at locations all over the world. The next WYD will be held in Krakow Poland during the last week of July 2016 and this event will be blessed with the presence of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. If you are between the ages of 16 and 40 years old and are interested in participating in this Youth Pilgrimage Trip, please contact Deacon Myron @ [412-303-9086](tel:412-303-9086) or [mjspak@verizon.net](mailto:mjspak@verizon.net)

**Correction: Shchedriy Vechir “Bountiful Supper”** will be **Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** after the 4pm Divine Liturgy in the church hall. The calendar in last week’s bulletin indicated January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The correct date is January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**The next installment of the Vibrant Parish** - a place to encounter the Living Christ entitled “Missionary Spirit” can be found using the following link: <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/witness-of-our-life-in-christ-invitation-of-other-to-take-part>.

**Квартира у Карнегі:** \$600/місяц плус гас/елек. Юрко Гончар 412-215-3303

**For Rent:** 4 room apartment in Carnegie. \$600/month plus gas and electric. Backyard and garden spot. On bus route to both east and west. Short walk to either Ukrainian church. George Honchar 412-215-3303.

**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:** \$1,560 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$169.90 for candles, \$5 for the Eparchy, \$397 for Energy, \$202 for Maternity of Holy Anna, \$65 for Christmas Seminary Collection, \$85 for St. Nicholas, \$9 for “The Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund”, \$285 for the Persecuted Christians in Syria, \$100 donation for food packages, \$150 for a Baptism gift and \$3,091.50 from the pyrohi project, all for a grand total of **\$6,119.40. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.**

### **Lector Schedule:**

- Thursday, **Christmas Vigil:** Dec. 24 at 4pm: Carols and Readings  
Glenn Zaborowski, Zac Sudiak, Mike Spak, Nick Spak, Stephanie Fedora, Angela Honchar, Alex Konecky Jr., Mary Reabe, Sandy Krivonyak (Epistle Reader)
- Friday, **Christmas Day:** Dec. 25 at 10am: Michael Spak (English) and Serhiy Chovnyk (Ukrainian )
- Saturday: December 26 at 4pm: Helen Zaletski
- Sunday: December 27 at 8:30am: Ben Ciarallo & at 11am: Veronica Alstad

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

Sat. *The holy martyr Boniface and venerable father Elias of Murom*

12/19

4:00pm Divine Liturgy to mark the 1 year anniversary of the late Dennis Daniels requested by his wife, Jean and Family JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Melissa Corso requested by Rebecca Zaletski IS

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Sun *The holy priest-martyr Ignatius, bishop of Antioch*

12/20

8:30am Divine Liturgy to mark the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the late Margaret Lendl requested by Arlene Esterburg IS

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

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Klim  
requested by Zac Sudiak

IS

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Mon *The holy martyr Juliana of Nicomedia*  
12/21 The pastor's day off

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Tues *The holy great martyr Anastasia*  
12/22

8:00am Divine Liturgy to mark the 1st anniversary of the late  
Catherine Sudiak requested by the Sudiak Family

JC

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Wed *The holy ten martyrs of Crete*  
12/23

8:00am 40<sup>th</sup> Day Divine Liturgy for Kevin Koziak  
(moved from 12/13/15)

JC

9:00am Confession until 12:00pm

7:00pm Confession until 9:00pm

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Thurs **Christmas Vigil**  
12/24 *Confessions before and after Royal Hours*

9:00am Royal Hours

12:00pm Royal Hours

3:00pm Royal Hours

4:00pm **Caroling and Lessons**

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil to mark the birthday of the late  
Joseph Greco and the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the late Gina  
Greco requested by daughter, Angela Honchar

JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Msgr. Russell  
Danylchuck requested by the Daniels Family

IS

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Fri **Nativity of our Lord**  
12/25

10:00am Caroling and Lessons

Divine Liturgy of for the people of the parish

JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Arlene Daniels  
requested by Eleanor Patross IS

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Sat. **Synaxis of the most holy Theotokos**

12/26

9:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sue Kanai requested by  
Adeline Makar JC

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sophie Popivchak  
requested by Darlene Pfeffer IS

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of David & Olga  
Hodowanetz requested by Stephen H. Zinski JC

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Sun *The holy apostle and first martyr archdeacon Stephen*

12/27

8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Otchych  
requested by Diane Kuffner IS

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

.....also Divine Liturgy for the late Anna Zaletski  
requested by Deb Sgro IS

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**DECEMBER Birthdays**

*If your name is not listed below - call the rectory.*

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| <i>Peter Colaizzi</i>  | <i>Oleg Mykhayliv</i> | <i>Patricia Johnson</i> |
| <i>Eric Hanzel</i>     | <i>Walter Kalyn</i>   | <i>Terry Styran</i>     |
| <i>Yuriy Pavlyshyn</i> | <i>David Moss</i>     | <i>Helen Moskal</i>     |
| <i>Kathy Sembrat</i>   | <i>Russ Zorey</i>     | <i>Jennifer Styran</i>  |
| <i>Martha Charron</i>  | <i>Matthew Klim</i>   | <i>Euphemia Medwig</i>  |
| <i>Nancy Steiner</i>   |                       |                         |

Theological Quote of the Week from the Pope: “The Pope is not an absolute monarch whose thoughts and desires are law. On the contrary: the Pope’s ministry is a guarantee of obedience to Christ and to his Word. He must not proclaim his own ideas, but rather constantly bind himself and the Church to obedience to God’s Word, in the face of every attempt to adapt it or water it down, and every form of opportunism.” --Pope Benedict XVI, *Holy Mass of the Possession of the Chair of the Bishop of Rome*, May 7, 2005.