

December 6, 2015

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

*From the Desk of the Pastor*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Although this is not the Gospel reading for this Sunday, I wish to share it with you because it really struck me this morning as I read it. [Jesus said to his disciples] “How fortunate you are to see the things you see! I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see, but they could not, and to hear what you hear, but they did not.” (Luke 10:23-24)

Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh produced more than 1,700 painting and drawings in his lifetime. He sold only one of them – for \$85. Van Gogh died thinking he was a failure. Yet, a century later, his painting *Dr. Gachet* sold for almost a millions times that amount (\$82,500,000.00)

Van Gogh never saw in his lifetime what he hoped to see. He never heard what he hoped to hear. Yet, like the prophets and kings of old, he stayed the course. Van Gogh’s example prompts me to ask: What is my chief motivation in staying the course I am pursuing this Advent? Is it spiritual? Is Christ at the center of it? Take five minutes in silence to do an examination of the heart.

“The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found a way to serve.” Albert Schweitzer.

(Taken from *Vision*, Mark Link,)

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](mailto:holytrinitycarnegie@gmail.com)
- A HUGE Thank you to those dedicated souls who labored tirelessly to bake bread and those delicious nut rolls in the church kitchen. God bless you!
- **Якщо хтось зацікавлений у допомозі, щоб почати сад в Трініті акрів, то, будь ласка, зателефонуйте о. Джейсон.**
- **Your 2016 Church Offering Envelopes** are in the vestibule of the church for adults and children. Please pick up your envelopes. **Дякую! 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: Luba and Peter Hlutkowsky and Joe Popivchak.

**HTUCC's Bread Bakers** will be making Christmas Bread – Plain \$7 & Raisin \$7.50. **Please place your order by St. Nichols Day, THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th** by calling 412-276-9897, or 412-279-4652. Pick up will be Thurs. Dec 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> during Pyrohi Hours.

**The Parish Youth Group** will have a “Joint Activity Outing” (lunch provided) with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Youth Group on **Sunday, December, 13<sup>th</sup>** at 1pm (immediately after the 11am Divine Liturgy), at the Carnegie Boys & Girls Club (next door to the church). **Attention Youth!** We will have complete use of the Boys & Girls Club facility which includes a full size basketball court, large game room with ping pong, hockey and pool tables. Please dress appropriately and comfortably and bring a friend! For more information, contact Bohdan Mykhailiv at 412-726-8309 [bohdanmykhailiv@yahoo.com](mailto:bohdanmykhailiv@yahoo.com)



**The Parish Youth Group is planning on Christmas Caroling** at parishioners homes on **Sunday December 27, 2015 and Sunday, January 3, 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!

**The St. Elizabeth Knights of Columbus** wish to thank the parishioners of Holy Trinity Church for participating in our “2015 Food for Families” campaign. To date we have collected 306 bags of food with an estimated weight of 4,800 pounds & \$2,417.10 in cash contributions.

The SEAS St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is very grateful for the contributions since November maybe the highest month of 2015 in terms of people served. The Food Bank serves all the less fortunate of Carnegie and the surrounding area.

Have you noticed the electronic billboards along the Parkway West displaying Keep Christ in Christmas? The SEAS K of C in collaboration with about 13 other councils have contracted with Lamar advertising to display the message between Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is a great opportunity to remind everyone of the true meaning of Christmas.

**A Ukrainian Bake Sale** will take place at SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church (404 Sixth Street, Ambridge) next **Sat., December 12<sup>th</sup>** from 3:30 to 5:30pm and **Sun., December 13<sup>th</sup>** from 12:30 to 3:30pm in the church Millennium Room – Ukrainian Christmas Bread, Ukrainian Pastries, Applelicious Candy & Christmas Cookies!!!



**12<sup>th</sup> Annual COOKIE Walk** takes place at Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Hall (Mansfield Blvd., Carnegie) next Saturday, **December 12<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Enjoy “walking” through tables of homemade cookies and pastries. 724-348-7326

**All invited to The University of Pittsburgh Nationality Rooms Holiday Open House** which will be held at the Univ. of Pittsburgh’s Cathedral of Learning Commons Hall on **THIS Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015** from **12 Noon -4:00 p.m.** Live Ethnic Entertainment throughout the afternoon featuring Poltava Dance Group. Visit the Ukrainian Nationality Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. **Admission is free for this event.** All Nationality Rooms will have Vendors and Food for sale in the Main Commons Hall. Ukrainian Room will be decorated with a Christmas Eve Theme by Members of Soyuz Ukrainok in addition to selling canapes and sweet goods. Hope to see you there!

**The Christmas Story** will be presented by the high school students at Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh on **Fri, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>** and **Sat, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>** at **7pm** and on **Sun, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>** at **2pm**. This is a four-part performance: The Story of Creation, The Fall of Man, The Arrival of Our Savior and Jesus’ Flight into Egypt. For more information: [www.AquinasAcademy.info](http://www.AquinasAcademy.info) or 724-444-0722



**HTUCC Poinsettias for Christmas** offering envelopes are in the church vestibule. \$22 for a 10 inch (we have ordered 6) and \$15 for an 8 inch (we have ordered 30). Once you have completed your envelope, you can place it in the collection basket. **Deadline: Wed., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**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:** \$1,843 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$123 for candles, \$60 for Holodomor, \$652 for the Persecuted Christians in Syria, \$76 for “The Natalia Protynyak in Ukraine Fund”, \$10 for prosphora, and \$341.25 for the Thanksgiving Bread sales for a grand total of **\$3,105.25. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.**

**Lector Schedule:**

- Saturday: December 12 at 4pm: Sandy Krivonyak
- Sunday: December 13 at 8:30am: Terry Styran and at 11am: Angela Honchar

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

Sat. 12/5	<i>Our venerable father &amp; God-bearer Sabbas the sanctified</i>	
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sophie Popivchak requested by Susan & Dan Butera	JC
	.....also Divine Liturgy for Eva Kalymon requested by Nick & Yurko Honchar	IS
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Sun 12/6	<b>Our Father among the saints, Nicholas of Myra in Lycia</b>	
10:00am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish .....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of John & Catherine Patross requested by Deborah Sgro	JC IS
1:00pm	<i>.....followed by St. Nicholas celebration church hall .....leave for caroling at Marian Manor</i>	

Mon 12/7	<i>Our father among the saints, Bishop Ambrose</i> The pastor's day off	
Tues 12/8	<i>Pre Feast of the Conception of St. Anne</i> 8:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Theresa Kohut requested by Pete Kohut (OLPH)	JC
Wed 12/9	<b>Conception of St. Anne, when she conceived the most holy Mother of God</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sue Kanai requested by Eleanor Patross 12:00pm Divine Liturgy in Wheeling 7:00pm <i>Emmanuel Moleben</i>	JC
Thurs 12/10	<i>The holy martyrs Mennas, Hermogenes and Eugraphus</i> Pyrohi Project 7am-12pm	
Fri 12/11	<i>Our venerable father Daniel the stylite</i> Pyrohi Project 7am-12pm	
Sat. 12/12	<i>Our venerable father Spiridion, bishop of Tremithus</i> 4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the Kuzbida, & Popovich families and Stephen Simek requested by Mary Simek .....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Eudokia Kalymon requested by Yevhen & Hala Lutsiv	JC IS
Sun 12/13	<i>The holy martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius and Orestes</i> 8:30am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Stephen Spinda requested by Michael & Jodi Hanczar 11:00am Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	IS JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Arseni & Vera  
Patross requested by Eleanor Patross

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DECEMBER Birthdays

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

*Peter Colaizzi*

*Oleg Mykhayliv*

*Patricia Johnson*

*Eric Hanzel*

*Walter Kalyn*

*Terry Styran*

*Yuriy Pavlyshyn*

*David Moss*

*Helen Moskal*

*Kathy Sembrat*

*Russ Zorey*

*Jennifer Styran*

*Martha Charron*

*Matthew Klim*

*Euphemia Medwig*