

June 21, 2015

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

I came across a lovely quote from C.S. Lewis on the topic of Fatherhood. Because today is “Father’s Day” on the secular calendar, and the ecclesiastical feast of All Saints of Ukraine (who are spiritual fathers to us), I thought it opportune to share with you the words of Mr. Lewis:

"We want not so much a Father but a grandfather in heaven, a God who said of anything we happened to like doing, 'What does it matter so long as they are contented?'" C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain.

Too frequently we wish that God were a benevolent Grandfather instead of a watchful Father. True enough, we wish God would spoil us as grandfathers often do, and not discipline us like Fathers. But, upon reflection, we will realize how much better fathers are than grandfathers. Fathers are consistently present (or, at least, ought to be) with us day in and day out, helping us, dressing our wounds, and keeping us on the straight and narrow. On the other hand, we see grandfathers once in a while, and they bring gifts or a warm hug, but they are not responsible for the tough jobs associated with raising a child.

We do not always like it. We have a tendency to rebel against the firm hand of a Father. We resent being sent to our room or the belt on the backside. But oh, how we need it! And oh how we need God's guidance and discipline in our lives, in addition to the benevolent gifts He does give us.

The route to true contentment rather than fleeting happiness is through suffering and discipline. The person who has endured the hard times has a greater capacity to enjoy the good times, as well as a greater ability to be happy in every circumstance. If God never allowed tough things in our lives, ultimately we would never experience true contentment.

On this Father's Day, let's celebrate our fathers, but let's also celebrate God as our Father who never abandons us in sin, and who loves us enough to do the tough work of disciplining us.

(credit: Tim Thurman)

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner.

## **New Things Happening:**

- **Did you notice the front doors?** Thank you to Evhen Bohonok for exemplary workmanship.
- **Today:** Our Patriarch will be in Akron, Ohio at Holy Ghost parish. If you can make it last minute, please do so!
- **Anyone** interested in a going on a three-day camp excursion to Bruce Peninsula in Ontario this August, please contact Fr. Jason.
- **Congratulations to Natalia and John Milligan** on the birth of their new son.
- **This week** we'll have the first meeting of our Trinity Acres Improvement Committee. Dcn. Myron Spak, Bohdan Konecky, Doug and Gabby Blythe, John Besspiata will meet at Trinity Acres on Thursday at 7pm.
- **Next Sunday:** we'll bless the new altar cloths and new vestments. Some were done 8 months ago, some just this week. If you have made a donation in memory of a loved one, be mindful to be present after 11am Divine Liturgy.

### **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 prayer: Luba and Peter Hlutkowsky, John Kuzemka, Natalia Milligan and Bobbi Spak.

**Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and godfathers of the parish!!! Please stop in the Vestibule to receive your Father's Day.**

**The Eparchy of St Josaphat** has published a financial statement for 2014. Please see it in the vestibule.

**Holy Trinity's 2015 Parish Festival** will be on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Acres. All parishioners should pick up their festival packet in the church vestibule. Thank you! Also, if you are able to sell more lottery tickets, please call the rectory. We have plenty available!!

**Holy Trinity's Vacation Bible School at Trinity Acres starts next Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>** for children ages: 4-12, Time: 8:30am – 4pm daily. We provide hearty meals, unique games, faith-filled Bible & Saint lessons, fresh air, fun & new friends! Suggested Cost: \$50 per child. Please complete a **registration form** found in this bulletin and in our website under "Youth Group" [www.htucc.com](http://www.htucc.com).

**Important: Singers, Lectors, and Pyrohi Workers needed!** If you're not involved in any parish ministries, then come out for one of these three ministries.

**The 2015 UTS (Ukrainian Technological Society) Scholarship** Application Form is now available on [www.utspgh.org](http://www.utspgh.org). **Due Date is July 6, 2015.** Please note that there are no paper application forms.

**The St. Josaphat Society Scholarship** will once again be sponsoring a scholarship for a high school senior this year who is a member of our parish and who has been accepted into an undergraduate program at a college or university or a certified program at an accredited post-secondary institution for the 2015-16 academic year. Applications are in the rectory. **Applications must be postmarked by Saturday, July 11, 2015.**

**Peter's Pence Collection** takes place next weekend, June 27<sup>th</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>. Peter's Pence Envelopes are in your box as well as in the church vestibule. This collection "unites us in solidarity to Pope Francis and his works of charity to those in need."

**A Vendor /Craft Show** will take place Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the "South West Meals on Wheels Kitchen" (601 Washington Ave. Carnegie) in the basement of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**Wonderful World of Water Day Camps** will be July 13-17, ages 7-11 at the Outdoor Classroom in Boyce Mayview Park in Upper St. Clair and is sponsored by Pennsylvania American Water. To register, contact Nancy Martin at 412-488-7490 ext 247 or email at [nancym@prc.org](mailto:nancym@prc.org). Registration fee: \$20.

**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:** \$2,411 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$119 for candles, \$10 for Utilities, \$10 for Feast of the Holy Trinity, \$10 for Pentecost, \$75 for

Special Offering, and \$100 for Aid to Ukrainian Soldiers. The pyrohi project brought in \$1,685.50 all for a grand total of \$4,420.50. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

### Lector Schedule:

- Saturday: June 27 at 4:00pm: Sandy Krivonyak
- Sunday: June 28 at 10:00 am: Ben Ciarallo and later at 11am: Zac Sudiak
- Monday: June 29 at 9:00am: Cantor

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

Sat. 6/20	<i>Holy priest-martyr Bishop Methodius</i>	
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Martha & Walter Zaletski requested by Victoria, Dave, David, Ashley & Maura Brehl	JC
	.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Janet Andrejasik requested by the Jean Daniels Family	IS
	<i>Trinity Acres and the Church Hall are rented</i>	
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Sun. 6/21	<b>Father' Day:</b> <i>Holy martyr Julian of Tarsus</i>	
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish	IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for all the fathers and godfathers of the parish	JC
	.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Catherine Sudiak requested by Sue & Matthew Schick	IS
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Mon 6/22	<i>Holy priest-martyr Bishop Eusebius</i>	
	<i>The pastor's day off</i>	
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Tues 6/23	<b>Vigil Liturgy for St. John the Baptist</b>	
7:00pm	Vespers and Divine Liturgy for the repose of Helen Musiol	

requested by Helen Koss  
*No choir practice*

JC

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Wed **Birth of St. John the Baptist**  
6/24 *Divine Liturgy today at OLPH in WV 6pm*

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Thurs. *Holy venerable martyr Febronia*  
6/25 7:30am *Pyrohi*

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Fri. *Venerable father David of Thessalonica*  
6/26 7:30am *Pyrohi*

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Sat. *Venerable father Samson the hospitable*  
6/27

4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Dennis Daniels requested by  
Dr. Justine Perhosky

JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Marie Demain  
requested by Joe & Janet Hanych

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*Trinity Acres is rented*

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Sun. *Venerable fathers Sergius and Herman*  
6/28

8:30am 40<sup>th</sup> day Divine Liturgy for Eva Kalymon  
*moved from June 22<sup>nd</sup>*

IS

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

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Mon **Feasts of Saints Peter and Paul**  
6/29

8:30 am *Holy Trinity Vacation Bible School- Trinity Acres*

9:00am Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish

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\*In preparation for the World Meeting of Families, our parish will be printing weekly installments from our Eparchy of a series entitled "Love is our Mission, the Family Fully Alive." It can also be found on St. Josaphat Eparchial website under Vibrant Parish.\*

## **Attention parents with children in Pittsburgh public schools!**

We need you to come out on Monday, June 22, as interested parents, students, proliferators and members of the local citizenry join us at 5:30 at St. Paul Cathedral, Fifth Avenue & Dithridge St. in Oakland for prayer. Afterward, we will walk to the Board of Education, 341 S. Bellefield Avenue. At the February meeting of the Board of Education of Pittsburgh, discussion of the “memorandum of understanding with Planned Parenthood of Western Pennsylvania” came to the attention of the Board. At that time, Mark Brentley, member of the board, began a discussion that went on for almost 70 typed pages of minutes.

The Board wants to accept a grant from the government to have Planned Parenthood come into the middle Pittsburgh Public Schools with their comprehensive sex education programs using among other materials the book “It’s Perfectly Normal”. A quick look at the Amazon book site for *It's Perfectly Normal* will produce some critical applause for the book. A closer look indicates that even Amazon will not show you all the pages of the book. Look for yourself. Go to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Check the category for “books” and then *It's Perfectly Normal*.

If you wish to speak at the Board meeting, you must call 412-622-7920 to register. You must live in the city of Pittsburgh, but not necessarily have children in their schools. You would be given three minutes to speak and the speakers will be arranged in the order the calls are now received. Please join us. We need your presence, your prayers and your commitment to LIFE. At this time, all pro-life citizens are hoping to inform enough members of the public who have connections to city schools that the “decision making” processes introduced by PP are not in the interest of students or parents.

### **MILLSTONE AWARDS TO PITTSBURGH BOARD OF EDUCATION**

“It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble,” Luke 17:2

Mark Bentley is suggesting that the 2015 Millstone Award be given to the Pittsburgh Public School Board members who voted to bring the Planned Parenthood to children attending this city’s public schools. Today Planned Parenthood is the nation’s largest abortion provider. Please join us at 5:30 on June 22 – to pray and petition.