

July 12, 2015

7th Sunday after Pentecost

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

In today's Gospel reading we encounter Christ's power in the form of His healing the blind, the mute and the demon-possessed. First, people approached Jesus *in faith* with their needs and were healed on His part by an effortless, pure and majestic power which the world had not seen, nor has seen since. The Bible tells of these prodigious deeds and we believe them because Scripture has been demonstrated again and again to be a reliable record of actual historical events.

In today's world we encounter man's disinclination to be healed. If in Christ's time people knew they were ill, they approached, and were healed. At this hour of history we see that the deeper blindness isn't physical, but spiritual. It is the deeper blindness which says that I need not come to Christ for healing because my defects are not defects at all but part of me and are, in fact, good. We are reminded of the Prophet Isaiah's words "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." (Is. 5:20). Surrounded by this atmosphere, and being perfectly honest with ourselves, we have to admit the existence of that temptation towards self-doubt. "*What everyone else finds acceptable surely couldn't be that wrong, perhaps I'm the odd one out and that means that I'm the one who needs healing?*"

Yet, we are not alone and on the losing side! To paraphrase Blessed John Henry Newman: We have, in Scripture, the records of those who lived and died by faith in the old time, and nothing can deprive us of them. The strength of Satan lies in his being seen to have the many on his side; but, when we read the Bible, this argument loses its hold over us. There we find that we are not alone; that others, before us, have been in our very situation, shared the same feelings and troubles and endured for the prize which we are seeking.

My good people, nothing more elevates your spirit than the awareness of being one of a great and victorious company. So, go out and bring the sick to Christ for healing! Invite them to church with you next Sunday! Give them spiritual reading or spiritual media to absorb! Smile and beam with joy for Christ heals us of every malady and brings His faithful little ones victory!

In Christ,
Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening:

- **NEW LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST: 10AM BILINGUAL.** In an attempt to bring our parish together as one body we'll be celebrating Sunday Liturgies only at 10am from August 2nd through September 6th inclusive. Mr. Stephen Zinski will be directing our choir. Initially we are going to do the first half of the Liturgy using Slavonic, second half of the Liturgy using English. This is a work in progress, and we can amend it as we go along should there be need.
- **For the next seven weeks** we will feature on the cover of the bulletin pictures of some of our parish's stained glass windows. Try to guess the sacrament symbolized in the image, fill out your answer on the last page of the bulletin and submit it for a prize. (See end of bulletin)
- *****The women's washroom at Trinity Acres** is in need of major repairs. As of this writing the women's washroom does not work. The cost to repair this will be significant. At our next Trinity Acres Improvement Committee meeting, July 20th, this will be addressed. Eventually, we will need to bring municipal water and sewage lines out to the barn. This will allow the barn to reach its full potential as a site for future children's bible camps and retreat activities, as well as for larger income-generating events which will keep our parish in good financial health.

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, Harry Kohl, Natalia Milligan and Bobbi Spak.

Holy Trinity's 2015 Parish Festival will be on Sunday, August 16th at Trinity Acres. All parishioners should pick up their festival packet in the church vestibule. Also, if you are able to sell more lottery tickets, please call the rectory. We have OVER 300 tickets available!!

In preparation for the World Meeting of Families on September 22-27, 2015 in Philadelphia, our parish has printed the weekly installments **Part I through Part VI** from our Eparchy of a series entitled "Love is our Mission, the Family Fully Alive." This series can be found on St. Josaphat Eparchial website www.stjosaphateparchy.com, under the tab "Information-Vibrant Parish". **The printed pages (which are in English and Ukrainian) can be picked up in our church vestibule.*** In addition, you will find the seventh (VII) installment of catechesis entitled Mother, Teacher, Family: The nature and role of the Church.

Please bring in your “used” SHOES (sized toddler to adult) to the church vestibule anytime during July so they can be shipped and received by the first day of school, September 1st. The Honchar family will be sending these shoes to the orphanages in Ukraine. If you’d like to help with shipping cost, please make checks payable to “MEEST”, the shipping company. For more information, please call George Honchar at 412-215-3303.

Holy Trinity Picnic Donations Needed for our upcoming picnic – monetary donations toward meat and kolbassi, chopped onions, coffee, cream margarine, sugar, hotdogs, hotdog and hamburger buns, Pepsi products, water, ginger ale, ice cubes, orange juice, tonic water, whiskey sours, baked goods (cupcakes, pies, cakes, cookies, candy, etc...) You can bring your donated items to the rectory foyer. If you want your donation to be mentioned in the bulletin, please leave your name and list of items with the parish secretary. Finally, **please consider VOLUNTEERING** to help in the following areas:
*Booth set-up * Kitchen * Corn Huskers * Dish Washers * Ticket Sales etc..

Men Following Jesus Christ will be serving dinners at the Light of Life Rescue Mission on **Monday, July 13th**. We need at least 7 volunteers to serve dinners from approximately 4:45pm until 6:15pm. Thank you for serving in the past. Please call Deacon Myron at 412-303-9086 or mjspak@verizon.net.

A Vendor /Craft Show will take place Saturday, July 25th 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. 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: \$1,991 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$76.75 for candles, \$280 for Utilities, \$5 for Peter's Pence, \$90 for Sts. Peter & Paul, \$10 for Special Offering and \$20 for the Ukrainian Churches Mission, all for a grand total of \$2,472.75. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday: July 18 at 4:00pm: Justine Perhosky
- Sunday: July 19 at 8:30: Serhiy Chovnyk and later at 11:00 am: Angela Honchar

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

Sat. 7/11	<i>The holy martyr Euphemia</i>		
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Anna Klim requested by Dr. Justine Perhosky		JC
also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Janet Andrejasik requested by Bob & Judy Krisovenski		IS
	<i>Trinity Acres is rented</i>		
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Sun. 7/12	<i>Holy martyrs Proclus and Hilarion his nephew</i>		
8:30am	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Catherine Yuschak requested by Eleanor Patross		IS
11:00am	Divine Liturgy for the health of Emilie Ciarallo and the repose of Kateryna Mykhailiv requested by Halyna Ciarallo		JC
also Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish		IS
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Mon	<i>Fathers Stephen and Julian and holy archangel Gabriel</i>		

7/13

The pastor's day off

Tues

The holy apostle Aquilla and venerable Onesiums

7/14

Pastor away at conference at Franciscan Univ. in Steubenville, OH.

Wed

The holy martyrs Cyril and Julitta his mother

7/15

Pastor away at conference at Franciscan Univ. in Steubenville, OH.

Thurs

Holy priest-martyr Athenogenes & his 10 disciples

7/16

8:00am

Divine Liturgy for the repose of Stephen & Anna Astriab
requested by an anonymous person

JC

Fri.

The holy great martyr Marina

7/17

8:00am

Divine Liturgy for the health of Mary Ann Paluch and
the repose of Mary Dietrich and Irene Paluch (OLPH)

JC

Sat.

The holy martyr Hyacinth of Amastris

7/18

4:00pm

Divine Liturgy for the repose of Kathy Lally Kerchansky
requested by Tom Kerchansky

JC

.....also Divine Liturgy for the repose of Joseph & Gina
Greco requested by Angela Honchar

IS

.....followed by the blessing of an altar boy vestment
in the memory of Paul Perhosky

Sun.

Our venerable mother Macrina, sister of St. Basil the Great

7/19

8:30am

Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish

IS

11:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of Jacob Pantalo
requested by Myron & Barbara Spak & Family IS

Mon. **Elijah Great Prophet**
7/20

8:00am Divine Liturgy for Helen and Family requested by
an anonymous person JC

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

JULY Birthdays at Holy Trinity, including youth under age 21

Carol Besspiata

Olya Chovnyk

Serhiy Chovnyk

Iryna Chubko

Jean Daniels

Maria Kalymon

Susan Kanai

Robert Krisonvenski

Mary Kuzemka

Jerome Lazor

Bohdan Mischuk

Maureen Mischuk

John Mitchell

Barbara Spak

Nadiya Bednarchuk

Maria Charron

Nikolas Markle

Theodoios Medwig

Maria Pavlenko

Lilian Ulrich

Diana Warman

Eva Wowczuk

Nicholas Spak



Trivia: The image on this week's parish bulletin is taken from one of our stained glass windows. It refers to which Sacrament? Answer: _____ Name: _____.

Cut out and place in collection plate or box at entrance of church. Prize for the people who get all seven correct answers!



