

September 6, 2015

15th Sunday After Pentecost

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Can you guess whose signature this is?

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "John Witherspoon". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Allow me to give you three hints. First, he was an 18th century Presbyterian clergyman and president of Princeton University. Second, he was a signatory to the US Declaration of Independence. Third, and key to our purpose here, he was well-known for this excellent quote: “*A Republic must either preserve its virtue or lose its liberty.*”

In case you haven’t guessed the name of this mystery man it is John Witherspoon. His quote beautifully summarizes the view held by the early leaders of this great land, namely that before good governance there needs to be virtue among her peoples. Without virtue, there can be no liberty, no justice, no equality, in short no Republic. As the only clergyman to sign the Declaration, perhaps he saw the importance of moral virtue to the future of the young Republic better than most of his contemporaries.

Among our contemporaries today, if you were to ask them, “What is the mother of all virtues?” what variety of answers might you hear? Some will answer, “love,” “respect,” or “tolerance.” But, if we turn to the master teacher of all time, Jesus Christ, we find an answer in today’s Gospel that clashes with our modern society’s prejudices. “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” asked the expert in the law. Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.”

When “first things” are put first, then all others follow in line. However, the confusion starts when we put third things first and first things third. Invariably, when everyone else goes along with the confusion Christians can also begin to think it is normal until one, lone voice speaks up and rattles everyone back to common sense. This past week you may have heard about the brave county clerk in Kentucky, Kim Davis, who has chosen to follow the greatest commandment in the Law (loving God) over following the laws of men. This has resulted in her being sent to prison for refusing to compromise her Christian beliefs by issuing marriage licenses to homosexual couples.

These events invite us to ask the question, are we losing our religious liberty? If so, am I ready to declare that I love God with all my heart, come what may?

In Christ,

Jason, priest and sinner

New Things Happening at Holy Trinity:

- **Blessing of students** after Liturgy this Sunday, September 6th.
- **We will return** to our normal schedule next week on September 13th.
- **At the entrance of the church** you will find a box to support a woman in Sambir, Ukraine, who is severely mentally handicapped. The goal is for each person to put in \$1 each month. This will enable us to hire a nurse to give her home care instead of having her committed to a state institution. She is the sister of the late Lesya Protynyak.
- **This Tuesday**, September 8th at 4pm, Fr. Jason is willing to take with him anyone interested in travelling to Franciscan University of Steubenville to attend a very important talk on the importance of the family and the upcoming Synod on the Family. The speaker will be Cardinal Raymond Burke. Be at the rectory by 3:45pm for a free ride. For more information on the panel of presenters see:
<http://rorate-caeli.blogspot.com/2015/08/event-pre-synod-address-and-pontifical.html?m=1>
- **St. Paula Ministries**, headed by Dr. Justine Perhosky, is a group formed in our parish for widows. There will be a first meeting on Tuesday, September 29th at 11am in the church hall. There will be a brief talk by Fr Jason, lunch will be provided, followed by a short film and discussion. Rides can be provided by calling 412 279-4652.
- **PAC** has appointed two members, *Mark Medwig and Olya Chovnyk*, to help resolve the problem of pew books and bi-lingual texts. Guests to our parish are frequently confused between which book to use, especially when it is a bi-lingual liturgy. Mark and Olya will talk after Liturgy this Sunday and will be available to discuss and listen to suggestions to resolve the problem. There will be a meeting in October, date and time TBA
- **September 20th** will be a family, fun and faith day. We will open our parish to neighborhood families and invite them to send their children to our religious education classes. Lots of food, fun and faith to be had!
- **Mark your calendars: Oct. 4th at Trinity Acres.** We'll have a picnic for parishioners and newcomers. There will be Ukrainian music, folk songs, shyshlyk and good times. More info to come. **Відзначте свої календарі : Жовт 4-е місце в Trinity - Acres. Ми матимемо пікнік для члени церкви і нові члени. Там буде українську музику , народні пісні, shyshlyk і хороші часи . Детальніше прийти .

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, Harry Kohl, and Emily Stecko.

*****Робота в Карнегі***Jobs in Carnegie:** MCS Mechanical & Ceramic Solutions, Inc., located at 730 Superior Street, Carnegie is currently hiring Pipe Fitters, Welders, Bricklayers and Laborers. Benefits after 90 days. If interested, call the company at 412-429-8991.

40 Days for Life will begin in a few short weeks. Every year baby boys and girls are saved simply by people like you peacefully praying in front of the abortion mill on 933 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh. Don't ask if you'll participate, rather ask yourself when you'll participate. Sign up sheets to come soon.

Holy Trinity Religious Education classes will be resuming on **Sun., Sept. 20, 2015** at 9:30 a.m. in the Church auditorium for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade. All children who will be new to our program should be registered by completing forms found in the vestibule of the Church and returning them as soon as possible. Our high school youth group will be meeting in the near future with an expanded program. See next announcement****

Last week \$24 was given in the donation box at the entrance to help support Natalia Protynyak, the handicapped woman in Ukraine we are supporting.

Reminder: The Stain Glass Window Contest of the seven sacraments has finished. Submit your answers **by this Wednesday, Sept. 9th**. There is a prize for each winner who correctly matches the 7 windows to the 7 sacraments.

Attention ALL Women age 40 and older who do NOT have health insurance: Free Mammography and Women's Wellness Day on Saturday, September 26, 8am – 1pm at St. Clair Hospital Breast Care Center, St. Clair Outpatient Center-Village Square, 2000 Oxford Drive, Suite 301, Bethel Park, 15102. **Pre-registration is required by Wed., Sept 23rd**. Please call 412-942-7811.



Holy Trinity Fall Picnic: You are invited to an evening of singing, shyshlyk, dancing and good music at Trinity Acres on Oct. 4th, 2pm. Bring a friend, a strong voice and a healthy appetite. Games will be provided for children. An evening together in the open air before winter arrives!

Holy Trinity Festival Donations *Correction*: The Pirate basket and McCutcheon baseball was donated by Marilyn and Bill Nizinski. The Pirate hat and shirt was donated by Angela Honchar. In addition, we received the following donations: Yuriy Wowczuk: five (5) watermelons, Frances Wengryn: \$40.

This year's 84th Annual Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God will be held on **Sunday, October 4, 2015** on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great in Fox Chase Manor, PA. The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "A Reflection of God's Love." The day begins with the opportunity for confession starting at 9:00 am. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 am by Archbishop Stefan Soroka and accompanying hierarchy and clergy. The homilist for the Divine Liturgy and Moleben will be His Grace, Bishop Bohdan Danylo. Lunch will be available afterwards, featuring traditional Ukrainian food. The day will conclude with a prayer service (Moleben) at 4:00 pm in the Grotto. Special programs for children and teens! For further information, please call 215-379-3998 ext. 17 or visit the Sister's website at www.stbasils.com

Men Following Jesus Christ has been asked once again to serve dinners at the Light of Life Rescue Mission on **Monday Sept. 14th**. Please let me know if you &/or your friends are available at that time to help? *Thank you for helping on July 13th*. We need at least 7 volunteers to serve dinners (to work approximately from 4:45 p.m. through 6:15 p.m.). Call Deacon Myron 412-303-9086 or mjspak@verizon.net

10th Annual Gathering of Catholic Men will be held Saturday, Sept. 19th at the David Lawrence Convention Center. The theme is from John 15:15 where Jesus says, "I have called you friends". For more information email: info@cmfpitt.org.

Inviting all Crafters and Vendors: Holy Child Columbiettes will be sponsoring a Craft & Vendor Show on **Saturday, September 26th** from 10am to 3pm at Holy Child School Building. All inquirers call Julie at 724-746-7174.



Celebrate Ukrainian Day (The 24th Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence) on **Sunday, September 27** from 12:00pm to 5:00pm at the SNPJ Lodge in Imperial, Pennsylvania. Enjoy an afternoon of Ukrainian dance and music. Ukrainian food and merchandise will be available to purchase. Admission is \$10/adult and \$1/children and students. For advance tickets please call Anne Konecky at 412-343-0309. Tickets can

also be purchased at the door. Sponsored by the Ukrainian Independence and Festival Committees.

Beef Tips & Noodles Dinner is sponsored by the Carnegie Presbyterian Church (219 Ewing Rd. Carnegie) on Saturday, Sept 19th from 4-7pm. Adults: \$7, Children 6-12: \$5 and kids 5 and under: Free. Raffles & Bake Sale available. Call 412-279-3223. All proceeds benefit the 2016 Mission Trip to Tapestries of Life, Mexico.

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 VIII** from our Eparchy of a series entitled “Love is our Mission, the Family Fully Alive.” **The printed pages (which are in English and Ukrainian) can be picked up in our church vestibule.** This series can be found on St. Josaphat Eparchial website www.stjosaphateparchy.com, under the tab “Information-Vibrant Parish”.

League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC) invites you to participate in its 77th annual national convention **Oct. 16, 17, & 18.** Location: Holiday Inn-Lansdale (1750 Sumneytown Pike, Kulpsville, PA 19443; 215-368-3800) Discount room rates with buffet breakfasts available; **reserve on or before Sept. 28, 2015.**

New Ukrainian Wave Financial report and activity summary can be found in the church vestibule for viewing. Please leave the copy in the church. If anyone would like a copy, please call the rectory.

Holodomor (Ukraine Genocide 1932-33) Memorial Dedication Ceremony 2015 will be take place in Washington DC over the weekend of **November 6, 7 and 8th.** The dedication ceremony will take place on Saturday, Nov 7th at 2pm. The Exhibit opening begins Friday 7pm and the ending concert is Sunday at 2pm.



Christians in Iraq & Syria need our support! If you would like to help them medically or financially, HATUNE Foundation does excellent work. The foundress is Sister Hatune. To learn more about this modern day Mother Theresa who helps rescue Christian girls enslaved by ISIS, go to her website: www.hatunefoundation.com

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: \$1,412.57 was offered in the collection last weekend with another \$82.75 for candles, \$5 for the eparchy, \$5 for energy, \$40 for Dormition of the Theotokos, \$25 for Transfiguration of our Lord, \$5 for Exaltation of the Holy Cross, \$5 for Birth of Theotokos, \$24 for The Natalie Protynyak Fund and \$10 for prosphora. The Pyrohi Project brought in \$1,623.50, for a grand total of \$3,237.82. Many blessings to all of our contributors whose sacrificial giving is known by God.

We are grateful to Carol and Fred Schwarz and Joanne and Mike Kanai for their donations totaling \$625 in memory of the late Sue Kanai. The money will be used to purchase some large pots for the Pyrohi Kitchen and a rotary dough cutter, (Sue rolled the dough for years at pyrohi). Sue gave of her time for many years not only making pyrohi, but also in other activities of the church. She will be missed.

Lector Schedule:

- Saturday: September 12 at 4:00pm: Mary Reabe
- Sunday: September 13 at 8:30am: George Honchar and later
at 11:00am: Zac Sudiak

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

Sat. 9/5	<i>Holy prophet Zachary and Elizabeth</i>		
4:00pm	Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish		JC
Sun 9/6	<i>Holy martyr Eudoxius and the 1104 martyrs with him</i>		
10:00am	Divine Liturgy for God’s Blessing for health & safety for Tetyana Chubko and Family requested by friends of the Chubko Family		JC
Mon. 9/7	Labor Day: <i>The holy martyr Sozon</i>		
	<i>The office is closed</i>		

Tues 9/8 Birth of the Theotokos, the most holy Mother of God
8:00am 40 day Divine Liturgy for Elsie Shiwarski
(moved from 9-6-15) JC
7:00pm *Choir practice*

Wed 9/9 *The holy and just Joachim and Anne, parents of the Mother of God*

Thurs 9/10 *The holy martyrs Menodora and Others*
7:30am *Pyrohi*

Fri. 9/11 *Our venerable mother Theodora of Alexandria*
7:30am *Pyrohi*

Sat. 9/12 *The holy priest-martyr Autonomus*
4:00pm Divine Liturgy for the repose of Stephen & Helen Zaletski
requested by Stephen P. Zaletski & Family JC

Sun 9/13 *Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection*
8:30am Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish IS
11:00am Divine Liturgy for the repose of John & Mary Zaletski
requested by Eleanor Patross JC

Quote of the Week: "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." ,*Psalms*, 127:1.)



SEPTEMBER Birthdays at Holy Trinity, including youth under age 21 and over 21

If you have a September birthday and your name is not listed below, call the rectory and your name will be added!

Davis, MaryAnn
Grabowski, Allison
Konecky, Alex
Kurzawski, Andrew
Medwig, Tom
Popivchak, Helen
Schultz, Randi
Shymatta, Craig
Zaletski, Matthew

Honchar, George
Johnson, David
Koutsyk, Maria
Kuzemka, John
Mosur, Lucille
Reabe, Keith
Sembrat, Curtis
Steranko, Raymond

Gonskyi, Volodimir
Kohl, Anna
Kulik, Dimitro
Makar, Michael
Nakonechnyy, Nadiya
Saad, Andy
Sembrat, Roger, Dr.
Sywy, Marian



DEADLINE to turn in this “answer slip” is Wed. Sept 9th. Match all 7 sacraments to the stain glass windows and win a prize!!!

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

1st Week 7-12 Answer: _____

2nd Week 7-19 Answer: _____

3rd Week 7-26 Answer: _____

4th Week 8-2 Answer: _____

5th Week 8-9 Answer: _____

6th Week 8-16 Answer: _____

7th Week 8-23 Answer: _____

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

