

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

March 8, 2020

8:40 AM Rosary

9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners**

Monday, March 9th NO SERVICES

Tuesday, March 10th NO SERVICES

Wednesday, March 11th

5:00 PM Confessions in the Sacristy (or by appointment)

6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, March 12th

9:00 AM BAKING

Friday, March 13th

6:30 PM LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

Saturday, March 14th

3:30 PM Book Study club in the Rectory (Chapters 10-12)

5:00 PM **+ Joseph & Olga Nix** – by Barbara Nix

Sunday, March 15th

8:40 AM Rosary

9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners**

JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK

Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church in Akron, Ohio, invites you to a parish Lenten (Great Fast) Mission Palm Sunday weekend. Our guest speaker will be Father Michael Polosky.

Father Mike is the Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic parishes in Ambridge and Aliquippa. He is also the Vicar General of the Eparchy and the Dean of the Central Deanery.

Father Mike has extensive experience leading retreats and parish missions. We encourage you to journey with one another as we enter this sacred time of Holy Week. As we draw closer to the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, an opportunity is presented to find deeper meaning in this holy season and to prepare ourselves so that we can more fully celebrate the great joy of Our Lord's Resurrection.

If you can attend some or all of the services, please come to pray and to deepen your understanding of this time of edification! Please invite a friend or guest to share this experience! We as a parish look forward to this time of prayer and Christian fellowship!

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **Wes Chrapko (3/8)** and **Halyna Shevchuk (3/10)** celebrate their birthdays. May God bless you and grant you **many years, Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!**

EASTER BAKING!

The Easter baking of bread and kolachi will begin this Thursday, March 5th at 9^{am}. Additional day will be Thursday March 26th. Any amount of time you can volunteer will be very much appreciated. Lunch will be provided. No experience necessary!

Presanctified Liturgy:

At our last deanery meeting, in order to foster unity between our parishes, it was decided to cancel our services on March 20th. Instead, all of us are invited to attend Presanctified Liturgy at St. Josaphat Cathedral that day which starts at 5:00pm followed by fish fry.

PYROHY PROJECT:

March 21st - Pyrohy

PLANNING AHEAD:

March 20th – Presanctified Liturgy canceled

March 22nd – Ladies Day out

April 3-5th Lenten Retreat

April 12th Easter

May 3rd – Solon at 10am

NOW TAKING PASKA ORDERS!

The BVM Sodality will once again bake Easter paskas for the celebration of the Pasch. In order to ensure we have plenty available, **please place your order as soon as possible.** Order forms are available in the church social hall. There are 2 sizes this year, the 2^{1/2} lb and the 16oz, and you can choose with raisins or without. Also available will be nut, low-sugar nut, apricot, poppyseed, lekvar (prune), and almond rolls at \$12.00 each.

Sviachene in Solon:

Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St. Mary's) parish would be honored if you would join us for Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 3 at 10 o'clock in the morning and for our annual Sviachene afterwards. The meal will be done potluck style (as you did in January) with our parish providing the ham, kovbasa and potatoes. We will need other traditional Easter foods such as beets and horse raddish, eggs, butter, cheese, Paska, desserts and salads. (A more comprehensive list will be sent to Father Sal at a later date. Donations to defray the cost of the meats will also be accepted.) We also invite your choir members to join ours to sing during the Divine Liturgy. Please contact Steve Slywczuk (216-544-1117 or slywczuk@aol.com) to let me know if you are attending.

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESAN-WIDE RETREAT DAY FOR WOMEN:

Join us on Saturday March 28 at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Akron from 9:30 to 3:00. Speakers include Mother Jeannette of the Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and Mother Theodora of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery. This year's theme is **Friendship and the Saints**. For more information visit stfparish.com and click on the Women's Retreat link.

Listed here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

1. **Bible reading is for Catholics.** The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.
2. **Prayer is the beginning and the end.** Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.
3. **Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition.** A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an *imprimatur* notice on the back of the title page. An *imprimatur* indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.
4. **The Bible isn't a book. It's a library.** The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.
5. **Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't.** The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.
6. **The sum is greater than the parts.** Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.
7. **The Old relates to the New.** The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.
8. **You do not read alone.** By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.
9. **What is God saying to me?** The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?
10. **Reading isn't enough.** If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective."(Hebrews 4:12).

The Church was a mother to you in life, providing for your spiritual needs; please remember the Eparchy of Saint 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 \$_____].”
Thank you!**

DONATION STATEMENTS FOR 2019: Statements for tax deductible contributions made to the church 2019 are available in the vestibule. Please contact Fr. Sal if you have any questions or if you need your statement mailed to you

SAFE ENVIRONMENT:

Please, be advised that any instance of sexual abuse by a cleric, lay employee or lay volunteer within the boundaries of our parish should be immediately reported to the local police department, child protection services of the county, the pastor of the parish and the Chancery of St. Josaphat Eparchy. A sexual abuser port form is available in the church's vestibule and/or the parish office in English and Ukrainian. The bishop can be reached at the Chancery at 440-888-1522 or by writing to: Most Rev. Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, P.O. Box 347180, Parma OH 44134. You may also file a report with Ms. Marika Zaliszczuk, Victim Assistance Coordinator of St. Josaphat Eparchy (412-215-5372). For more information on St. Josaphat Eparchy's safe environment policy and procedures and other pertinent info, please, log onto:
<http://stjosaphateparchy.com/safe-environment/>