

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

February 10, 2019

9:10 AM Rosary
9:30 AM **H/B for all Parishioners**

DIVINE SERVICES/EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 11th NO SERVICES

Tuesday, February 12th

9:00 AM **H/B for Sophia Szabat – by Bill Szabat**

Wednesday, February 13th

6:30 PM **BIBLE STUDY**

Thursday, February 14th

9:00 AM **+ Patrick Burns – by Jett Family**

Friday, February 15th

9:00 AM **+ William Taras – by Jacubic & Bayko Families**

Saturday, February 16th

5:00 PM **+ Walter Tomko – by Andrew Martyniuk**

Sunday, February 17th Sunday of the Prodigal Son

9:10 AM Rosary
9:30 AM **H/B for all Parishioners**
Catechism classes for children

PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of husband and wife so that we might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on us. Renew our marriage covenant. Increase your love in us, and strengthen our bond of peace so that, [with our children], we may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. For are a merciful and loving God and we give glory to You, Father Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen Bless the Lord, all the marriage and grant them peaceful life, integrity, mutual love in the bond of peace, long life and unfading crown of glory. May the Blessing of the Lord be upon You!

+Bohdan

“The word of God tells us that the family is entrusted to a man, a woman and their children, so that they may become a communion of persons in the image of the union of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth” (no. 30).

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **Maria Griffiths (2/12)** celebrates her birthday. We wish you a wonderful celebration, and a year of health and blessings flavored with pure joy, and **many blessed years... mnohaya i blahaya lita!**

YOUTH LOCK-IN RETREAT:

Saint Josaphat Eparchy Youth Committee is preparing for the ninth annual Lock-in Retreat to be held from 1:00pm on Saturday March 23rd to Sunday March 24th at 1:00pm at Saint Anne’s Ukrainian Catholic Church, 4310 Kirk Rd, Austintown, Ohio. This annual event is designed for Teenagers/Young Adults, and attracts over fifty Teenagers/Young Adults every year. This year’s Theme is” He who has ears to hear let him hear” (Mt 13:9), with a special focus on the Word of God and Catechesis. Admission cost is: \$30.00 which includes presentations, meals & T-shirts.

For more information, please contact Fr. Deacon Myron Spak @ [412-303-9086](tel:412-303-9086)/ mjspak@verizon.net

Frozen Pyrohy?Perogies are still available

WHY DO WE NEED TO READ BIBLE?

Our Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky teaches us how to read the Bible in the family: “It is necessary for every Christian to clearly understand the value of reading and knowing the Bible. The Holy Gospel is what sanctifies every home and showers it with grace, for it is bestows faith and love on its inhabitants. The Gospel protect them from harm, shows them the path in life, uplifts their hearts to heaven and cleanses their souls of stain. I would not hesitate to say that it heals all wounds of their bodies. The practice of reading the Holy Scriptures every day, even briefly, ought to become the practice of every Christian family. Such reading should be seen as daily nourishment. It is a healthy, healing and strengthening food...” (On Venerating the Holy Cross).

BIBLE STUDY—COME AND SEE!

Every **Wednesday at 6:30 PM** in the parish hall, a group of men and women gather to pray, read, study, and learn more about our Faith through readings from the Catechism of the UCC, the Old and New Testaments. Interesting commentary and questions about real-life issues from our reading material and from each other help us to discern God’s Voice in the midst of our busy lives. Please join us.

PLANNING AHEAD:

Feb 24 – “Learning to Evangelize”
Mar 2 - Pyrohy
March 10 – “Learning to Evangelize”
Apr 6 – Pyrohy

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Prayer for Vocations:

Almighty and merciful God, inspire those You have chosen to hear and answer Your call to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Give them the courage to be the prophets for our times. Give them the wisdom and openness to live their personal call. Give them the strength to be ready witness of Your love and care for the world. Amen.

VISIT THE HOLY GHOST PARISH LIBRARY

Located in the parish hall near the double doors, our library has books and other materials to borrow. Browse selections on Liturgy, Scripture, Mary and other Saints, Prayer, the Sacraments, and some children's items. There is a small collection of books in Ukrainian. Let us know if you have books to add to the library on our Liturgy, theology, and traditions. Books of this type may be left in the box marked "Book Donations" near the Library shelves. Questions: Pete or Norma Kopko 330-284-8011.

THE UNITED STATES COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

We are all invited to visit www.usccb.org/conscience to learn more about various social issues relative to the teaching of the Catholic Church. It helps to stay informed, as we continue to mature in our Catholic Christian Faith. See what the hierarchy has discussed, decided and published in order to guide the faithful.

When celebrating together, cultivate Christian family traditions and practices, instill in your children a Christian outlook on life and develop in them a sense of belonging to the parish church community.

"28. The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters". This presumes that it

really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few. The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach."

Pope Francis, *Apostolic Exhortation on the Proclamation of the Gospel in Today's World*

ARE YOU READY?:

Many people think because they attend a particular parish, they automatically belong. But membership requires signing up---formally enrolling yourself in parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. Please make an effort to register in our parish.

FORGIVENESS:

Forgiveness does not mean acceptance of a lie. When we forgive, we don't put up with evil, but on the contrary, we name it and call a wrongdoer as such. But when we forgive, this means that first of all we throw evil out of our own heart. Only that person who is spiritually higher and stronger, can forgive. To forgive means to overcome evil. Forgiveness does not mean release from responsibility for wrongdoings. Fair punishment is necessary for reconciliation. Otherwise how can we speak about the due respect for the victims of crimes, due satisfaction for their offences if, according to the principles of justice, the person who offended them will not suffer deserved punishment?

MARRIAGE The Holy Mystery of Marriage (from the catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church) Marriage Is a Mystery of Love between a Man and a Woman # 472

Marriage is based on the fact that the married couple mutually complements one another. The Church gives witness to this in a prayer of the Rite of Crowning: "Holy God, you created man from the dust and from his side fashioned a woman as a suitable helpmate for him, for such was the good pleasure of your majesty that man should not be alone on earth." In their gender differentiation, a man and a woman complete one another, creating an indissoluble union of one body

"The merciful Lord hurries to help others using our feet, supports the sick and frail with our hands, listens to those who have been wronged with our ears, consoles those who are sad with our mouths, carries the weak with our shoulders, brings others close to Himself with our hearts. In other words, the vocation of every Christian is to be an icon of God's goodness and love in the world."

Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory. But above all I recommend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Divine Liturgies I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen

Our life, given us by the Lord, is given in order that we would use it correctly and advantageously. If we didn't have life, than everything else would not have any worth or value. Only in the context of our life everything else can have some kind of value. If God gifted us with life, then He expects us to spend it profitably and bring Him the fruits in our particular state of life. The Lord gave us life, and better said, lent it – handed it to us. In the final analysis, it is not our property, we are only making use of it and some day we will stand before God to bring its fruits from it. It's similar to that when someone who has a treasure, money, and tries to deposit it in the best way, either in a bank or in a business, in order that the transaction would yield a profit. So it is with our life—it's an enormous treasure. And the question rests is in this, where we are investing it. Inevitably we will invest it. If we invest it correctly, then later in eternity, we will have accrued a profitable yield from this transaction.