

EIGHTHS SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 4, 2019

8:40 AM Rosary
9:00 AM Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners

Tuesday, August 6th The Holy Transfiguration of Jesus Christ (blessing of fruit)

9:00 AM + Stefania Fenkanyn – by Olga Mosyjowski

Wednesday, July 7th

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

6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY – in the parish hall

Thursday, August 8th

9:00 AM + For Deceased Members of the Family – by Mark and Helen Preebe

Friday, August 9th

9:00 AM H/B for Nancy, Nick & Lilyan Marie Rizk – by Roman & Mary Kostiuk

Saturday, August 10th

5:00 PM + George Hodowanec – by Chris & Cindy Ross

Sunday, August 11th 9th Sunday after Pentecost

8:40 AM Rosary

9:00 AM Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

On Tuesday, August 6th, we will celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This Feast commemorates the event on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John.

On this Feast Day fruit is brought to our Churches to be blessed for eating. Traditional practice includes the blessing of grapes (*a reminder that we must abide in the True Vine, Jesus Christ*).

The blessing of grapes, as well as other fruits and vegetables on this day is the most beautiful and adequate sign of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in God's Paradise where all will be transformed by the glory of the Lord.

We will be blessing fruit and vegetables on this feast day. We invite all parishioners to come and celebrate this beautiful feast with us and bring fruit and vegetables to be blessed.

“Do not give pride an entrance into your heart.”

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **John Szijarto (8/04)**, **Ronald Prexta (8/9)** and **Judy Siwik (8/12)** celebrate their birthdays. Also **David & Dr. Maria Griffiths (8/7)**, **Jeremy & Judy Schwager (8/8)**, **Tom & Kristen Lehner (8/10)** and **Bruce & MaryAnn Delagrance (8/10)** celebrate their wedding anniversary. 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!**

ANNUAL PIEROGY OPEN INFO

This year the Pierogy Open will be held on Saturday, August 24 at Mayfair Country Club. The tee time will be at 2 pm., with our normal shotgun start. This includes a free lunch buffet before tee off. This event is important for our parish and the orphanage in Berezhany, Ukraine. The cost is \$60. Please try to bring a foursome or two! Please contact Chris Ross (330-620-8108) or Eddie Halamay (330-606-7888) for more information. **The space is limited and the deadline turn in your money is Sunday August 11th. Please register! Thanks!**

REMINDER:

Food donations are being accepted all year in the barrel located at the front entrance. Any amount of food you can bring will be appreciated by the local food bank.

Thank you!

HELP STILL WANTED:

Presently our lawncare maintenance crew consists of two retired senior citizens. They will provide an opportunity to as many as To Whom It May Concern to join their ranks; join once or join forever, we won't tell! No experience necessary, O J T (on the job training) provided at no cost, and out of this world retirement benefits! Self-propelled mowers and tractor and hand tools included. Flexible hours due to weather conditions and grass height. Opportunity for advancement and year round devotion. We do not discriminate due to disability, scholarship, ethnicity or gender. Send your resume' and/or consult with Roman K. or Mike M.

STAYING INFORMED:

You can keep updated with Divine Liturgy schedules, current and future Church events, and Bible Study materials by checking our Church website www.hgucc.org every week. Occasionally you may even find your picture there!

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!

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.

“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.

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

Pope Francis held a two-day meeting at the Vatican with leaders of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, including Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, the members of the Permanent Synod, and the Metropolitans; as well as the heads of discasteries of the Roman Curia with relevant competencies.

In his remarks to the leaders of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, Pope Francis acknowledged the "difficult and delicate situation" in Ukraine, which has suffered more than five years of war in its eastern provinces. The Pope noted the so-called ‘hybrid’ nature of the conflict, “composed as it is of acts of war in which those responsible camouflage themselves; a conflict where the weakest and the smallest pay the highest price; a conflict aggravated by propagandistic falsifications and by manipulations of various types, also in the attempt to involve in the religious aspect.”

The Holy Father assured the visiting prelates, “I hold you in my heart, and I pray for you, dear Ukrainian brothers.” He said, too, that his prayer goes out for all those affected by the fighting: “I ask of the ‘God of all comfort’ to comfort the souls of those who have lost their loved ones due to the war; those who bear wounds in their body and in their spirit; those who have had to leave their home and work, and face the risk of searching a more human future elsewhere, far away.” In turn, Patriarch Sviatoslav invited the pope to visit Ukraine: “For 5 years, Ukraine has been a victim of a war. It is not only done with foreign weapons, but also with misinformation, and the distortion of the truth. The Holy Father’s visit to Ukraine would be a very eloquent and symbolic way to end this war. Many believe this, not only Catholics.