

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 14, 2020

8:40 AM Rosary

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

Monday, June 15th NO SERVICES

Tuesday, June 16th

9:00 AM + Irene Stecura – by John Stecura

Wednesday, June 17th

9:00 AM **H/B for Larry Crookston Sr.** – by the Family

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

6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, June 18th

9:00 AM + Durkee Family – by Edward & Debra Durkee

Friday, June 19th

9:00 AM + Mykhailo Stecura – by John Stecura

Saturday, June 20th

3:30 PM Book Study

5:00 PM + Denice Galloway – by Tom & Kristen Lehner

Sunday, June 21st Father's Day -- Bishop Bohdan is coming to celebrate Liturgy with us

8:40 AM Rosary

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

Responding to Covid-19 is an evolving process. As a church and parish, we continue to adjust and adopt current best practices so that the community may continue to worship. In order to help maintain social distancing, beginning this Sunday, the choir will move back to the choir loft where they can spread out, yet remain a cohesive group. This will also free up more space in the main floor (nave). We will only use every-other pew in the church. Family units may sit as a group but groups should try to maintain distance from other groups in the pews. Additional seating will be available in the cry-room and chairs will be arranged in the vestibule. Markers have been placed along the main aisle six feet apart. When approaching to receive Holy Communion, please use these to maintain spacing. As always, please follow Father Sal's direction for receiving Christ. Should he feel that the communion spoon becomes contaminated during distribution, he will sanitize the spoon before continuing. Furthermore, a reminder that masks and gloves are encouraged. Lastly, as always, if you feel ill or have underlying medical conditions that place you at an increased risk, please continue worshipping at home with our live stream.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Next week **Dr. Thomas S. Lehner (6/20)** celebrates his birthday. Blessings, grace and peace to you! *Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!*

YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM:

Holy Ghost parish is planning to run a youth summer program this year open to 3-14 year olds. We will be learning about the importance and beauty of real friendship.

Tentative dates and topics:

Friday, July 10th 1-5pm – “Friendship in families.”

Friday, July 17th 1-5pm – “Friendship in the neighborhood.”

Friday, July 24th 1-5pm – “Friendship with Jesus.”

Additional details will be provided in the near future to those expressing interest. Please contact Fr. Sal as soon as possible so that we can finalize our plans. We will be taking standard COVID precautions.

BOOK STUDY:

In today's Catholic culture, we often act like we have quarantined our faith from others. Yet we don't have a virus – we are faithful Catholics who have Jesus in our lives! Let's learn and share ideas how to be proactive! Book study group is going to begin reading a new book by Marcel LeJeune **The Contagious Catholic**. Everyone is welcome!

PARISH GOLF OUTING:

We WILL have the Pyrogy Open this year. Saturday, August 22 at Mayfair Country Club. Shotgun start at 2 pm. The start time MAY change to 1 pm., and I will let everyone know well in advance.

No buffet for now but we will have box lunches of burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and chips! We will have the use of the large banquet room and will practice the social distance guidelines. And have our traditional Ukrainian dinner!

Please note the price is now \$65, a \$5 increase. This is our 11th year and the green fees go up \$1 every year. This has been our only increase.

The orphanage needs us now more than ever with what this Covid has done to the global economy. They are really struggling.

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Unfortunately, we came to a hard decision and decided to cancel our Summer Festival which was supposed to be at the end of June. There is some discussion however about preparing some FOOD on a "take out" basis.

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!

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).

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 report 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>

From OUR CATECHISM:

The Promise of the Messiah's Coming Immediately after their fall, God announces to Adam and Eve his promise of salvation. Inasmuch as the human race was deceived by the tempter by trusting in him, God sets enmity, a struggle between them, to safeguard humanity from total subordination to evil: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your off-spring and hers"(Gn 3:15). In this struggle, God promises humanity the ultimate victory: "He [i.e., the offspring of the woman] will strike your [i.e., the serpent's] head"(Gn 3:15). In the contest between good and evil, in the end, good will over-come, as personified as the offspring of the woman. The assurance of this victory emerges not from human efforts, but from the very Word of God, given in the promise. This first proclamation of the Good News about the salvation of the human race is what the Church calls the Protoevangelium. (#160)