

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

January 12, 2020

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

Monday, January 13th

NO SERVICES

Tuesday, January 14th

9:00 AM + Demetrios Jim Natsis – by John Roman Stecura

Wednesday, January 15th

5:00 PM Confessions in the Sacristy (or by appointment)
6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, January 16th

9:00 AM + Anna Martyniuk – by Carolyn Hillman

Friday, January 17th

9:00 AM PART 1 - PEELING & PREP OF ONIONS AND POTATOES
6:00 PM PART 2 - ADDITIONAL PREP

Saturday, January 18th

9:00 AM PYROHY PROJECT PART 3 - PINCHING
5:00 PM + Fr. Charles Byrider – by Fr. David Misbrener

Sunday, January 19th 32nd Sunday after Pentecost

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

During the month of January, each year we reflect on the Supreme Court's decision of Roe v. Wade. We pray for the preservation and protection of all human life from the time of conception to natural death.

Every human person who has ever lived, every human person who will be born today, and every human person who will come into existence in the future, is KNOWN and LOVED by our heavenly Father from all eternity. This loving Father in the knowledge, care and compassion that He has for each one of his sons and daughters, has made us unique and unrepeatable. He tells us...

"We were conceived in the heart of God, and for this reason each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."

During this month, let us thank our God and Father for the wonderful gift of human life and let us always pray and work to preserve this gift in all of its wonder and glory.

The Jordan Water –The Very Sacred Object:

The prayers of the Great Water Blessing call upon the Holy Spirit to come down upon the water to purify and sanctify it, and impart to it a healing power for the benefit of soul and body. *Please call or e-mail Fr. Vsevolod (Sal) to schedule a time for him to bless your home.*

2022 WORLD YOUTH DAY:

Our Eparchy is planning English-speaking pilgrimage of Catholic young adults (ages 18-35) to World Youth Day, Lisbon, Portugal in the summer of 2022. We are expecting participation from all across the United States of America and Canada. We strongly encourage young adults of our parish to participate. For more info, please talk to Fr. Sal

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 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.

Saturday, January 25, 2020: The movie "Unplanned" is being shown at St. Josaphat Cathedral Church, at 5:00 PM in the Men's Club Room. It is being presented as we observe the Right to Life Month. The film is about Abby Johnson, the youngest clinic director in the history of Planned Parenthood, who experiences a life-changing event that turns her into an anti-abortion activist. The movie is recommended for adults. We invite you to join us as we work for the preservation of human life. We hope to see you at this special event.

ENVELOPES:

Please pick up your 2020 envelopes in the Church vestibule. If you wish to have envelopes, please contact Fr. Sal.

PLANNING AHEAD:

January 18th - Pyrohy
February 22nd - Pyrohy
March 21st - Pyrohy

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"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you." (Jer. 1:5)

We are 'known' intimately. There will never be another you or another me... ever! Each one of us has his/her own individual character traits, physical features, personal idiosyncrasies, thoughts, dreams, desires and a million other things that collectively make us who we are as individual human persons. We think differently, we act differently, we have different tastes, different likes and dislikes and it is these things that single us out from the crowd and make us different in our own unique way. Pope Francis puts it this way:

"We were conceived in the heart of God, and for this reason each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary." (Laudato Si 65)

Yes, we are wonderfully and INTENTIONALLY made! We are so very unique and it is in our uniqueness that the beauty of every single human person shines forth and in which we can recognize and acknowledge the absolute beauty and gift that is inherent in every single human life. You are unique and unrepeatable – never forget that!

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This is a time for making New Year's resolutions. Let me suggest a few that would make Holy Ghost Parish more attractive. How about a resolution to:

- Hold doors for other people, say hello, maybe even introduce yourself to someone you see all the time but whose name you don't know...welcome them home and help give them a reason to return.
- Encourage and pray for church volunteers and be grateful for their giving, rather than commenting on what doesn't meet a personal preference.
- Dress the best you can when coming to the Divine Liturgy, to show it's important in your life to praise God.
- Don't scowl at people if they can't help coming late or have to leave early.
- Join in the singing and responding at Liturgy.
- Show the sacredness of the Church interior spaces by talking quietly, bowing or making sign of the cross when you pass the Iconostas, and in general, remembering you're in the amazing presence of God.

Pray how you might be able to embrace just one of these things as a New Year's resolution. They're simple things to lead to joy!

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!

