

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

September 22, 2019

8:40 AM Rosary

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

Monday, September 23rd NO SERVICES

Tuesday, September 24th

9:00 AM **+ Osyp Martyniuk** – by Tim Baker

Wednesday, September 25th

9:00 AM **+ Genevieve Benedick** – by Jeannette Bania

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

6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY – in the parish hall

Thursday, September 26th

9:00 AM **+ Theresa Taras** – by Roman & Mary Kostiuik

Friday, September 27th NO SERVICES

Saturday, September 28th

5:00 PM **VESPERS**

Sunday, September 29th 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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Appreciating Vespers

The word “vespers” comes from the Greek ἑσπέρα (*hespera*) and the Latin vesper, both meaning “evening”, because it is the evening service of the Church. Christians are to pray to God not just on Sunday mornings, but constantly, sanctifying time by offering prayer throughout the day. In the eighth chapter of the *Didache* (or “teaching”), a church manual dating from about 100 A.D., believers are urged to stop and pray three times throughout the day, at least saying the Lord’s Prayer. Soon enough a certain pattern would become standard, with believers praying at the third hour, the sixth hour, and the ninth hour (that is, at 9.00 a.m., noon, and 3 p.m. respectively). Christians were encouraged to pray in the evening also, and the pious were even encouraged to rise at midnight and pray at home for a bit (easier to do then than now, since people then went to bed earlier). In those days, the believers would say a prayer of thanksgiving when the evening lamp was brought in. Back then there was no electric light of course, and unless one lit a lamp for illumination, one sat in the dark. Accordingly, everybody kept the daily practice of lighting lamps when it began to get dark (that is, when each evening came), and bringing in the lamp to the place where everyone was. Because the Lord described Himself as “the light of the world” (see Jn. 9: 5), believers inevitably thought of Him when they saw the comforting lights of evening.

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **Therese Szijarto (9/27)** celebrates her birthday. May God bless you and grant you **many years, Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!**

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY:

Today we are pleased to celebrate an important event in our parish life as we begin our new catechetical year. The children and the adults who teach them are here to pray together and to be blessed at the start of a new School Year, helping all to realize how Christ lives in each one, and the Church as a whole. This sentiment is not merely a group of words, but an incentive for all the faithful to grow in faith. We join in this ceremony today to ask God to grant to his servants, our students, our teachers, and ourselves "many happy years!"

Protection BVM Chuch in Solon:

Annual Ukrainian Fall Festival will take place on Sunday, October 6 immediately after Divine Liturgy which starts at noon. We will be offering Ukrainian food, pastries and refreshments. Music will be provided by My Life DJ Services from 1:30 until 4:30. Chinese Raffle in addition to a 50/50 raffle will be held. Please reserve the day and support our sister parish!
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Fall Youth Retreat:

On **October 12-13** our Eparchy organizes Fall Youth Retreat at **Crestfield Camp & Conference Center in Slippery Rock, PA.** As parents we are always looking for ways to get our children away from computers, TVs, iphones and learn more about our faith, our church and improve much needed social skills. PLEASE consider signing up your children for this incredible event! Talk to Fr. Sal for more info.

EPARCHY BENEFIT DINNER:

A Benefit Dinner for the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat will take place on Sunday, October 20, 2019, at Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Parma. Bishop Bohdan will be attending. This will be a very special Dinner and an important opportunity to support our Eparchy. Everyone is invited to attend ort to support the Dinner in some way. You may register for the dinner via the mail or online at the Eparchy’s website (www.stjosaphatateparchy.com). Please support this important event for the Eparchy.

Vespers:

Dear Parishioners, about once a month on Saturdays instead of Divine Liturgy we will be praying Vespers. Which is a beautiful to worship our God and pray as a community. Even if you come to Liturgies on Sunday, please consider to deepen your relationship with God by attending Vespers at our parish!

PLANNING AHEAD:

Oct 19 - Pyrohy
Nov 9 - Pyrohy

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