

**34<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**January 16, 2022**

8:40 AM      Rosary  
9:00 AM      **H/B for All Parishioners**  
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**DIVINE SERVICES/EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**  
*Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>*    *Martin L. King Day*  
                 9:30AM      **+ James Robb – by the Family**  
*Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>*  
                 9:30AM      **H/B for Isabel Elizabeth Syvanych – by the Shevchuk Family**  
*Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>*  
                 9:30AM      **H/B for Katherine Taras – by a friend**  
                 6:30PM      **BIBLE STUDY**  
  
*Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>*  
                                 NO SERVICES  
  
*Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>*    *Saint Maximus the Confessor*  
                 9:30AM      **H/B for Robert West – by Michael Mosyjowski**  
  
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*Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>*  
                 5:00PM      **+ Joseph & Sophia Szabat – by Bill Szabat**  
  
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**SUMMIT COUNTY MARCH FOR LIFE:**  
This year marks the 49th anniversary of the tragedy of legal abortion across the United States. Just because something is legal doesn't make it right. Please join Right to life of Northeast Ohio as they sponsor the Summit County March for Life at 9:00 am on Saturday, January 22 in Cuyahoga Falls as we work to end abortion. The 1.5 mile route starts and ends at the Community Vineyard Church and goes past the Northeast Ohio Women's Center abortion business. For more details, visit [www.RightToLifeofNortheastOhio.com](http://www.RightToLifeofNortheastOhio.com) and click on the **events** page. To carpool contact *Michael Mosyjowski*.

**DONATIONS January 9th:**  
Weekly loose offerings: \$66  
Weekly envelopes:      \$1064  
**Total:                      \$1130**

**SAVE THE DATE January – April 2022:**  
Our parishioners are invited to participate in upcoming series for parents & adults Fridays 6:30-8:00pm in Memorare Center at St. Francis Parish.  
This is an 11-week course beginning Jan 14 running through April 1. Come to as many sessions as you are able. Each week covers a different topic. This books equips parents of young children, as well as older children into adulthood with separate age-appropriate dialogue.  
To register, contact Mike & Michelle Powers at [mpower36@yahoo.com](mailto:mpower36@yahoo.com).  
The only cost is for the book, which is \$5.  
All are welcome.

**Babysitting will be provided!**

**Church Envelopes:**  
Unfortunately, due to some printing delays we have not yet received our new 2022 church envelopes. We should get them soon. Thank you for patience!  
  
**MOLEBEN FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE:**  
On January 21, 2022, at 6:30 PM, we will have a special Moleben for Peace in Ukraine, with clergy from our local parishes, at St. Josaphat Cathedral. All are invited to attend.

**2022 Church Calendars**  
are available for you in the vestibule.

***We will have Vespers on Saturday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm***

**Love is at the core of communion among Christ's disciples (1 Cor 13:13):**  
“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (Jn 13:35). The community of Christ is, in essence, a network of love and service. Witness to this is wonderfully borne in the Acts of the Apostles: “Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common” (Act 4:32). How good when there is cooperation and solidarity! This network of souls through the millennia embraced the destitute, healed wounds, overcame divisions among people, raised those who found themselves at the bottom of the social ladder, and continues to do so to this day.  
The development of media technologies—from the discovery of writing and printing to the internet—expresses this same communication network, which is natural, indeed, essential for a human being. Human life in its many facets is a network of intricate relationships. The famous Catholic writer of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Thomas Merton, noted “No man is an island.” We are rediscovering this in contemporary culture with its tendency towards individualism and polarization and are experiencing this deeply in a time of pandemic. We need contact with other people, like we need air. However, such relationships must be healthy, whole, marked by an ability to listen and hear one another, and not poisonous or toxic. We must become a Church of healthy relationships.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
And do not rely on your own insight.  
In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths.  
Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.  
It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body.  
Proverbs 3:5-6**

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...

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

4. **The Path to Curing Wounds and Healing Traumas.** Journeying through the cities, towns, and villages of the Holy Land, Jesus gathered disciples and preached the Kingdom. At the same time, He demonstrated the essence of the Kingdom in a manner understood by all—listening, showing mercy, and healing: "And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction" (Mt 9:35). He healed haemorrhage and blindness, demonic possession and leprosy, paralysis, and the ultimate human illness—death. Healing is an expression of God's love and a sign of the presence of His Kingdom: "He welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing" (Lk 9:11). The Lord provides us an example of how we are to act and preach—to heal the wounds and illnesses of others, especially in the context of the lived

experiences intent on destroying the human being and crushing its dignity.

We cannot dream about the future of our Church if we do not reflect on the need for a healing of traumas—personal, familial, societal, ecclesial, national, historical, and global. Contemporary understanding of how the human psyche works, the dynamics of consciousness, will, and feelings of a person, the experience of pastoral ministry and relationships demonstrate how all of us need healing. Entire generations of our Church's faithful experienced great upheavals, which, unfortunately, have not ceased, but take on new forms. The terror of genocidal regimes and world wars, colonialism and violence, imprisonment and forced emigration, and the pandemic—all leave profound wounds on human souls, on families, and on all of society.

These wounds require the healing of God's mysterious, tender, and personal touch. Otherwise, pain, fear, and mistrust lead to aggression, destructive passions, and addictions. Where there is no genuine love among God's sons and daughters, there seductive, populist ideologies take root. Cheap promises, simplistic and deceptive answers to the profound needs of the human soul cripple and deform the psyche and thinking of entire societies. The power that heals, the grace of the Holy Spirit, capable of healing the wounds of the past and present—these come from an encounter with the living Christ, the Physician of soul and body, Who makes Himself present in the mutual love of His followers. And the vehicle for this Source of healing is and must be our Church, all its communities and institutions.

The pandemic, which every one of us is experiencing, has given us the opportunity to see even more clearly the face of a crippled humanity and the needs of the wounded person, who suffers from loneliness, fear, anxiety, addictions, disquiet, and injustice. We need a Healer and we ourselves must be instruments of healing in order to reveal the Kingdom that we preach. It is the road of healing, which intertwines with the paths of repentance, that opens up the way towards an authentic mission. The children of the Church, who have experienced her life-giving love, and have understood their Baptismal vocation

to divine sonship and daughterhood, become missionaries who preach a Gospel of redemption and healing.