

PENTECOST

May 31, 2020

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

Monday, June 1 st	NO SERVICES
Tuesday, June 2 nd	
9:00 AM	+ Stefania Fenkanyn – by Nancy Stecyk
Wednesday, June 3 rd	
9:00 AM	+ Julia Gaida – by Skubiak & Dressler families
5:00 PM	Confessions in the Sacristy (or by appointment)
6:30 PM	BIBLE STUDY
Thursday, June 4 th	
9:00 AM	+ Anna Martyniuk – by the Family
Friday, June 5 th	
9:00 AM	+ Priests & Religious of the St Josaphat Eparchy – by Fr. David Misbrener

Saturday, June 6 th	
3:30 PM	Book Study
5:00 PM	+ Joseph, Anna & Christopher Skubiak – by Dressler & Skubiak
Sunday, June 7 th	SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS
8:40 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners

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 port 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>

Thank you for your generosity!

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **Judy Schwager (6/02)** celebrates her birthday. **Jayce Norman** was baptized at our parish on 5/26. 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!**

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: The Art of Practical Evangelization.** Everyone is welcome! If you have questions, talk to Halyna Shevchuk

PENTECOST TRADITIONS:

On this day the faithful visit and decorate the graves of their ancestors and pray for the repose of their souls and their release from their sins. In memory of the dead, flowers, wreaths and green branches, all representing life and the liberation from death (resurrection) are used not only at the grave sites but also to decorate the homes and churches. This is the origin of our custom of decorating the churches on Pentecost with green branches. On May 31, after Liturgy there will be Panahyda for the deceased. Individual graves blessings will be blessed upon request next week.

Watch Kid Bible Story: Pentecost on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuUK6REOWuE> and discuss the story with your children. Some questions you might want to explore are: Why did Jesus make the Apostles wait after his Ascension? Would the Apostles have appreciated the gift of the Holy Spirit if the Spirit had come immediately? During this Covid-19 pandemic lock down, have the children learned to appreciate school, their teachers? Are we like the Apostles waiting for a miracle to happen? Are we afraid like the Apostles and praying more like them?

YOUTH MEETING:

As you know, we are planning the Zoom meeting with youth of Saint Josaphat Eparchy on Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 3pm. We need our youth (Middle School and High School ages) email addresses in order to invite them for the zoom meeting. Please be so kind as to send their emails to Father Zhybak zhybak@hotmail.com no later than June 4, 2020.

MISSION FUND COLLECTION:

We are called upon to discover and understand anew that our parish communities and families are missionary in nature. The fund collected in our parishes throughout St. Josaphat Eparchy will support pastoral ministry for our faithful in Eastern Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Siberia and places where we do not have established church structures. In addition, a portion of these funds will be designated for our own mission activities within our Eparchy in Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina and to establish mission parishes in South Carolina and Kentucky. Thank you again for your goodness and generosity!

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).