

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**

**March 1, 2020**

8:40 AM Rosary

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

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*Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>* NO SERVICES

*Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>* NO SERVICES

*Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>*

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

6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY

*Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>*

NO SERVICES

*Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>*

6:30 PM LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

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*Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>*

3:30 PM Book Study club in the Rectory (Chapters 7-9)

5:00 PM **+ John Wolosinczuk – by Wolosinczuk Family**

*Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>*

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/safe-environment/>

**EASTER BAKING!** The Easter baking of bread and kolachi will begin this Thursday, March 5th at 9am.. Additional days will be Thursdays, March 12th and March 19th. Any amount of time you can volunteer will be very much appreciated. Lunch will be provided. No experience necessary!

**“Better is a handful with quiet than two handfulls with toil, and a chasing after wind.”**

Ecclesiastes 4:6

**Lock-in-Retreat Event Details:**

**Audience:** Teenagers/Young Adults

**Theme:** “I will sing to the Lord as long as I live, I will praise my God as long as I last” (Psalm 104:33-34)

**Key Note Speaker:** Father Deacon Cyril Kennedy, Edmonton Eparchy, and PhD candidate in Liturgical Theology at Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

**Additional Speakers:** Seminarians Luke Iyengar and Kyprian Wojciechowski, Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Pittsburgh, PA.

**Date:** March 14<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup> (1:00pm to 1:00pm)

**Location:** Saint Anne’s Ukrainian Catholic Church, 4310 Kirk Rd, Youngstown, Ohio 44511.

**Costs:** \$25.00 (presentations, book, meals & T-shirts included)

**What to bring:** Sleeping bag, air mattress or cot, change of clothes, tooth brush, towel, good attitude

**Optional Service Project:** Society of Saint Vincent DePaul, Youngstown, OH

**NOW TAKING PASKA ORDERS!**

The BVM Sodality will once again bake Easter paskas for the celebration of the Pasch. In order to ensure we have plenty available, **please place your order as soon as possible.** Order forms are available in the church social hall. There are 2 sizes this year, the 2<sup>1/2</sup> lb and the 16oz, and you can choose with raisins or without. Also available will be nut, low-sugar nut, apricot, poppyseed, lekvar (prune), and almond rolls at \$12.00 each.

**ALL ARE INVITED...**

To an informal meeting on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, following the 9:00am Divine Liturgy to discuss the upcoming Palm Sunday Bazaar \*April 5) and Annual Festival (June 27).

We need to discuss raffle prize, any major changer or improvements to activities, new ideas or suggestions to make both events better, what works & what doesn’t .

**ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESAN-WIDE RETREAT DAY FOR WOMEN:**

Join us on Saturday March 28 at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Akron from 9:30 to 3:00. Speakers include Mother Jeannette of the Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and Mother Theodora of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery. This year’s theme is ***Friendship and the Saints***. For more information visit [stfparish.com](http://stfparish.com) and click on the Women’s Retreat link.

**PLANNING AHEAD:**

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Ladies Day out

April 12<sup>th</sup> Easter

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ladies Day out

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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)*

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!

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.

day's Catholic is called to take an intelligent, spiritual approach to the bible.

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).

**ENVELOPES:**

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

**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!**

**DONATION STATEMENTS FOR 2019:** Statements for tax deductible contributions made to the church 2019 are available in the vestibule. Please contact Fr. Sal if you have any questions or if you need your statement mailed to you