

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FATHER'S DAY

June 21, 2020

8:40 AM Rosary

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

Monday, June 22nd NO SERVICES

Tuesday, June 23rd NO SERVICES

Wednesday, June 24th **Birth of John the Baptist**

9:00 AM + **Wolodymyr & Jaroslawa Strileckyj** – by Lida Strileckyj

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

6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, June 25th

9:00 AM + **Irene Stecura** – by John Stecura

Friday, June 26th

9:00 AM **H/B for Tommy Lehner** – by Thomas & Kristen Lehner

Saturday, June 27th

3:30 PM Book Study

5:00 PM **H/B Roman & Mary Kostiuk** – by Gates, Rizk & Fenkanyn Families
50th wedding anniversary

Sunday, June 28th **ALL SAINTS OF RUS-UKRAINE**

8:40 AM Rosary

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

Responding to Covid-19 is an evolving process. As a church and parish, we continue to adjust and adopt current best practices so that the community may continue to worship. In order to help maintain social distancing, beginning this Sunday, the choir will move back to the choir loft where they can spread out, yet remain a cohesive group. This will also free up more space in the main floor (nave). We will only use every-other pew in the church. Family units may sit as a group but groups should try to maintain distance from other groups in the pews. Additional seating will be available in the cry-room and chairs will be arranged in the vestibule. Markers have been placed along the main aisle six feet apart. When approaching to receive Holy Communion, please use these to maintain spacing. As always, please follow Father Sal's direction for receiving Christ. Should he feel that the communion spoon becomes contaminated during distribution, he will sanitize the spoon before continuing. Furthermore, a reminder that masks and gloves are encouraged. Lastly, as always, if you feel ill or have underlying medical conditions that place you at an increased risk, please continue worshipping at home with our live stream.

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **Roman & Mary Kostiuk (6/27)** celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. 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!**

YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM:

Holy Ghost parish is planning to run a youth summer program this year open to 3-14 year olds. We will be learning about the importance and beauty of real friendship.

Tentative dates and topics:

Friday, July 10th 1-5pm – “Friendship in families.”

Friday, July 17th 1-5pm – “Friendship in the neighborhood.”

Friday, July 24th 1-5pm – “Friendship with Jesus.”

Additional details will be provided in the near future to those expressing interest. Please contact Fr. Sal as soon as possible so that we can finalize our plans. We will be taking standard COVID precautions. Thus far only one family contacted Fr. Sal!

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**.

PARISH GOLF OUTING:

We WILL have the Pyrogy Open this year. Saturday, August 22 at Mayfair Country Club. Shotgun start at 2 pm. The start time MAY change to 1 pm., and I will let everyone know well in advance.

No buffet for now but we will have box lunches of burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and chips! We will have the use of the large banquet room and will practice the social distance guidelines. And have our traditional Ukrainian dinner!

Please note the price is now \$65, a \$5 increase. This is our 11th year and the green fees go up \$1 every year. This has been our only increase.

The orphanage needs us now more than ever with what this Covid has done to the global economy. They are really struggling.

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An Invitation to Remember and Pray throughout our Metropolia on Sunday June 28 in Solidarity with Victims of COVID-19 and Racism as We Return to our Churches.

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!

Unfortunately, we came to a hard decision and decided to cancel our Summer Festival which was supposed to be at the end of June. There is some discussion however about preparing some FOOD on a "take out" basis.

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).

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>

From OUR CATECHISM:

The Promise of the Messiah's Coming Immediately after their fall, God announces to Adam and Eve his promise of salvation. Inasmuch as the human race was deceived by the tempter by trusting in him, God sets enmity, a struggle between them, to safeguard humanity from total subordination to evil: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your off-spring and hers"(Gn 3:15). In this struggle, God promises humanity the ultimate victory: "He [i.e., the offspring of the woman] will strike your [i.e., the serpent's] head"(Gn 3:15). In the contest between good and evil, in the end, good will over-come, as personified as the offspring of the woman. The assurance of this victory emerges not from human efforts, but from the very Word of God, given in the promise. This first proclamation of the Good News about the salvation of the human race is what the Church calls the Protoevangelium. (#160)

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Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics and our Beloved Faithful!

The last four months have been tumultuous and tragic, shocking our country and the world. The COVID-19 virus spread globally. Millions who got infected were hospitalized and suffered physical and psychological torment before a thankful recovery. Many corona victims have lasting, debilitating after-effects. Despite the heroic efforts and dedicated care of doctors and nurses, family members, parishioners, friends, and acquaintances succumbed to the pandemic —over 120,000 in the US and one half million globally, not counting unconfirmed cases. Among them was our Metropolitan Emeritus, Archbishop Stephen Sulyk, of blessed memory. Painfully, many persons passed away in isolation from their loved ones who could not be at their bedside, while clergy could not administer the Sacraments. Funeral rites were abridged, and those attending were limited in number. Among the deceased are medical martyrs who put their lives on the line helping their patients. Their sacrificial service and love will always be admired and remembered. Indeed, “no one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15:13). Before the Lord we remember all the victims of the pandemic and pray for the sick and their caregivers.

American society was equally shocked by the tragic and appalling killing of George Floyd. The gut-wrenching white and black image of the suffocating knee on the neck and the desperate plea “I can’t breathe” outraged the nation and world, prompting an unprecedented wave of civil rights protest against racism and police brutality. Many Americans are seeing what we did not see before, recognizing responsibilities that we can no longer ignore. Many have come together to manifest solidarity with Black Americans and with all victims of racism. Many are praying in a new way for a new world, a renewed nation. Some demonstrations, heartbreakingly, turned violent. Innocent people, including police officers carrying

out the essential mission of protecting society from criminals, were hurt or even killed. Large and family-owned businesses were torched and robbed, including those owned by or serving Afro-Americans. The Lord calls our nation to a deep examination of conscience— to see and purge persistent patterns of bigotry and hatred, to acknowledge injustice, to cleanse our hearts of evil passions. The Lord calls us to face our future with prayer. Through prayer we will move to authentic solidarity with our discriminated-against brothers and sisters. Only with the Lord, in Him, and through Him can we overcome the sinfulness of our human nature. We pray and remember, so that we can grow in authentic integrity since “from one ancestor He (God) made all nations to inhabit the whole earth” (Acts 17:26).

Week by week, we have been returning to regular Sunday services. Most of our parishes are now open. We rejoice that we can finally be together in prayer. Thus, as we begin again, carrying with us the experience of the last months we call all to a deep spiritual reflection on the signs of the times.

On Sunday June 28 we invite all the clergy, religious, and faithful together to remember all the victims of the COVID-19 virus, those who died as a result of racism or acts of police brutality, and the victims of recent protests, in all our parishes throughout the country by celebrating a *Panakhida* requiem service at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, friends, relatives, neighbors, doctors, nurses, first responders and medical personnel who have died of the virus.

Let us also pray for Mr. George Floyd and others like him who died as a result of injustice, let us pray for those who died in the bonds of slavery or other expressions of racism.

Let us pray for the victims of riots and unbridled passions.

Let us pray that the Lord grant peace, physical and psychological healing, reconciliation, and tolerance and true justice!

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