

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Parable of the Rich Fool

Commentary on Riches

The land of a rich man produced abundant harvests, and he thought to himself, "What am I to do? I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones." Now why did that land bear so well, when it belonged to a man who would make no good use of its fertility? It was to show more clearly the forbearance of God, whose kindness extends even to such people as this. He sends rain on both the just and the unjust, and makes the sun rise on the wicked and good alike. But what do we find in this man? A bitter disposition, hatred of other people, unwillingness to give. This is the return he made to his Benefactor. He forgot that we all share the same nature; he felt no obligation to distribute his surplus to the needy. His barns were full to bursting point, but still his miserly heart was not satisfied. Year by year he increased his wealth, always adding new crops to the old. The result was a hopeless impasse: greed would not permit him to

part with anything he possessed, and yet because he had so much there was no place to store his latest harvest. And so he was incapable of making a decision and could find no escape from his anxiety. What am I to do?

You who have wealth, recognize who has given you the gifts you have received. Consider yourself, who you are, what has been committed to your charge, from whom you have received it, why you have been preferred to most other people. You are the servant of the good God, a steward on behalf of your fellow servants. Do not imagine that everything has been provided for your own stomach. Make decisions regarding your property as though it belonged to another. Possessions give you pleasure for a short time, but then they will slip through your fingers and be gone, and you will be required to give an exact account of them.

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Parish Mission

It's arrived! The week of our Parish Mission. Please make every attempt to be here all three nights. **Father Burke Masters**, a priest from the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois will present "**From Bench Warmer to Hall of Famer: The Call to be Saints in 2019.**"

The schedule is listed below.



November 19

Father talks about his conversion story from Protestant baseball player to Catholic priest. He states that "this is not your typical path to the priesthood, but one that engages people of all ages." Make sure you bring your whole family to hear what will be coming out in a book next year.

November 20 & 21

Father will look at characteristics of some of the greatest athletes in sports and match them to a saint with similar virtues.

It is anticipated that Father will be giving the weekday homilies on November 20 and 22. We're planning on refreshments in the hall after the last presentation.

Frank Petruno passed along a letter from the wife of the former University of Illinois baseball coach, which in part said:

"Having Father Burke address your community for three days will be a unique and enriching experience! In our part of the world—Chicagoland and the suburbs, he is considered a Rock Star! He has had a "journey" that could be described as one of a kind. From a high school phenom and College World Series position player at Mississippi State in the 80's, to pro ball, the priesthood and chaplaincy of the Chicago Cubs. You will find him interesting, inspiring, vibrant and personable."

November 17, 2019

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	November 18	8:00 a.m.	Dorothy Sabo by Mike/Mary Jo Monte-Kaser
Tuesday	November 19	8:00 a.m.	†Osadchuk Family by Dan/Ceil Kattler
Wednesday	November 20	8:00 a.m.	Intention of Betty Macik by Macik Family
Thursday	November 21	10:00 a.m.	Solemn Holyday: Presentation of Mary in the Temple
Friday	November 22	8:00 a.m.	†Alan/Jean Horvath by Chuck/Judy Churavy
Saturday	November 23	4:00 p.m.	Intention of Mother Cecilia by Jim/Darlene Hritz
Sunday	November 24	10:30 a.m.	†Charles/Jessica Knapik by Len/Marianne George Banner Sunday Intention of the Parishioners

Altar Servers

November 23	4:00 p.m.	D. Kattler & R. Bogdan
November 24	10:30 a.m.	S. Lupia, C. Lupia, G. Lupia & D. Tytko

Lectors

D. Doane
ECF Students

Greeters

J. & J. Foreman
H. Pariza & J. Carrig

It's easier to have patience with others when we remember God's patience towards us.

BANNER SUNDAY



Next week the tradition of "Banner Sunday" continues with our **ECF children**. Since the homilies are being connected to the liturgies, the theme for the kids' banners will be "The Divine Liturgy." Each grade has selected a liturgical component to present.

St. Nicholas Potluck

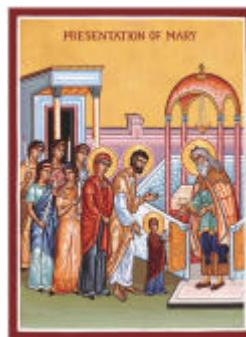
The annual **St. Nicholas Potluck** is scheduled for **December 8 right after liturgy**. St. Nicholas will escort the children out of church in order to meet with them in the vestibule (bring your cameras). During the meal the **A-OK Club** will have a table game to keep everyone occupied until you're called up to the buffet line. Afterwards there will be music for dancing. If you plan on attending, please sign the list posted on the vestibule bulletin board by **December 2**. Indicate the number of people and what you'll bring (dessert, salad, veggie, side). The **Men's Club and Ladies' Auxiliary** will provide the main course.



In conjunction with "Banner Sunday" we'll be holding a parish-wide **food collection** the weekend of **November 23/24**. **GCU Lodge 302** is organizing this effort to benefit St. Mary Hospitality House (operating out of Holy Spirit Church in Parma). Boxes will be placed in the vestibule for your non-perishable items.

November 21:

Presentation of Mary in the Temple



Thursday is a **Solemn Holyday**. The liturgy will be celebrated at **10:00 a.m.** **Father Masters** will give the homily. Try and attend, especially if evening travels make it difficult to take part in the Mission. The mirovanije \$\$ from next weekend will be given to Christ the Bridegroom Monastery as part of their Gala fund raiser.

Annual Stewardship Appeal

The **2019-20 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal** is underway. The theme is "Growing in Faith, Investing in Hope." Our goal is the same as last year, \$21,100.00. The Diocese is returning to the practice of returning to the parish any amount over the goal. Funds gained through this campaign will be used for retired priest's health insurance and pension plan contributions, the formation of new clergy, support for active clergy including relocation assistance, retreats, faith formation for youth/families. Combined these items are budgeted out at nearly \$400,000.00, of which the campaign only partially supports. Everyone should have received a pledge form in the mail. Returns should be made directly to the Diocese. The appeal runs through **April 26**. Please be generous with your pledge.

NEW WEBSITE! Now Live

Our new website went live on **November 11**. Our site will be hosted by eCatholic. We decided to change hosting services because the new

site will operate on a slightly different platform which will make it easier to maintain, it will more closely resemble sites from other parishes in the Eparchy, and eCatholic offers us features and capabilities that our current host does not.

The site can be accessed using the same web address—www.stjoebyz.com. Although there might be a slight difference in appearance in terms of color and graphics, the site should function exactly like the old one. During the first couple weeks of operation you will find that some of the document archives are limited to those items uploaded since January of 2019. We will upload older items once we ensure that the site is functioning properly.

While we do not anticipate any difficulties, we ask that you be patient while all of the details are worked out. It is anticipated that the bulletin will once again be able to be accessed via the website.

The Week Ahead

- The women's **BLESS Group** will meet on **Monday, 7:00**, in the Education Center.
- The **Men's Fellowship/Book Group** will meet on **Monday, 7:00**, in the Education Center.
- **Sandwich making** will take place on **Saturday, 9:30**, in the hall.



Baptism

We welcome into the Catholic Church and Community of Believers, **Tyrus James Parker**, son of **Ty and Pam**, baptized, confirmed and fully initiated at the Sunday liturgy.

Our Sympathy

Ann Stefanchik was buried this past week at the age of 75. She died suddenly of a heart attack. Parish sympathies are extended to her husband **John** and all her relatives from St. Joe's. The Stefanchik's joined our church a little over a year ago.

In blessed repose grant rest O Lord to the soul of Your departed Handmaid Ann and may her memory be eternal!

Your Weekly Offering

November 10, 2019

Sunday:	\$3,505.00
e-giving:	40.00
12 Student Envelopes:	14.00
Cash:	128.00
Candles:	110.00
Holy Days:	108.00
In Memory of Dorothy Sabo :	50.00
Total:	\$3,955.00

Have you remembered St. Joseph Church in your Will and/or Trust?

50/50 Club Winners

The winners from Friday's Grand Banquet will be listed in next week's Byzz Line. There are openings for the next session. Contact **Joe Csornok** if you are interested (**216-524-6344**).

The following monthly winners each received \$60.00!

#44	Bill Chalfa	#196	Linda Primuth
#145	James Aylward	#31	Millie Karaffa
#154	Ralph Centipelli	#220	Judy Krisinski
#228	Dennis Galdun	#250	Jerry Holderbaum

Please Pray

Please remember all the sick/suffering in your prayers, especially **Bill Paczak** (Cleveland Clinic); **Judy Zamaria** (S.W. General); **Mike Grocky** (Jennings; rehab); **Ann DeFreese** (home); **Frank Mikolay** (home); **Bea Chrusic** (home); **Bernadine Hodbavny** (home) and **Al Holocker** (home).



The **Outreach** clothing distribution is in need of gently used winter coats and clothing (especially children's sizes 2 to 14). Donations can be dropped off any time at the Parma Family Collaborative (5210 Loya Pkwy. in Parma) or you can make other arrangements by calling **Barbara Shepard (440-427-5999)**.

Altar Server/Greeter Schedules

Altar server and greeter schedules can be found in the mail slots (and on-line at our website).

Good Stewards

The word steward means to be put in charge, to supervise or administer the property of someone else. It means to manage something that doesn't belong to you for the good of the one that does own it. We are charged to be stewards of what God has first given us—ourselves, our time, our possessions.

By most standards, readings, and interpretations of Scripture, we understand that good stewardship means tithing. We also hear a great deal about first-fruits giving.



A tithe is defined as 1/10 of all that God has given us. Since God has given us everything—that means we should cheerfully return 1/10 of everything to God. The truth is that we have trouble sustaining, or just can't survive, a giving level of a tithe—so we think. If we are truly honest with ourselves we realize that it is the pressures of society, prosperity and pride that keeps us from tithing. Our society says that we should grab the gusto for ourselves because we only

go around once. The social and economic pressure of keeping up with the neighbors, and proving our success, puts more and more demands on our finances each day. The great need we have to "have it all" paralyzes our thought process when it comes to fiscal responsibility and we go into deeper debt that restricts our discretionary spending (which we believe includes our giving).

Tithing has become taboo as a conversation and challenge because it seems so hard to do. Part of the problem is that we often succumb to guilt and try to go from whatever level of giving we presently maintain to a tithe all in one step. Most of the time that is just too big a step, or not completely attainable due to the previously cited pressures on our economic welfare. The most helpful advice is to take it a step at a time with the ultimate goal of becoming a tither.

First fruit giving is making the commitment to give, whether we are at a tithe or not, and then practicing our giving first. Before the mortgage, the credit cards, the car payment, the other needs are addressed—we give back to God. Before we pay for a round of golf, put gas in the car, attend a sporting event, get our hair done, or buy another piece of clothing—we give back to God. First fruit giving is exactly what it says, we give first—not last or out of what's left. The blessing of first fruit giving comes when we realize that God has so richly blessed us that we can't help but give back to God—first—and watch what happens in our life and the lives of those touched by our giving.

ACTIVITY CENTER & HALL RESERVATIONS: 440-526-0016

CONFessions: One half hour before liturgies for fifteen minutes and by request

MEN'S CLUB: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

LADIES' AUXILIARY: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

A-OK CLUB: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

COFFEE SOCIAL: Every Sunday after liturgy

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF) CLASSES: Sundays 9:00 a.m.–10:20 a.m.

BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE: Tuesday noon

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