

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Jesus Healing a Blind Beggar – Luke 18:35–43*

### ***Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar***

The Gospel today describes Jesus' arrival in Jericho. It is the last stop before Jesus goes to Jerusalem, where His "Exodus", according to what He announced in the Transfiguration scene will take place. He has also issued similar sentiments along the way to Jerusalem (Lk 9: 44; 18:31-33).

The blind man sitting on the side of the road. "Now it happened that as Jesus drew near to Jericho, there was a blind man sitting on the side of the road begging. When he heard the crowd going past he asked what it was all about. They told him that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by". In the Gospel of Mark, the blind man is called Bartimaeus (Mk 10:46). Since he was blind, he could not participate in the procession which accompanied Jesus. At that time, there may have been many blind people in Palestine

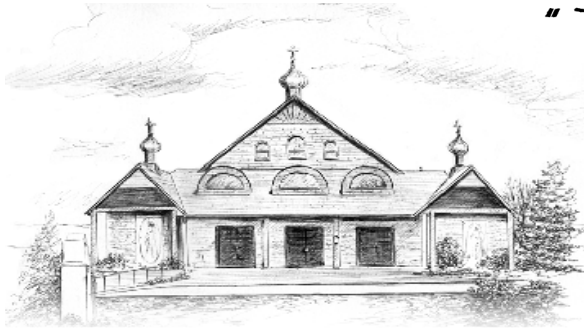
possibly because of the strong sun and arid conditions.

The cry of the blind man and the reaction of the people. "Then he began to cry out: Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" He calls Jesus using the title "Son of David". The teaching of that time taught that the Messiah would descend from David, a "Son of David". Jesus did not like this title. In quoting the Messianic Psalm, he asks Himself: "How is it that the Messiah can be the son of David if even David calls him "My Lord?" The cry of the blind man bothers the people who accompany Jesus. Consequently, "The people in front scold him telling him to keep quiet." However, "he only shouted all the louder, Son of David have pity on me!" This occurs in our time when the cry of the poor bothers the established society.

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## Life Empowers: March for Life Unveils 2020 Theme

**March for Life 2020,**

January 24, 2020

Washington, D.C.



The 2020 March for Life on January 24 will honor the centennial of women's suffrage in the United States.

The theme of the upcoming march is "Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman." Jeanne Mancini announced the theme during a panel event October 15 with pro-life and feminist leaders on Capitol Hill. (Mancini is President of the March for Life.)

The year 2020 marks the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment which extended the right to vote in the United States to include women. Underscoring the link between the significance of the anniversary and the theme of "empowerment," Mancini said that "we primarily chose it because of the centennial."

The March for Life is an annual pro-life gathering in Washington, D.C. with participants traveling from all over the country. The march has been held every January since 1974, the year after the Supreme Court found a legal right to abortion in all 50 states in its *Roe v. Wade* decision.

Abortion is currently "being promoted as essential to women's freedom, to women's empowerment, and to women's progress," Mancini said citing the National Abortion Rights Action League's (NARAL) #ShoutYourAbortion campaign that encouraged post-abortive women to publicly share the details of their abortion so as to normalize it.

"Our theme aims to change hearts and minds, to make abortion unthinkable in our culture," she said.



January 19, 2020

# Glory to Jesus Christ!

## Liturgy Schedule

Monday	January 20	8:00 a.m.	† <b>Anne Doane</b> by Judy Weitzel
Tuesday	January 21	8:00 a.m.	† <b>Harry Vasil</b> by Larry/Mary Vasil
Wednesday	January 22	8:00 a.m.	Intention of <b>Phil Maitino</b> by Joe/Marie Lupia
Thursday	January 23	8:00 a.m.	Intention of <b>Thomas Macik</b> by Macik Family
		<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Moleben Service for the Unborn</b>
Friday	January 24	8:00 a.m.	† <b>Peter Knapik Family</b> by Joseph Klinkovsky
Saturday	January 25	4:00 p.m.	Health of <b>Lynne Holtz</b> by Bill/Carol Sandy
Sunday	January 26	10:30 a.m.	Intention of the Parishioners

		<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
January 25	4:00 p.m.	J. & J. Kodek	B. Fortlage	D. & S. LaFleur
January 26	10:30 a.m.	G. Karaffa, J. Warner, R. Percic & A. Percic	J. Waski	M. Ihnat & J. Klinkovsky

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. —Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Volunteer Dinner



The “**Volunteer Dinner**” will be held on **February 15**. Invitations can be found in the mail slots.

## Financial Reports

The **2019 Financial Reports** should be available by the end of the month. If you need donation numbers earlier, please contact **Michele** in the office (**440-526-0016**).

## Prayer Service for Unborn

There will be a **Moleben Prayer Service for the Unborn** on **January 23** led by **Deacon Bill** (starting with the rosary at **7:00**).

## Bishop to Address Parish

**Bishop Milan** will be here on **January 26** to be the main celebrant at the **10:30 liturgy**. In the hall afterwards he will address whoever can stay, with the financial difficulty that some of the married priests are experiencing and his proposed short-term solutions.

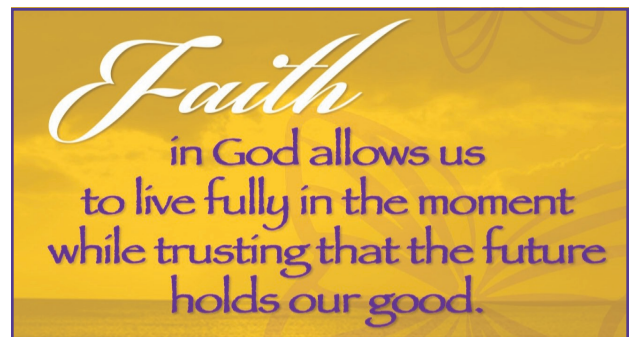


## House Blessing Completed

Another round of house blessing is in the books. **Father** would like to thank everyone in the out-lying areas for opening their doors for a visit. He appreciates the distance you travel to get to St. Joe's! Next year he will be making stops in cities east of I-77. (Last year's route included parishioners living west of I-77.)

## Please Pray

Please remember all the sick/suffering in your prayers, especially **Mary Lou Yanachik** (Ahuja); **Diane Brietenbach** (St. John Westshore); **Frank Mikolay** (Rocky Knoll Healthcare; rehab); **Karen Bodner** (Cleveland Clinic Fairlawn; rehab); **Pat Lesnick** (home); **Dave Elliott** (home); and **Bea Chrusic** (home).





## A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Looking for a fun night out? Consider gathering a group of friends to attend the **Men's Club "Night at the Races"** on **February 8**. Tickets are \$20 and include a buffet, pop/beer, twelve races (called by **Father**) and music for dancing afterwards (Father is the DJ...come check out his tunes). Contact **Mike Karaffa** for tickets (**216-470-6259**). If you are interested in purchasing a horse (even if you can't attend) call **Chuck Ricco** at **216-215-8482** (twenty dollars per horse...there are plenty available—a winner nets you a hundred bucks). Doors open at 6:00.

### Men's Club Communion

The **Men's Club** will hold its quarterly Communion **next Sunday**. Meet in the vestibule by **10:15**.

### The Week Ahead

- The **Building Commission** will meet on **Tuesday** at **6:00**.
- The **ECF teachers** will meet on **Wednesday** at **7:00** in the Junior High classroom.



The **Ladies' Auxiliary** annual "**Pasta Dinner**" is scheduled for **February 23** right after liturgy. Tickets are on sale now (\$10 per person. Children 4-10 are \$4).

### ByzanTEEN Forum Group

The **ByzanTEEN Catholic Forum Group** will meet **next Sunday, 9:00**, in the choir loft. All high school students are encouraged to take part.



The **Men's Club** is sponsoring a "**Family Swim**" **next Sunday** at the Seven Hills Rec

Center (please note revised location) from **1-4**. There is no charge. Pizza and pop will be provided (starting right around 1:00). The center is located at 7777 Summit View Dr. If you haven't signed up, you'll need to contact **Jeff Jaroscak** by Wednesday (**330-807-2853**).

## Your Weekly Offering

January 12, 2020

Sunday:	\$4,028.00
e-giving:	90.00
14 Student Envelopes:	24.00
Cash:	143.00
Candles:	475.75
Holy Days:	418.00
Horizons:	227.00
Initial Envelope Offering:	81.00
Building Fund:	90.00
Christmas:	100.00
In Memory of <b>Dorothy Sabo</b> :	100.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,776.75</b>

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

### Mirovanije \$\$

Last weekend's mirovanije collection of \$328.00 was sent to "Pharmacists for Life in Columbus."



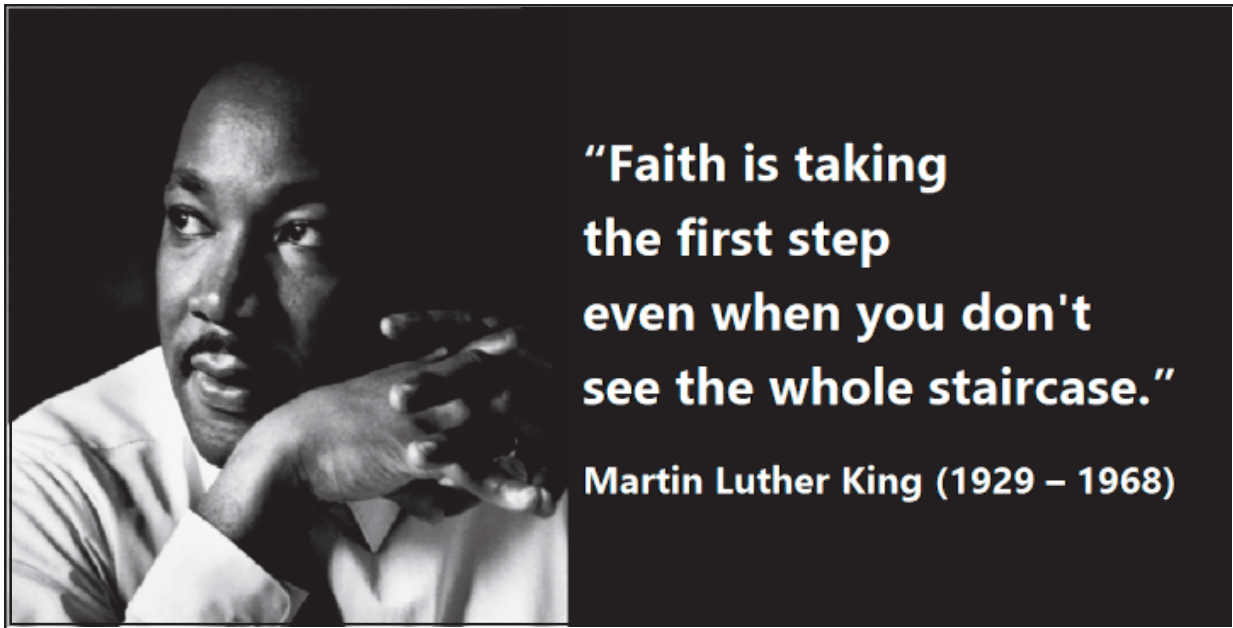
The **2020 ByzanTEEN National Youth Rally** will be held **June 25-28** at the University of San Diego. Registration forms will be available soon. The total cost will be somewhere in the vicinity of \$1,000 (a donor has pledged \$700 for each participant from the Parma Diocese). Our plans are to be part of the Cleveland contingent flying out of Hopkins International. Stay tuned for more information.

### BLESS Group

The next session for the women's **BLESS (Byzantine Ladies Encountering Sacred Sources) Group** will begin **February 3 at 7:00** in the Education Center. Participants should purchase the book "*Time and Despondency: Regaining the Present in Faith & Life*" by **Nicole Roccas**. **Darlene Hritz (440-237-5237)** would be happy to order your copy for \$19.39 thru Amazon. Let her know by January 22. She can also answer any questions you have pertaining to this gathering.

### Men's Fellowship/Book Group

The **Men's Fellowship/Book Group** will begin another session on **January 20** utilizing the book "*Letters from the Desert*" by **Carlo Carretto**. Meetings will be on consecutive **Mondays at 7:00** in the Education Center. Call **Jim Hritz (440-237-5237)** for more information.



**"Faith is taking  
the first step  
even when you don't  
see the whole staircase."**

**Martin Luther King (1929 – 1968)**

Martin Luther King, Jr. was the most influential leader of the civil rights movement during the fifties and sixties. He used his eloquent speaking ability to articulate blacks' grievances with discrimination in the United States. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968. In 1983, Congress made the third Monday in January a federal holiday to honor King.

One of the highlights of King's career was a speech delivered on August 28, 1963, to a gathering in Washington, D.C. King said, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal.'"

Prejudice appears to be a universal weakness in human nature, with every race and every group of people. We all struggle with a tendency to judge others by external characteristics rather than their intrinsic value as people created by God. If not skin color, we may discriminate on the basis of economic or educational status, physical attractiveness, clothing, manners, or accent.

Several Scriptures remind us that God does not show favoritism (Acts 10:34). He told Samuel that while people judge by outward appearance, the Lord looks at a person's thoughts and intentions (1 Samuel 16:7). Scripture also warns us against partiality. James says that if we show favoritism, we are committing a sin (2:9). In Galatians 3:28 we are given a beautiful picture of relationships among believers as God intended: "There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus." One in Christ—that's a dream we should all have.

*My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim  
that you have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ  
if you favor some people over others? James 2:1*

**PARISH  
INFORMATION**

**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