

SUNDAY AFTER
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Whatever Their Size, Carry Them

"Whoever loses his life for my sake and the Gospel's will save it." One who knew the meaning of Jesus' words so well was Flannery O'Connor, the distinguished Catholic novelist who died in 1964 at the age of 39. From the age of 25 she lived with the knowledge she had a terminal disease, Lupus, – not to mention her sufferings from bone disintegration, shingles, anemia, and a tumor. Yet it was during fourteen years of sickness and suffering that she produced her greatest works of literary art. Her strong faith enabled her to say: "I have never been anywhere but sick. In a sense sickness is a place, more instructive than a long trip to Europe. Sickness before death is a very appropriate thing and I think those who don't have it miss one of God's mercies ..."

Those are strong words! How could a young woman call sickness one of God's mercies? Yet Jesus'

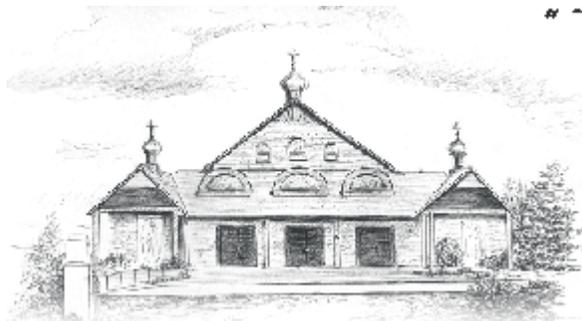
words in the Gospel are just as strong: "If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps."

In some way Flannery O'Connor was able to accept the cross of her sickness and follow in the Lord's footsteps. But she didn't do it with a nice sweet smile on her face. She did it with strong courage and conviction. She realized that her own sickness was the very thing that helped her to look at life around her with the eyes of faith; and to translate that life into literary pages that would win her international fame as a writer. Each one of us is called upon to carry a cross in our life at some time. For some it may be the cross of emotional or spiritual suffering, rather than physical suffering. Sometimes there are big crosses, sometimes small. Whatever their size, Jesus calls upon us to carry them.

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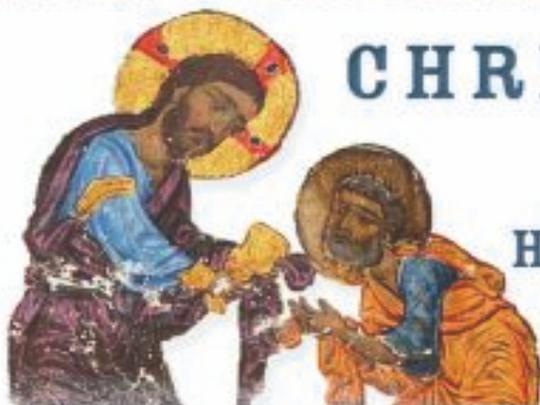
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BREAD**

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2020

Today is **Catechetical Sunday**. Despite the pandemic we are offering on-site classes starting **next Sunday** at the usual time (**9:00-10:20**). The Diocese has provided us with safety guidelines that we will be utilizing. We're asking that parents and children report to the large hall for an assembly where **Father** will give an address and Coordinator **Nate Sabo** will outline the calendar for the year. Then the kids will be assigned to their classrooms. This is our staff for the coming year.

K/1st grade

Corey Masters

2nd grade

Marie Lupia

3rd/4th grade

Marilyn Percic

5th/6th grade

Ivana Matyas

7th/8th grade

Deacon Bill Fredrick

Coordinator

Nate Sabo

September 20, 2020

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	September 21	No Liturgy		
Tuesday	September 22	No Liturgy		
Wednesday	September 23	No Liturgy		
Thursday	September 24	No Liturgy		
Friday	September 25	No Liturgy		
Saturday	September 26	4:00 p.m.	Intention of the Parishioners	
Sunday	September 27	10:30 a.m.	†Virginia Jares by Mary Ann Mackura	

		Altar Servers	Lectors	Greeters
September 26	4:00 p.m.	D. Kattler & J. Bremner	D. Doane	—
September 27	10:30 a.m.	M. Masters & L. Tinter	C. Csornok	—

A dewdrop does the will of God as much as a thunderstorm.

From the desk of
The Pastor

The hot weather days seem to be staring at us from the rear window. This might make it more conducive to enjoy listening to liturgy seated outside the church (with a glimpse into the church through the open doors). Bring your own chair or grab one from our stack. You can still listen from the comfort of your car anywhere in the parking lot by

tuning into 104.3 FM. (Windows down and cool breeze!) In case it gets too crowded inside church (which hasn't happened to date) the option of a closed-circuit TV broadcast in our hall is also available. (Some people just like this choice period and have been taking advantage of it when available.) Last week on Sunday it was raining. Those who typically listen outside ventured into the vestibule where there are chairs available for your use. The whole gist of offering so many alternatives is to get you here in order to receive the Eucharist. The theme for Catechetical Sunday is "Christ the Heavenly Bread." You can't get this at home!

We are still live-streaming both liturgies and uploading an archived version on our website for those who are still hesitant in coming. (We also know that people from around the country, including parishioners who have moved away, are tuning in. In this regard, watch for an announcement soon on how we will be investing in equipment that will enable us to continue this on-line ministry.)

Have a great week! I'll be in the Chicago area visiting my Mom and other relatives and friends.

Father Bruce on Vacation

Father will be on vacation this week. **Father Cyril Pinchak** SJ will be the celebrant on Saturday. Father will return in the evening that day. In case of an emergency requiring a priest, contact **Fr. Marek Visnovsky** at **440-783-2051**.



The 50/50 Club captains met with Chairman **Joe Csornok** last Sunday to discuss the status of the November Grand Banquet.

The unanimous decision was to cancel this year's dinner. However, in addition to the \$3,000.00 in prize money that will still be given out, an additional amount totaling \$2,500.00 will be mailed to twenty lucky members (\$100 dollars each). The drawing will take place on a designated Sunday in November. The group felt this was an equitable solution given the unusual circumstances of this year. We hope to have our usual Dinner/Dance in 2021. (Members will receive official notification from their captains in the weeks to come.)

Chicken Paprikash Dinner

The **Garfield Hts. Knights of Columbus** is holding a "**Chicken Paprikash & Dumplings Dinner**" on **September 30**. Take-out orders only from 4-6. Reserve your packaged meal by calling 216-662-2277 x2 by noon this Friday. Adults \$10. Children twelve and under \$8.



We bid a fond farewell to long-time parishioner **Joe Steets**. He'll be moving to Columbia, South Carolina on Friday. His three daughters and their families reside in that state. Joe was a solid member of our Building Commission, a participant the Men's Club and worked tirelessly on the Chapel grounds. May God grant to His Servant Joseph many years of peace, health and happiness!

Meetings This Week

- The **Men's Club Executive Board** will meet on **Wednesday at 6:30**.
- The **Building Commission** will meet on **Thursday at 6:00**.

Join us Saturday for Rosary



On Saturday there will be an event at noon called "**Prayer March 2020**" in our Nation's Capital led by **Franklin Graham** (son of **Billy Graham**). The purpose is a call to God to heal our land during this time of strife/division. We are planning a rosary in front of church at noon to coincide with this occurrence. Feel most welcome to participate.

Your Weekly Offering

September 13, 2020

Sunday:	\$3,190.00
e-giving:	70.00
Student Envelopes:	53.00
Cash:	95.00
Candles:	168.00
Holy Days:	5.00
Total:	\$3,581.00

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

Holy Land Collection

The Diocese has asked all parishes to join in the annual "Collection for the Holy Land" next weekend. If you are so inclined to give, please put your check in an envelope specially marked "Holy Land Collection" and leave it in the basket. This year's money will assist Catholics in Beirut, Lebanon in distress from the devastating explosion last month.

Stewardship Rebate

We received our Diocesan Stewardship Rebate in the amount of \$5,449.28! Thanks to everyone who helped us surpass our assigned goal. The money will help make up for some of the lost hall rental revenue. (We have had Activity Center and Party Center cancellations due to the Coronavirus. The receptions we have had in our hall have been small in numbers, thus reducing our profit. Unlike the caterer, our costs remain the same regardless of the size of the event. Normally we insist upon a minimum, but have been understanding with renters because of the fears associated with Covid-19.)



The floral wreath adorning the tetrapod was donated in memory of **Ron Tirpak**.

50/50 Club Winners

Congratulations to our monthly \$60 winners!

#97	Ron Szucs
#172	Rachelle Kaplafka
#125	Ambrea Diedrick
#22	Mary Jane Dietz
#166	Joe Ruzinok

"Vote for Life" Yard Signs

Thanks to the generosity of one of the parishioners, "Vote for Life" yard signs are available in the vestibule at no charge. (A donation could be made to the church.)

Fireside Chat with Fr. Cyril

We had over fifty people in attendance for the liturgy commemorating the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This was the final outdoor service of the year. (Because of the Pandemic we extended the season into September.)

The weather was excellent and the temps absolutely perfect for the real "Fireside Chat" afterwards with **Father Cyril Pinchak SJ** (parish son who is back in the area teaching at St. Ignatius H.S.). He gave a little background on his studies in Rome and then answered a variety of questions from the twenty-two people who remained after the liturgy to enjoy his insights and humor. We thank Fr. Cyril for his time! He also concelebrated the liturgy.

Thanks to the provider of the cookies/water and to the men who stoked the fire!

More pictures can be found on our website and on Facebook.



(Photo courtesy of **Shalimar Masters**)

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

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