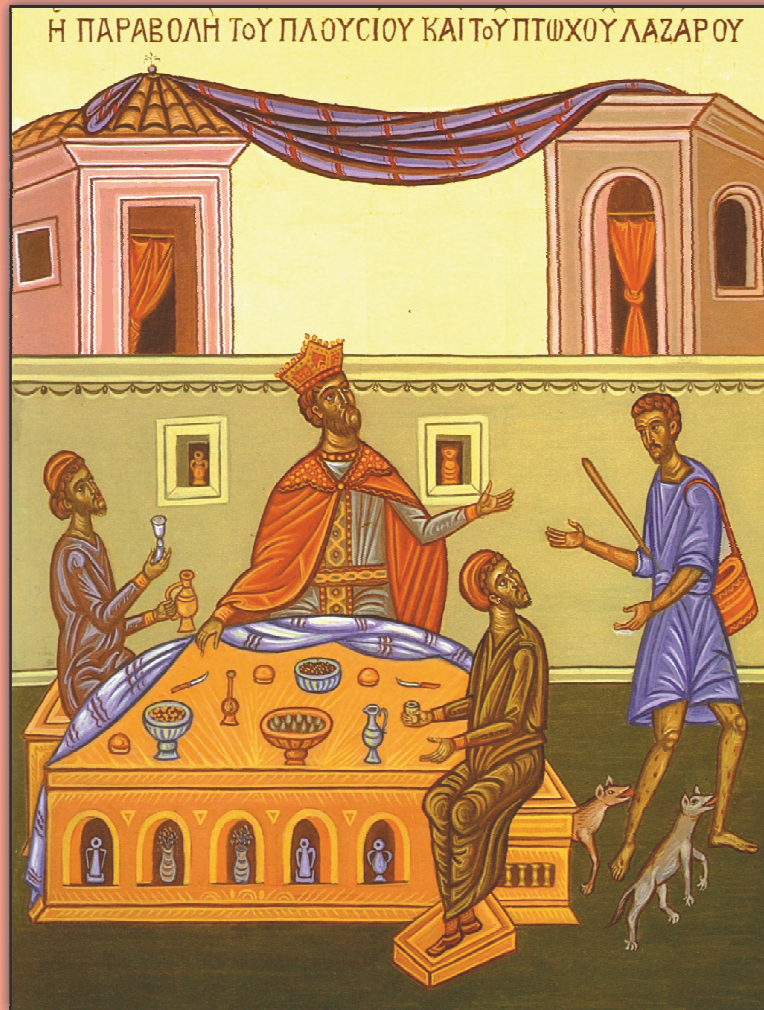


TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)

The Rich Man vs. Lazarus

Lazarus, the beggar, is called by his name because he was a saint, but the man who is rich and proud is not deemed worthy of a name. ... The meaning of Lazarus' name is boethoumenos, one who has been helped; he is not a helper, but one who has been helped. He was a poor man and, in his poverty, the Lord came to his assistance. "Who lay at his gate, covered with sores." The rich man, in purple splendor, is not accused of being avaricious, nor of carrying off the property of another, nor of committing adultery, nor, in fact, of any wrongdoing; the evil alone of which he is guilty is pride. Most wretched of men, you see a member of your own body lying there outside at your gate, and have you no compassion? If the precepts of God mean nothing to you, at least take pity on your own plight, and be in fear lest you become such as he. Why do you save what is superfluous to your pleasures? Give in alms to your own

member what you waste. I am not telling you to throw away your wealth. What you throw out, the crumbs from your table, offer as alms.

"Who lay at his gate." He was lying at the gate in order to draw attention to the cruelty paid to his body and to prevent the rich man from saying, "I did not notice him; he was in a corner; I could not see him; no one announced him to me." He lay at the gate; you saw him every time you went out and every time you came in. When your throngs of servants and clients were attending you, he lay there full of ulcers. If your eyes disdained to look upon putrid flesh, did not your ears, at least, hear his plea? "Who lay at his gate, covered with sores." He did not have just one sore, his whole body was sores, so that the magnitude of his suffering might arouse your utmost compassion.

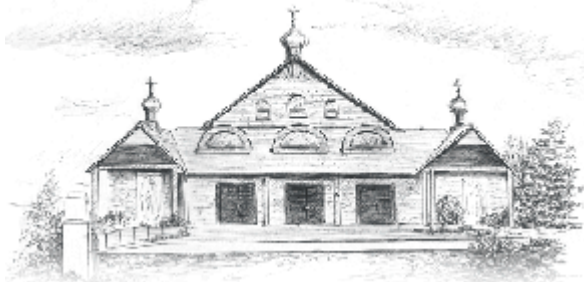
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Stewardship is...



Many times we have heard the Gospel story of the rich, young man who asked Jesus how to break through into a more rewarding life. The man was a good Jew who obeyed the commandments. Yet, he remained frustrated and unfulfilled. Jesus conceded that the man obeyed the commandments: he was not a thief; he was not an adulterer; he was not a murderer; he was not a

liar; he was not mean to his parents. "But," Jesus said, "there is still one thing you lack." In a word: generosity. Generosity is the key to the new, rich, full, rewarding life in Christ. Give up your money. Because you treasure it so highly it is blocking the Source of fulfillment out of your life. Give your money where it is needed most and "then come, follow Me," Jesus told him. When the young man heard this, he "was filled with sadness, for he was very rich."

Most of us are not very rich. But all of us have something to give. The question is, does the thought of giving generously fill our hearts with sadness or with hope. Do we see generosity as a threat to the uptight, money-grabbing, old life, or as the breakthrough into the open, money-giving, rewarding new life of the Lord Jesus.

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

October 25, 2020

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	October 26	8:00 a.m.	† John Spann by Jean Henderson
Tuesday	October 27	8:00 a.m.	† Rosemarie Benya by Family
Wednesday	October 28	8:00 a.m.	† Dorothy Sabo by Sandy/Dwight Rabuse
Thursday	October 29	8:00 a.m.	Intention of St. Joe Octogenarians by A-OK Club
Friday	October 30	8:00 a.m.	Intention of the United States by Kattler Family
Saturday	October 31	4:00 p.m.	Intention of the Parishioners
Sunday	November 1	10:30 a.m.	† Mary Vasil by Larry/Mary Vasil

		Altar Servers	Lectors	Greeters
October 31	4:00 p.m.	J. & J. Kodek	B. Sparks	—
November 1	10:30 a.m.	B. J. & W. Hallis	G. Kolenich	—

Wherever your faith is, there is your future.



I have received a lot of good feedback pertaining to the logistics of our second Communion station. We'll be moving the "outdoor" location inside starting the weekend of **November 7/8**. At the November 3 meeting, the **Advisory Board** will discuss all the recommendations and come up with a plan. Stay tuned and if you haven't done so already, there's still time to share your thoughts (e-mail or call me).

So, I get my "first donut since March" after liturgy today! Have to say I'm looking forward to it, but not as much as I'm looking forward to seeing a "gathering" albeit in a safe manner. We'll have plastic shields in front of the servers who will be using gloves and wearing a mask. The server will place the selected donut on a napkin and then through the plexiglass opening for the person to receive. The coffee/juice serving will be done at a separate table in a similar manner. Individual creamer and sugar packets will be given by the server upon request. Masks are required until you're seated back at your table. The plastic shield will be wiped down once everyone is served. The caterer at our wedding receptions has handled serving in a similar manner. Distancing will be observed in line except for families. We'll evaluate things after November 22 to see if enough people are coming down to continue offering it. I thank the **Ladies' Auxiliary** for their willingness to resume this social activity.

In the meantime, we carry on with our various options for participating in the Divine Liturgy. Here's what is in place for next weekend.

- Anywhere in the parking lot tuned in to 104.3 FM (outside Communion station)
- In our big hall on closed-circuit TV (outside Communion station)
- In front of the church taking advantage of the outdoor speaker system (outside Communion station)
- In the church vestibule (outside or indoor Communion)

We also are still live-streaming both liturgies with an archived version found on our website (click YouTube).

Have a blessed week and make sure you have candy for those trick or treaters! (Handing it out in person or in some other creative manner.)



Our ByzanTEEN Program has resumed! **Fr. Cyril Pinchak SJ** has

stepped up and is running the sessions for the time being. The plans are to meet on **Sundays at 5:00**. Tonight we once again will gather at the pavilion (with the fireplace blazing) for a presentation on a relevant topic followed by discussion and refreshments. This will include ByzanTEENS from throughout Northeast Ohio. Last week we had six in attendance. Feel free to bring a friend!

Building Commission Meeting

The **Building Commission** will meet in the vestibule on **Thursday at 6:00**.

Prayer Service to the Unborn

There will be a **"Pro-Life" prayer service** on **October 28** starting with the rosary at **7:00**.



We welcome to St. Joe's **Bianca Eadeh** from Parma and her fiancé **Brandon St. John** of Maple Hts. We hope you feel at home in a hurry!

BLESS Group

The **BLESS Group** will resume Zoom sessions on **Monday from 7:30-8:30**. **Jeanette Clark** will present *"Nuptial Spirituality at the Present Moment."* Contact **Darlene Hritz** for the link **(440-237-5237)**.

Liturgy Requests

Customarily **Father** begins taking liturgy requests for the upcoming year on November 1. Since this date falls on a Sunday, reservations will start on **November 2**. (Next week's Byzz Line will contain more information.)

November Birthdays/Anniversaries

7 Joe Lupia	17 Mary Pinchak
7 Ben Hallis	17 Helen Kochis
8 Salvatore Lupia	21 Deacon Bill Fredrick
10 Richie Bogdan	23 Danielle Pegher
15 Clarice Cohn	23 Tom/Lea Varner-Deka - A
15 Anthony Masters	25 Andrew Masters
17 Kyle Karaffa	30 T.J. Ebert

Your Weekly Offering

October 18, 2020

Sunday:	\$4,549.00
e-giving:	305.00
Student Envelopes:	15.00
Cash:	55.00
Candles:	95.20
Holy Days:	60.00
Total:	\$5,079.20

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

Diocesan Stewardship Campaign

The annual **Diocesan Stewardship Campaign** is underway! Our goal has once again been increased (surprise, surprise) to \$23,000.00. More than ever we need everyone's participation in this important endeavor. Any amount that we go over the goal is returned to the parish. Each household should've received a pledge form in the mail. Return this directly to the Diocese. They have promised monthly updates which we will share via the Byzz Line. If you have any questions or concerns, contact **Father**.

Clothing Distribution



The clothing room operated by the **St. Joseph Outreach** has resumed operation at the former Parkview School in Parma. Winter clothing items are needed especially coats and children's clothes. Please call **Barbara Shepard** to make arrangements for pick-up **(440-427-5999)**.

No Candy Collection/Trunk or Treat

Since the **Outreach** has not been serving a meal downtown at the Men's Homeless Shelter on Lakeside since the Pandemic, we will not be collecting excess Halloween candy this year. Thanks to those kids who have been so generous in the past. We hope to resume this practice next year! (Likewise the **GCU** sponsored "Trunk or Treat.")

Christ the Bridegroom Fundraiser

The annual **Gala for Christ the Bridegroom** has shifted to virtual programming because of the Pandemic. Please register for this free event by visiting christthebridegroom.org or call **440-834-0290**.



Don't forget to change your clocks on Saturday. Fall back one hour.

Catholics and Abortion

Since Roe v. Wade in 1973, more than 62 million innocent children have lost their lives to abortion. Clearly, abortion is the human rights issue of our time. So on our judgment day Christ might well ask us, "What did you do to prevent the holocaust in your society?"

The Catholic Church remains the most vocal voice on behalf of the 4,000 innocents made in God's image and likeness, who every day lose their lives in our great nation. However, the Church certainly has not lived up to its possibilities in large part because its hierarchy and its rank and file lay people have been intimidated into silence, inactivity and even apathy.

Sadly, only a very small percentage of Catholics do anything to prevent the slaughter. Even some of our clergy deem the subject "too political" or controversial or find some other reason to excuse themselves from taking any action.

The famous Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a founder of the abortion industry who later became pro-life (and converted to Catholicism) said that he and his pro-abortion allies would never have gotten away with what they did if the clergy had been more outspoken, united, and purposeful. This certainly applies just as much (if not more) today than it did in 1973 when abortion was legalized.

We would do well to heed and keep foremost in our minds the wise words of Mother Teresa when she said, "We cannot fight credibly against other social and moral evils, including poverty and violence, while we tolerate mass killings by abortion."

"Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights—for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture—is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination."

October is Respect Life Month

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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