

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE



Icon of the Publican and Pharisee

Publican and Pharisee: Humility vs Self-Righteousness

This parable represents to us two chariots on the race course, each with two charioteers in it. In one of the chariots it places righteousness with pride, in the other sin and humility. You see the chariot of sin outstrip that of righteousness, not by its own strength but by the excellence of humility combined with it, but the other is defeated not by righteousness, but by the weight and swelling of pride.

For as humility by its own elasticity rises above the weight of pride, and leaping up reaches to God, so pride by its great weight easily depresses righteousness. Although therefore you are earnest and constant in well doing, yet think you may boast yourself, you are altogether devoid of the fruits of prayer. But you that bears a thousand loads of guilt on your conscience, and only

think this thing of yourself that you are the lowest of all men, shall gain much confidence before God.

And He then goes on to assign the reason of His sentence. For every one who exalts himself shall be abased, and he that humbles himself shall be exalted. The word humility has various meanings. There is the humility of virtue, as, a humble and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. There is also a humility arising from sorrows, as, He has humbled my life upon the earth. There is a humility derived from sin, and the pride and insatiability of riches. For can anything be more low and debased than those who grovel in riches and power, and count them great things?

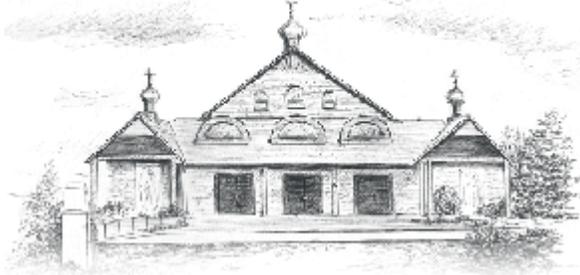
Saint John Chrysostom

Art used with permission from Eastern Christian Bulletin Service

St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church

8111 Brecksville Road ✪ Brecksville, Ohio 44141

"The Byzz Line"



"Living the Word of Christ Together"

Pastor: Father Bruce Riebe

Deacons: Bill Fredrick

Office Administrator: Michele Wiltshire

Rectory Phone: 440-526-1818

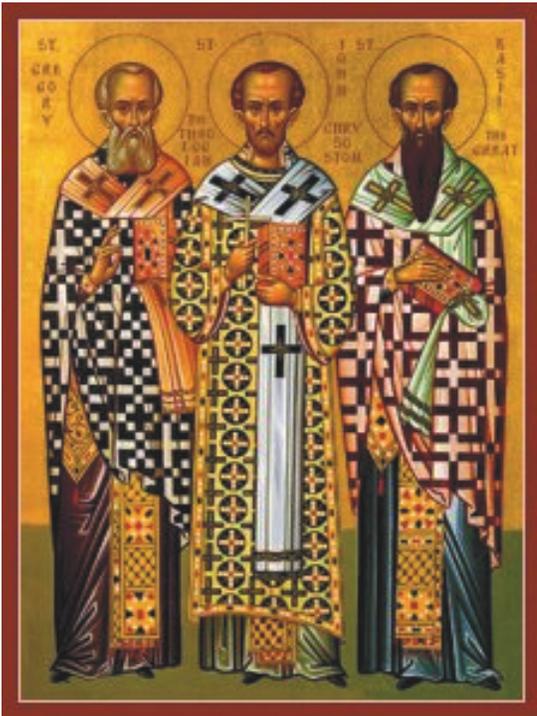
Office Phone: 440-526-0016

e-mail: stjoebyz@sbcglobal.net

website: www.stjoebyz.com



January 30: Three Holy Hierarchs



On January 30 there is a common feast of three great Fathers of the Church: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory of Nazianzus, surnamed the Theologian, and St. John Chrysostom. Since they all have separate feast days in January (St. Basil on January 1, St. Gregory on January 25 and St. John on January 27) we might well ask why we again celebrate a feast in honor of these three saints, and why on the same day?

At the end of the eleventh century during the reign of Alexius Komnenos, an argument arose among Christians living in Constantinople as to which was the greatest of these three saints. Since local pride was involved, considerable hard feeling naturally followed, almost resulting in schism. The faithful were in fact divided into three groups: Basilians, Gregorians and Joanites.

When tempers were dangerously high, a solution literally came from heaven. All three saints appeared one night to the saintly Bishop John of Euchaita, a suburb of Constantinople, to tell him that they were all equal before God. The faithful accepted this solution with great enthusiasm and began to honor all three saints together on the same day to emphasize their equality.

Saturday is a Solemn Holyday. The liturgy will be celebrated at **9:00 a.m.** It will also be live-streamed and archived. (If you will be in the parking lot listening on 104.3 please let **Father** know so he can make sure the alternate Communion station is ready to go.)

January 24, 2021

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	January 25	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Jane Shaver by Judy Weitzel
Tuesday	January 26	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Choma by Mary Ann/Mike Protzik
Wednesday	January 27	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Novak by Larry/Mary Vasil
Thursday	January 28	8:00 a.m.	†Bernadine Hadbavny by Deacon Bill/Nancy Fredrick
Friday	January 29	8:00 a.m.	†Dale Jackson by Joe/Marie Lupia
Saturday	January 30	Simple Holyday: Three Holy Hierarchs	
		9:00 a.m.	†Helen Lawer by Kathy Strobel
		Vigil Liturgy	
		4:00 p.m.	Intention of the Parishioners
Sunday	January 31	10:30 a.m.	†George Martinek by Family

		Altar Servers	Lectors
January 30	9:00 a.m.	M. & T. Ebert	
January 30	4:00 p.m.	M. & T. Ebert	B. Fortlage
January 31	10:30 a.m.	B. & M. Kirschner	J. Waski

The moment you start acting like life is a blessing, it starts feeling like one.



As previously announced, Pope Francis has declared a "Year of St. Joseph." This commemoration started on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th and will extend to the same day this year. We have some exciting plans in store! Here's what you can look forward to experiencing.

- ⇒ A prayer and hymn to St. Joseph after each weekend liturgy (starting in February)
- ⇒ Akathist Prayer Service to St. Joseph
- ⇒ St. Joseph Banner Prayers
- ⇒ Men's Day of Recollection
- ⇒ Special Father's Day blessing
- ⇒ Children's Prayers for Fathers
- ⇒ Six week Spirituality Session for Men
- ⇒ Pilgrimages to our parish by area churches
- ⇒ Anointing with oil from the St. Joseph Oratory in Montreal
- ⇒ Special website prayer
- ⇒ Website series of reflections on St. Joseph
- ⇒ Acts of Kindness Week Special featuring St. Joseph the Worker
- ⇒ Birdhouse Building Contest

Details on many of these events/activities will be announced in the coming weeks. We're the only parish in our Diocese named after St. Joseph! Stay tuned for what promises to be a time filled with potential!

St. Joseph Pray for Us!



Helen Sasala was buried this past week at the age of 89. She had been on our monthly Communion visitation list for the past eleven years. While

active she was a member of the **A-OK Club**—a perfect organization for her kindheartedness! Parish sympathies are extended to her relatives in the parish (**Judy Weitzel and Nick Lizanich**).

In blessed repose grant rest O Lord to Your departed Handmaid Helen and may her memory be eternal!

Parish sympathies are extended to **Michael Abbruzzo** and family. His mother, **Lorraine**, formerly of New York, was buried this past week at the age of 85.

ByzanTEENS Meet Tonight

ByzanTEENS from throughout the Cleveland area will be gathering **tonight** in our Activity Center with **Fr. Cyril Pinchak SJ and Fr. Lukas Mitro**. Come join the fun starting at **5:00**.

BLESS Group Meeting

The **BLESS (Byzantine Ladies Encountering Sacred Sources)** Zoom meetings are resuming. On **February 1** (moved from January 25), **Jeff Cavins** will speak on what St. John Paul II taught about human suffering. The link to join the meeting can be secured from **Darlene Hritz (440-237-5237)**. Starting time is **7:30 p.m.**



We welcome back to the parish **Jason Rohal** and his wife **Christina**. The Rohals live in Cleveland.

Please Pray

Please remember all the sick/suffering in your prayers especially **Diane Balasz** (Brooklyn Pointe; rehab) and **Bea Chrusic** (home).

Pro-Life Prayer

God of all goodness, you have entrusted us with the gift of life. Help us to appreciate that gift from the first moments of conception to the last breaths of old age. Send your strength to all those who defend the unborn, the weak and the dying against attempts to cut short their lives. May your Holy Spirit touch the hearts of those who are tempted to choose the way of death rather than life. Grant that your people may always be a sign of your love in the world. Amen.

Your Weekly Offering

January 17, 2021

Sunday:	\$3,935.00
e-giving:	245.00
6 Student Envelopes:	18.00
Cash:	20.00
Candles:	230.00
Holy Days:	193.00
Horizons:	93.00
Initial Envelope Offering:	43.00
Flowers:	10.00
Fuel:	10.00
Building Fund:	41.00
Easter:	50.00
Christmas:	550.00
In memory Helen Oros :	175.00
In memory Mary Jane Shaver :	1,070.00
Total:	\$6,683.00



Make sure you pick-up your **2020 Financial Report** next weekend in the vestibule. (If you want yours on a table near the downstairs Communion station let **Father** know.) It will contain your personal donations, a summary of the parish expenses/receipts/savings and a Sacramental re-cap.

Your Generosity Was Appreciated

We received a nice acknowledgement and thank you note from **Father Doug Brown** at Mary Queen of Peace Church in Cleveland. Children from his parish were the recipients of our **“Giving Tree”** generosity. (The note is posted in the vestibule on the window nearest to where the tree was located.)

Take-Out Fish Fry Planned

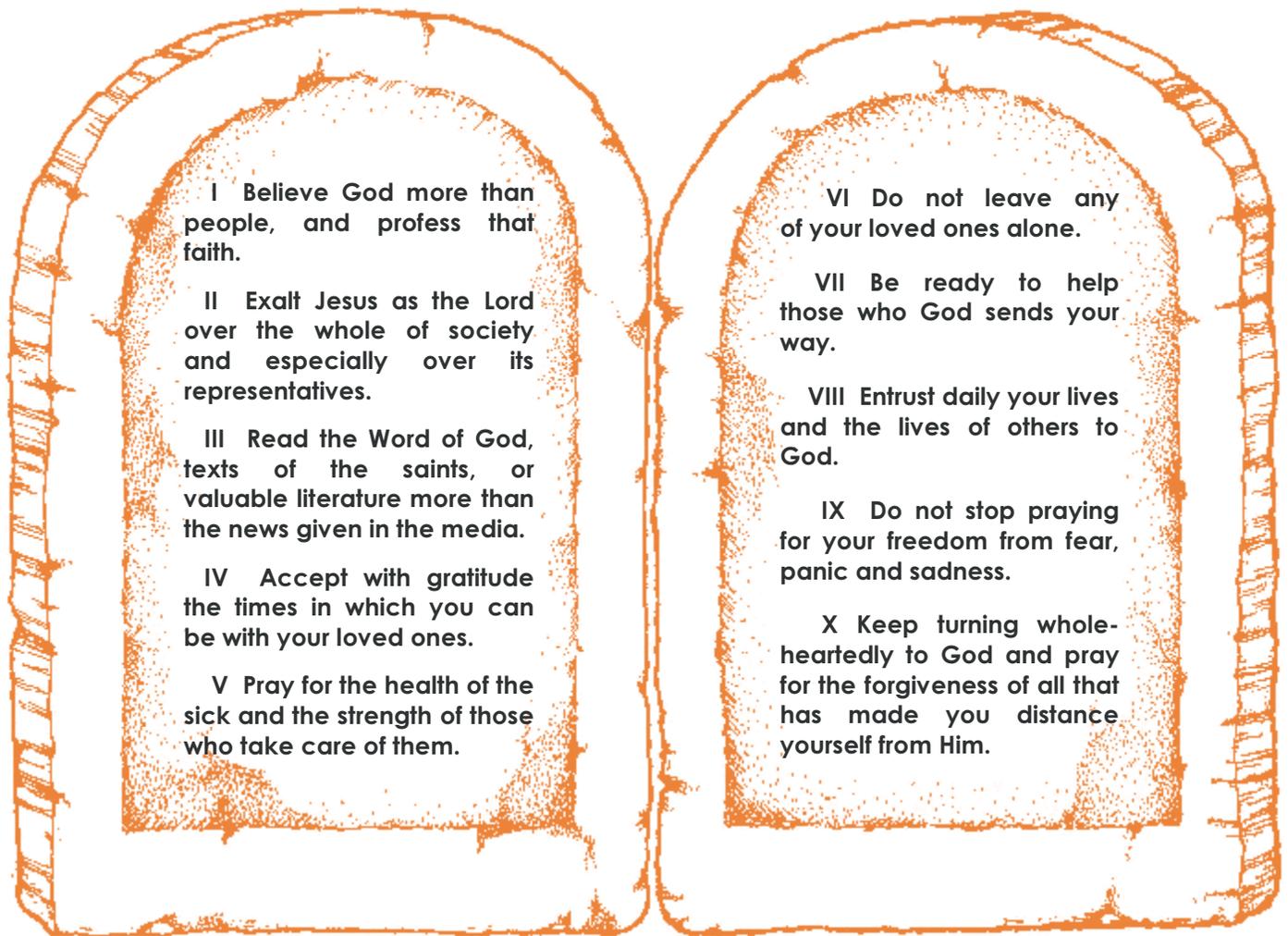
In the midst of the many “cancellations” you’ve read about due to the Pandemic, we are planning to have take-out only Fish Fries during the Fridays of Lent. We’re in the discussion stage for an efficient way to best serve our meals.

Community News

The **Garfield Hts. Knights of Columbus** is sponsoring a **“Beef Tips Dinner”** on **January 27**. Take-out only from 4-6. Adults \$10. Children under twelve \$8. To order call 216-662-2277 x-2 by this evening.

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS FOR DEALING WITH THE CORONAVIRUS

(Bishop Milan)



I Believe God more than people, and profess that faith.

II Exalt Jesus as the Lord over the whole of society and especially over its representatives.

III Read the Word of God, texts of the saints, or valuable literature more than the news given in the media.

IV Accept with gratitude the times in which you can be with your loved ones.

V Pray for the health of the sick and the strength of those who take care of them.

VI Do not leave any of your loved ones alone.

VII Be ready to help those who God sends your way.

VIII Entrust daily your lives and the lives of others to God.

IX Do not stop praying for your freedom from fear, panic and sadness.

X Keep turning wholeheartedly to God and pray for the forgiveness of all that has made you distance yourself from Him.

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2021. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, selfishness and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith. There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off. Destination: GREATNESS!

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

YURCH
Funeral Home
 5618 Broadview Rd • 216-398-1010
 Parma / Seven Hills
"Funeral Directors Who Understand The Byzantine Tradition"

SIMON'S
RESTAURANT & DELI
 7770 Chippewa Rd. • Brecksville
"Quality Catering Specialist"
(440) 526-6880
www.simonsbrecksville.com

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE

Home Happens Here.

TOM KUNDMULLER
 REALTOR
 Mobile: (216) 630-9689
tomkundmuller@howardhanna.com
HOWARD HANNA REAL ESTATE SERVICES 6949 Broadview Rd. Brecksville, OH 44131

"You Bend 'Em, We'll Mend 'Em"
ANDY'S
AUTO BODY
 UNIBODY SPECIALISTS
 10135 Broadview Rd. • Broadview Hts.
838-4343

NEVER MISS A BULLETIN !
 Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com

INDEPENDENCE BANK
 A Full Service Bank
 (216) 447-1444
 4401 Rockside Road
 Independence

Your trusted community painters!
INTERIOR & EXTERIOR



216-459-8684 • TothPainting.com

PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE
MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM
\$29.95/MO PLUS SPECIAL OFFER
 BILLED QUARTERLY
 CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772 • WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM

Fortuna
FUNERAL HOME
 5316 Fleet Ave. • Cleveland, OH
 7076 Brecksville Rd. • Independence
Phone - 216.520.7335
 Pre-Planning Available

HOPKO FUNERAL HOME
 6020 Broadview Rd. • Parma, OH 44134
 — 216-661-0033 —
OUR FAMILY SERVING YOUR FAMILY FOR OVER 100 YEARS

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME
ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE
 Contact **Jason Novicky** to place an ad today!
jnovicky@4LPi.com or **(800) 477-4574 x6542**

4LPi
WE'RE HIRING
AD SALES EXECUTIVES



- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT
careers@4LPi.com
www.4LPi.com/careers

FREE AD DESIGN
 WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE.
 — 800-477-4574 —

AMLA
 American Mutual Life Association
 SDZ • 1910
 FRATERNAL
Life Insurance & Annuities
 Call: **216-531-1900**
 MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
 DETAILS AT:
AmericanMutual.org

UNITY CATHOLIC
 FEDERAL CREDIT UNION



SAVING MEMBERS MONEY EVERYDAY, ASK HOW WE CAN HELP YOU
Finance your car with Unity and we will donate \$50 to the church or school of your choice

4682 State Rd • Cleveland • 440-886-2558 • unitycatholiccu.org

Too Sick for Mass?
 SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!
Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered right to your inbox!
www.parishesonline.com



The Deliberato Law Center, LLC
 Estate and Elder Law
 Compassion Driven Counsel
216-341-3413

Ferfolia
 Funeral Home
Celebrating Life Since 1927
 356 W. Aurora Rd. • Sagamore Hills, OH
 330-467-4500
ferfoliafuneralhomes.com

LET US PLACE YOUR AD HERE.