

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



Icon of All Saints

From the Fathers

When you perceive that God is chastising you, fly not to his enemies . . . but to his friends, the martyrs, the saints, and those who were pleasing to him, and who have great power ...

St. John Chrysostom

A Christian people celebrates together in religious solemnity the memorials of the martyrs, both to encourage their being imitated and so that it can share in their merits and be aided by their prayers.

St. Augustine of Hippo

In this way is he [the true Christian] always pure for prayer. He also prays in the society of angels, as being already of angelic rank, and he is never out of their holy keeping; and though he pray alone, he has the choir of the saints standing with him.

St. Clement of Alexandria

In addition to the study and true knowledge of the Scriptures are needed a good life and pure soul and virtue in Christ, so that the mind, journeying in this path, may be able to obtain and apprehend what it desires, in so far as human nature is able to learn about God the Word. For without a pure mind and a life modeled on the saints, no one can apprehend the words of the saints.

St. Athanasius the Great

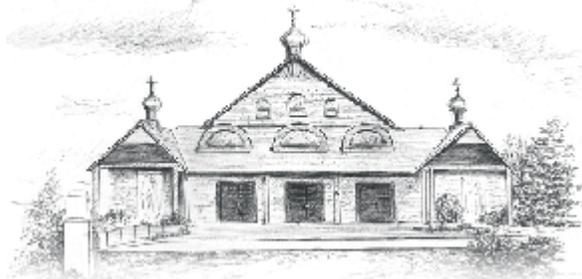
The divine Scripture likewise says that the souls of the just are in God's hand and death cannot lay hold of them. For death is rather the sleep of the saints than their death. "For they travailed in this life and shall to the end," and "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." What then, is more precious than to be in the hand of God. For God is Life and Light, and those who are in God's hand are in life and light.

St. John of Damascus

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Monday is Memorial Day when we pause as a nation to thank the veterans who have given their lives in service of our country. We pray at every Divine Liturgy for all our armed forces. Conflicts remain in various spots of the world, especially the Middle East. We in particular remember those currently enlisted and whose names are posted on the vestibule window throughout the year.

Steve Bright

Spc. Katelyn M. Nowicki

Lt. Col. Stephen Pinchak

Lt. Father Michael Marcelli

Major Andrea Corvi

2nd Lt. Thomas Macik

Denise Merejo

Erik Erwin

If you have a family member in any branch of the military, write his/her name down so they can be remembered at each liturgy. (If the above list needs updating, please make sure you do so.)

Gracious God, on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the service of our country.

When the need was greatest, they stepped forward and did their duty to defend the freedoms that we enjoy and to win the same for others.

O God, you yourself have taught us that no love is greater than that which gives itself for another.

Help us to honor their memory by caring for the family members they have left behind by ensuring that their wounded comrades are properly cared for, by being watchful caretakers of the freedoms for which they gave their lives.

Though their names may fade with the passing of generations, may we never forget.

Amen

May 30, 2021

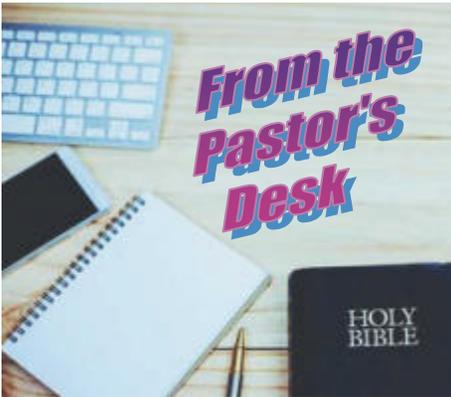
Glory to Jesus Christ!

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	May 31	Memorial Day	
Tuesday	June 1	8:00 a.m.	Intention of Elsie Marchak (94th Birthday) by Judy/Charlie Churavy
Wednesday	June 2	8:00 a.m.	Intention of Thomas Macik by Macik Family
Thursday	June 3	8:00 a.m.	Intention of Deacon Bill/Nancy Fredrick by Mary Smith
Friday	June 4	8:00 a.m.	† Poor Souls by Dr. Bogomir Kuhar
Saturday	June 5	4:00 p.m.	† Christine Colorito by Lou Colorito
Sunday	June 6	10:00 a.m.	Intention of the Parishioners

		Altar Servers	Lectors
May 24	7:00 p.m.	D. Kattler & L. Tinter	
May 29	4:00 p.m.	M. & T. Ebert	D. Sedlak
May 30	10:00 a.m.	A. & R. Percic	N. Fredrick

Those who have long enjoyed such privileges forget in time that men have died to win them.
—Franklin D. Roosevelt



As I announced last weekend, **Bishop Milan**, in conjunction with **Governor DeWine's** orders, has relaxed the health restrictions associated with the Pandemic. This will be effective June 2. When you come to church next weekend, here's what you can expect.

- ⇒ Masks are no longer mandated
- ⇒ The church will be back to full capacity
- ⇒ Books will be back in the pews
- ⇒ Holy water will be in the fonts
- ⇒ Ushers will resume collecting and passing out bulletins
- ⇒ Communion will be distributed in church only (using the middle aisle)
- ⇒ All church doors will be unlocked for entering/exiting

Other items to also note:

- ⇒ Attempts will be made to reintroduce our greeter ministry
- ⇒ The radio broadcast on 104.3 FM will continue in the lot (however, Communion will be in church)
- ⇒ The closed-circuit broadcast in the hall will be discontinued
- ⇒ We will continue to live stream
- ⇒ The audio portion of the liturgy can still be heard on the outside speakers of the church (doors will be closed)

I see these all as positive steps forward in returning to a sense of normalcy. This past year certainly posed its share of challenges. I am proud of how we as a parish community responded. It's time to move forward with the steadfast faith, patience and charity expected from all who claim to be disciples of Jesus Christ.



Earlier Summer Liturgy Time

For the months of **June, July and August** our **Sunday** liturgy time will be **10:00**. (Folks have found this to be favorable in helping them with summer plans.)

Blessed Repose, Eternal Memory!

Our oldest parishioner and one of the pillars of St. Joseph Church was buried this past week. **Michael Grocky** was 96. He was living at Jennings Assisted Living in Garfield Hts. and on our monthly Communion visitation list. While in good health Mike was an active member in the Men's Club. He was the 50/50 Club Co-Chair, Picnic Co-Chair, Sunday usher and money counter. Mike also helped make sandwiches for the homeless and worked on the hall clean-up crew. He truly gave of his time/talent and treasure! Parish sympathies are extended to all his relatives in the parish.

In blessed repose grant rest O Lord to Your Servant Michael and may his memory be eternal! Vichnaja Pamjat!

Advisory Board Meeting

The **Advisory Board** will meet on **Tuesday** at **7:00**.

Take a Look!

The May 16 bulletin included the final draft of our revised Parish Mission Statement (as worked on by members of the **Advisory Board**). A beautifully laser engraved wood copy of the statement is hanging on the north vestibule wall. Many thanks to **Greg Majoros** for his amazing handiwork!

Baptism



We welcome into the Catholic Church and the Community of Believers, **Wyatt Scott Zaucha**, son of **Robert Zaucha Jr.** and **Crystal Boehnlein**, baptized, confirmed and fully initiated at the Sunday liturgy.

Please Pray

Please remember all the sick/suffering in your prayers, especially **Mary Jane Dietz** (Parma); **Jeff Lukas** (Cleveland Clinic); **Bea Chrusic** (Marymount); **Virginia Lechko** (Mt. Alverna; rehab); and **Diane Balasz** (home).



Two families recently joined our parish. We welcome **Rich and Diane Tucholski** along with their sons **Michael and John**. They live in Parma Hts. We also say hello to **Mike and Megan McCabe** along with their daughter **Hazel Belle**. The McCabes reside in Macedonia. We're happy to have you!

Your Weekly Offering

May 23, 2021

Sunday:	\$3,973.00
e-giving:	130.00
4 Student Envelopes:	4.00
Cash:	53.00
Candles:	81.00
Holy Days:	111.00
Building Fund:	11.00
Easter:	100.00
Total:	\$4,463.00

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



Thanks to everyone who donated to the Knights of Columbus "Measure Up" campaign last weekend. Four hundred and one dollars were collected and added to their total to assist local facilities who care for the developmentally disabled.

Large Bequest Received

Our parish was blessed to receive a bequest from the estate of **Paul Triffon** in the amount of \$22,500.00. Please do try to remember St. Joseph Church in your last will and testament.

Communion Visits

Communion will be taken to the sick and shut-in on **Friday** between the hours of **2-9**.

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp will burn during the month of June for the intention of the **Protzik** and **Goodell** families.

Altar Server Schedules

New altar server schedules can be found in the mail slots and on our website.

Graduate's Pictures Needed

Next week's Byzz Line will spotlight our high school and college graduates. Any pictures received will be displayed in the vestibule (and then moved to the showcase in the Education Center). The **A-OK Club** will have a small gift for each student.



Birdhouse Building Contest

The “**Birdhouse Building Contest**” in conjunction with the Year of St. Joseph has arrived! There will be four categories with prizes for the best in each. A sheet with the rules/regulations can be found on the desk in the vestibule (and on our website). Judging will take place after liturgy on August 29 at the pavilion. However, anyone with the intention of entering needs to contact **Jeff Cifranic** at jcifranic@ameritech.net by June 15.

The Transformed Life

Long ago in a little village, two brothers were arrested as sheep stealers. The times were cruel so the punishment of the culprits was the branding on their foreheads the letters **ST**, meaning “Sheep Thief.”

One brother could not stand the shame, fled to a foreign land, and there died as an unhappy, miserable failure.

The other brother stuck it out, amended his former manner of life, attained a good old age, and was highly esteemed by a forgiving, supportive community.

A visitor asked one of the residents the meaning of the two initials ST on the forehead of the old gentleman. “I really don’t know,” was the reply. “It was something that happened so long ago that we’ve forgotten. But, judging by the fine kind of man he is, I think that the initials must stand for “Saint.”

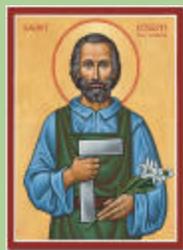
Spiritual Enrichment for Men

If you recall, when we announced the agenda for “The Year of St. Joseph” in January we included a seven-week spiritual enrichment series for men. The first session will be **June 10** from **7:00-8:30** in the Activity Center. Participants will view a presentation by **Fr. Donald Calloway** on “*The Fatherhood of St. Joseph.*” A discussion will follow. (Fr. Calloway is a Roman Catholic priest who wrote the popular devotional book entitled “Consecration to St. Joseph.”) Future sessions will also be on Thursdays. (**Jim Hritz** will be the moderator.) The lineup is as follows:

- ⇒ **June 17—Dr. Scott Hahn** “St. Joseph and the Theology of the Body.”
- ⇒ **July 1—Dr. Christopher West** “Stunned by Glory: A Renewed Vision of St. Joseph as Husband & Father” (Part 1)
- ⇒ **July 8—**(Part 2 of the above)
- ⇒ **July 15—Fr. Jacques Philippe** “St. Joseph a Father for Difficult Times”
- ⇒ **July 22—Fr. Boniface Hicks OSB** “A Journey Through the Heart of St. Joseph”
- ⇒ **July 29—Dr. Greg Bottaro** “Knowing What You Need from St. Joseph and How to get it”

Outreach Resumes

The **St. Joseph Outreach** has resumed serving the Men’s Shelter in Downtown Cleveland (2100 Lakeside). On Tuesdays, between 700 - 800 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will be made, along with that evening’s meal. Volunteers are needed between noon-3:00 (one does not have to stay for the whole three hours—for example, you can leave after the sandwich making if necessary). Call **Pat Lesnick** if you would like to help (**216-973-1430**).



St. Joseph “Worker” of the Week

“Six neighborhood boys were going to head out for a bike ride. They have knowledge that I have tools to fill up tires, tighten handle bars and wheel bolts. They showed up at my door and I helped them.”

PARISH INFORMATION

ACTIVITY CENTER & HALL RESERVATIONS: 440-526-0016

CONFESSIONS: 45 minutes before liturgies for half an hour and by request

MEN’S CLUB: 2nd Sunday of the month after liturgy

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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