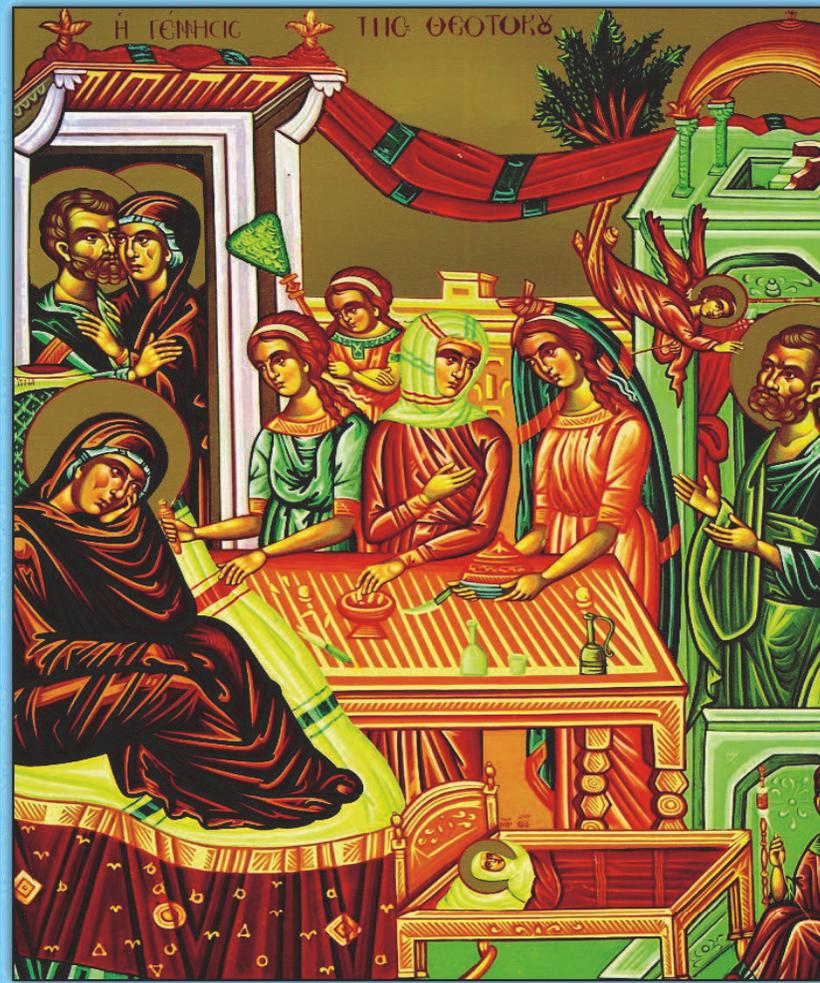


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos -- September 8th*

*Hail Theotokos!*

We shall never cease to hymn to you as one should, O Theotokos, and say: Hail, O Bride and Maiden ever-pure!

Hail, O you, through whom Joy will shine forth!  
Hail, O you, through whom the curse will disappear!

Hail, O Restoration of the Fallen Adam!  
Hail, O Redemption of the Tears of Eve!  
Hail, O Peak above the reach of human thought!  
Hail, O Depth even beyond the sight of angels!  
Hail, O you who have become a Kingly Throne!  
Hail, O you who carry Him Who Carries All!  
Hail, O Star who manifest the Sun!  
Hail, O Womb of the Divine Incarnation!  
Hail, O you through whom creation is renewed!  
Hail, O you through whom the Creator becomes a Babe!  
Hail, O Bride and Maiden ever-pure!

And why do we cry, "Alleluia?"

Hail, O hidden Sense of the Ineffable Plan!  
Hail, O Belief in Silence That Must Be!  
Hail, O Forecast of the Marvels of Christ!  
Hail, O Fountainhead of truths concerning Him!  
Hail, Celestial Ladder, by whom God came down!  
Hail, O Bridge leading earthly ones to heaven!  
Hail, O Wonder, ever-thrilling to the angels!  
Hail, O Wound, ever-hurting to the demons!  
Hail, O you who gave birth to Light ineffably!  
Hail, O you who told no one how it was done!  
Hail, O you who surpass the wisdom of the wise!  
Hail, O you who enlighten faithful minds!  
Hail, O Bride and Maiden ever-pure!

*From the Akathist to the Theotokos*

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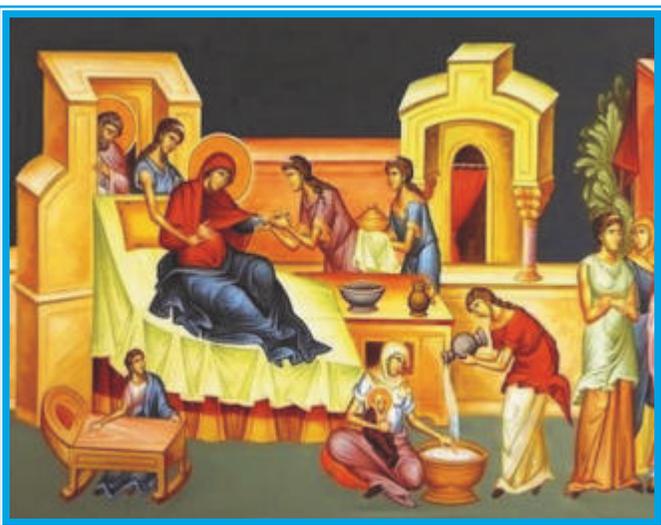


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## SEPTEMBER 8: NATIVITY OF MARY

The Catholic Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne. The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.



These accounts, although not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about the birth of Mary.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac."

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah, as an angel revealed to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

**Wednesday is a Solemn Holyday.** The liturgy will be celebrated at **7:00 p.m.** (If the weather is nice **Father** will send out an e-mail announcing that the service will be held at the St. John Paul II Chapel outdoors.) The mirovanije \$\$ next weekend will be sent to the Chancery (the Catholic Communications Campaign as directed by the USCCB). Half of what is collected stays with the Diocese (Horizons) and the Diocese also benefits with grant money from this campaign.

September 5, 2021

# Glory to Jesus Christ!

## Liturgy Schedule

Monday	September 6	<b>Labor Day</b>	
Tuesday	September 7	8:00 a.m.	Intention of <b>Anne Kichurchak/Dan Metzger</b> by John/Karen Metzger
Wednesday	September 8	<b>Solemn Holyday: Birth of Mary</b>	
		7:00 p.m.	† <b>Michael Kalnasy</b> by Cheryl Kalnasy
Thursday	September 9	8:00 a.m.	† <b>Jozefa Kuhar</b> by Bo/Marsha Kuhar
Friday	September 10	8:00 a.m.	† <b>Leonard Sedlacek</b> by Jeff/Jan Lukas
Saturday	September 11	4:00 p.m.	† <b>John Ihnat Sr.</b> by Nick/Marie Ihnat
Sunday	September 12	10:30 a.m.	Intention of the Parishioners

### Altar Servers

### Lectors

### Greeters

September 8	7:00 p.m.	J. & W. Hallis		
September 11	4:00 p.m.	D. Kattler & J. Mosgo	J. Pinchot	C. Kattler & J. Weitzel
September 12	10:30 a.m.	L. Tinter & G. Dudick	A. Pinchak	K. Lambourne & J. Klinkovsky

God's mercy is greater than your greatest sin.

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

As we continue on with "The Year of St. Joseph" I hope all the **men** of the parish have considered next Sunday's **Day of Recollection**. The afternoon will start immediately following the liturgy with lunch at the pavilion. Parish son, **Fr. Cyril Pinchak SJ** will present, "**St. Joseph: Sinful but Made Worthy and Chosen.**" Get that DVR set for the Browns game, make proper arrangements to get your family home and come enjoy a spiritually enriching afternoon. (If you haven't signed up yet, please call me by tomorrow night and I'll add your name to the list.)

Speaking of "spiritual enrichment" we have an offering for the **women** coming up in October. On back-to-back Monday's there will be videos shown in the Activity Center followed by discussion (11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>). Watch for more details.

The next "**Akathist**" to **St. Joseph** will be on the **15<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 outdoors at the St. John Paul II Chapel. If it's a nice evening on Wednesday, the Holyday liturgy may be held outdoors. I'll send an e-mail blast if that's the case.

Our liturgy at the **Shrine of Mariapoch** in Burton is **September 19**. Mark that down on your calendar.

The **55+ group** is a new organization that is starting up the 15<sup>th</sup>. There will a different program every month (and lunch). Read more elsewhere in this bulletin.

We are resuming the "**Pet Blessing**" again this year on **October 2**. Watch for more details next week.

You will be introduced to our new caterer in next week's Byzzline!

## Meetings this week

- The **Advisory Board** will meet on **Tuesday at 7:00**. It will be the first meeting for **Debi Shirilla** who is taking the place of **Jan Lukas**. Jan, thanks for your time and Debi thanks for saying “yes” to the invitation to serve!
- The **ECF teachers** will meet on **Thursday at 6:30** in the Education Center.

## Welcome

We welcome into the Catholic Church and Community of Believers, **Romeo Miltiadis Michael Georgiadis**, son of **Michael and Carmelina**, baptized, confirmed and fully initiated following the Sunday liturgy.

## Happy Anniversary

-We congratulate **Joe and Sally Sisak** on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! They were married on September 11, 1971, by **Father Nicholas Repko** on Orleans Avenue in Cleveland. May God grant to His Servants Joseph and Sally many more years of peace, health and happiness!

## Memorial Benches



In conjunction with “The Year of St. Joseph” the **Men’s Club** will be constructing (putting together) memorial benches for use in the area of the pavilion as well as other locations throughout the church grounds. Included will be an engraved plaque with the purchaser’s message. The donation price has been set at \$1,000.00. An actual bench (donated by the Men’s Club) has been placed in the church vestibule. There will be a limited number of benches available. (Families may combine on a purchase.)

## Your Weekly Offering

August 29, 2021

Sunday:	\$3,904.00
Student Envelopes:	12.00
Cash:	96.00
Candles:	195.00
Holy Days	143.00
Building Fund:	20.00
Paper Recycle	19.46
In Memory of Mary Jane Dietz:	435.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4,824.46</b>

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

## ACME Cash Back

The **Ladies’ Auxiliary** is once involved in the ACME Community “Cash Back” program. If you shop at this store save your receipt and drop it in the box located beneath the mail slots. (Thru December 25)

## Please Pray

Please remember all the sick/suffering in your prayers, especially **Christine Cifranic** (Cleveland Clinic Avon; rehab) and **Diane Balasz** (home).

## ECF Registration

Registration is underway for the **2021/22 ECF Year**. Forms were printed in previous bulletins and can be found on our website. They can be returned via the collection basket or U.S. mail (by **September 7** so books can be ordered). **Catechetical Sunday is September 19** with classes beginning the following Sunday. All children in grades K - 8 should be enrolled (even if attending a Catholic School—as this would be their “Byzantine” component). This is an important parental duty as promised at your child’s baptism.

## Abortion Alternatives

For an alternate to abortion, call 1-800-712-HELP (4357). Access 24 hours a day and served by a live person at all times.

PAINTING WITH A  
*Twist*

**GCU Lodge 302** is holding a night out called "Painting with a Twist." The date is **September 30** from **7-9**. The cost is \$40. The location is 15225 Pearl Rd. in Strongsville. All supplies and instructions are provided. No art experience is needed. The online reservation deadline is September 23. Contact **Jean Karaffa** for the link **(216-513-3854)**.



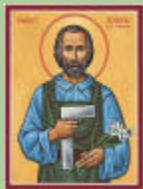
**55 or Over ??**  
**Come Join the Fun!**

Our new monthly offering for men and women over the age of fifty-five begins on **September 15**. "Kool" and "Sadie", therapy dogs trained to help hospital patients on their way to recovery, will be the featured "guests" along with their owners Sue and Janet (who will explain the benefit these dogs provide). The day starts with lunch at noon. The cost is \$10. Please sign the list posted on the vestibule bulletin board if you plan on attending. Contact **Joan Rozum** with any questions **(440-845-5468)**.

**"Year of St. Joseph" Birdhouse Contest**



**Jeff Cifranic** next to his 1<sup>st</sup> place birdhouse. **Nick Ihnat** was second. **Sloan Daily** won the the "kids" entry. (she did the painting) Thanks to the **Men's Club** and **Ladies' Auxiliary** for providing the prizes. (Photo credit Dawn Tinter)



*St. Joseph*  
*"Worker" of the Week*

"I helped an elderly person put groceries into her car."

The "Works of St. Joseph" holy cards are on the desk in the vestibule. This "project" will carry on through the end of the "Year of St. Joseph." Perform a "work" for someone, write it down anonymously on the back of the card and drop it off in the box appropriately marked on the desk. The cards are then taped to the vestibule window for inspiration to others!

**PARISH**  
**INFORMATION**

- ACTIVITY CENTER & HALL RESERVATIONS:** 440-526-0016
- CONFESSIONS:** 45 minutes before liturgies for half an hour and by request
- LADIES' AUXILIARY:** 2nd Sunday of the month after liturgy
- MEN'S CLUB:** 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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