Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Icon of the Publican and Pharisee

Faults of the Pharisee

Many are the faults of the Pharisee. First of all, he is boastful, and without sense, for he praises himself, even though the Sacred Scriptures cry aloud, "Let a neighbor praise you, and not your own mouth: a stranger and not your own lips" (Prov. 27:2). ... Our virtue, therefore, must not be contaminated with fault, but must be single-minded and blameless and free from all that can bring reproach. For what profit is there in fasting twice a week, if you so doing serve only as a pretext for ignorance and vanity, and if it makes you prideful, haughty and selfish? You tithe your possessions and make a boast of it; but in another way you provoke God's anger, by condemning men generally on this account and accusing others. And you yourself are puffed up, though not crowned by the divine decree for righteousness, but on the contrary, heap praises upon yourself. For I am not, he says, as the rest of mankind. Moderate yourself, O Pharisee: "Set a guard, O Lord, over your mouth, keep watch over the door of your lips" (Ps. 140:3). You speak to God Who knows all things. Await the decree of the Judge. None of those skilled in the practice of wrestling ever crowns himself, nor does any man receive the crown of himself, but awaits the summons of the arbiter. Lower your pride, for arrogance is both accursed and hated by God. Although, therefore, you fast with puffed up mind, your so doing will not avail you; your labor will be unrewarded; for you have mingled dung with your perfume. Even according to the law of Moses a sacrifice that had a blemish was not capable of being offered to God; for it was said unto him, "Of sheep, and ox, that is offered for sacrifice, there must be no blemish therein" (Lev. 22:21). Since, therefore, your fasting is accompanied by pride, you must expect to hear God saying, this is not the fast that I have chosen (Cf Isa. 58:5) ... You offer tithes, but you wrong in another way Him Who is honored by you, in that you condemn men generally. This is an act foreign to the mind that fears God.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

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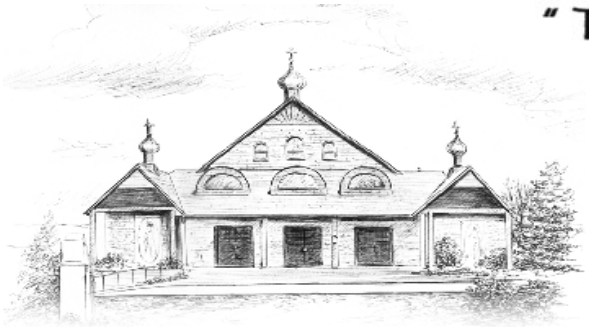
" The Byzz Line "



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The Boy Scouts of America annually celebrate its founding on February 8, 1910, based on the program started by Lord Baden Powell in England on August 1, 1907. Scout Sunday was added to the Scout celebration in the middle 1940's. Scout Sunday is always the Sunday preceding February 8, unless the 8th is a Sunday, in which case the 8th would be Scout Sunday. The Saturday following February 8 is Scout Sabbath.

The Scout Sunday tradition was started to make people in houses of worship aware of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out their "Duty to God" pledged each week.

The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God." These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith.

In the first part of the Scout Oath or Promise, the member declares, "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law." The recognition of God as the ruling and leading power in the universe and the grateful acknowledgement of his favors and blessings are necessary to the best type of citizenship and are wholesome precepts in the education of the growing members.

When creating the Scouting method, Founder Lord Baden Powell was adamant that there was a place for God within it.

In *Scouting for Boys*, Baden Powell wrote specifically about Christianity since he was writing for youth groups in the United Kingdom:

We aim for the practice of Christianity in their everyday life and dealings, and not merely the profession of theology on Sundays,

February 6, 2022

Christ is Among Us!

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	February 7	8:00 a.m.	**†Bernadine Hadbavny** by Dolores Grisin
Tuesday	February 8	8:00 a.m.	**†Michael/Mary Klinkovsky Family** by Joseph Klinkovsky
Wednesday	February 9	8:00 a.m.	Intention of **Matesavec Family** by Eric/Linda Primuth
Thursday	February 10	8:00 a.m.	**†Vince/Jane Fredrick** by Deacon Bill/Nancy Fredrick
Friday	February 11	8:00 a.m.	Intention of **Christ the Bridegroom Nuns** by Jim/Darlene Hritz
Saturday	February 12	4:00 p.m.	Intention of the Parishioners
Sunday	February 13	10:30 a.m.	**†Betty Fetko** by Mike/Anne Andrako

		Altar Servers	Lectors	Greeters
February 12	4:00 p.m.	D. Kattler & J. Mosgo	J. Pinchot	C. Kattler & J. Weitzel
February 13	10:30 a.m.	A. & R. Percic	C. Csornok	K. Lambourne & J. Klinkovsky

Man's way leads to a hopeless end! God's way leads to an endless hope!

Worldwide Synod

You should be receiving e-mail blasts with prayers/ reflections connected with the Beatitudes. **Bishop Milan** has chosen them as the backdrop for our discussions/reflections. (They will be sung during the liturgy through May 1 in place of the usual Antiphons.) Watch for information soon from our facilitators on how to sign-up for the small group gatherings (of which we would like everyone to participate in). An online survey (which we also would like full participation) is supposed to be ready for use on February 15. (Paper copies can be made available for those who don't have access to a computer.) Your sharing will help provide a snapshot of the parish and contribute in making the Gospel relevant in our day.

First All Souls Saturday

The first **All Souls' Saturday** is **February 19th.** If you haven't submitted new names for your list or submitting names for the first time, make sure you have them in by next weekend. (Use the envelope from your box.)

Party Center Name

Next week's Byzz Line should contain the new name for our Party Center! Stay tuned! The winning submission receives a private dinner and wine pairing for eight from **Catering by Verba's.**

Kindness Project

Make sure you get your "Hershey Bar" to someone this week so the advertising for **"National Random Acts of Kindness Week" (February 14-20)** can begin! As you have heard year in and year out, acts of kindness are truly "Acts of Jesus!" Do your part in getting the word out and by participating!

Upcoming Meetings

- The **Men's Club** will meet on **Tuesday** at **7:00.**
- The **Ladies' Auxiliary** will meet **next Sunday** after liturgy.

Basket Raffle

Next weekend the **Ladies' Auxiliary** will begin selling tickets for their **"Basket Raffle."** The drawing will be held **February 27.**

Please Pray

Please remember all the sick/suffering in your prayers, especially **Chuck Dorobish** (Marymount); **Carol Vasil** (Fairview General); **Mary Dirda** (The Oaks; rehab); **Diane Balasz** (St. Joseph Villa; rehab); **Lillian Cawley** (home); **Mary Jo Keshock** (home) and **Joe Popik** (home).

ByzanTEEN Gathering

Area **ByzanTEENS** will meet in our Education Center **tonight** at **5:00. Fr. Lukas Mitro** and **Fr. Cyril Pinchak SJ** are conducting the sessions. All high school students are encouraged to attend!

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

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The mirovanije $$ from today will be sent to the Chancery Office. (Part of the National Collection for "Aid to the Church in Eastern Europe.")

2021 Financial Reports

The Financial Reports for 2021 can be found in the mail slots. If you have any questions pertaining to donations, contact **Michele (440-526-0016).** For other matters call **Father.**

Community News

- The **Garfield Hts. Knights of Columbus** is sponsoring a **"Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner"** on February 9. Carryout only between 4-6. The cost is $10. Reservations can be made by calling 216-662-2277 x2 by February 6.
- The **Cleveland Dance Club** is hosting **"LaFlavour"** at the New Orleans Party Center on **February 13** at **6:00.** The cost is $10 for "newbies", otherwise $12. Call Jackie for more info at 440-546-7531.
- There will be an **iconography workshop** at **Holy Spirit Church (Parma)** on the Tuesdays of Lent from 6:30-10:00 each night. The cost is $350. Fr. Marek Visnovsky is the instructor. Reserve a spot by going to marekvisnovsky@yahoo.com.

The Humility of the Publican

Humility is the foundation of all virtues. No other virtue is possible without it. But there is not much we can do actively to acquire it.

It is a bit like relaxation. If you work at it too hard you become more tense. The art is in being able to allow it to happen,

So if you are too eager to take the lowest place, to submit without question, to do the lowly jobs, to hold back your opinion, it could be that the self in you which needs to die is in a subtle and secret manner being fed; and that under the mask of humility there may lie an unsuspected pride.

True humility is the by-product of adoration, praise and worship. It is something which steals in quietly while you are looking the other way.

True humility is an infused rather than an acquired virtue. It is worked in us through the patient endurance of events which make our self-love suffer.

Humility and self-knowledge go hand in hand. Thus, St. Teresa can say: "Humility is truth."

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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.
FOREVER YOUNG CLUB: 3rd Wednesday of the month (12-2)
COFFEE SOCIAL: Every Sunday after liturgy
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