

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Christ Teaching His Disciples
Loving Our Enemies*

Those who close their eyes to the demands of love fall asleep in the desire for worldly pleasures. Therefore, be watchful. Eating, drinking, carousing, gambling, and hunting are pleasures, but evils of every kind follow in the wake of these vanities. No one can deny that they are enjoyable, but love of God's law must come first, for to love God means to keep His commandments. Which commandments? You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and you must love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

My brothers and sisters, to widen our hearts, we need not depend upon ourselves. Ask God to help you love one another – to love everyone without exception, not just your friends, but enemies as well; not because they are your brothers and sisters in Christ, but so that they may be. Pray that you may

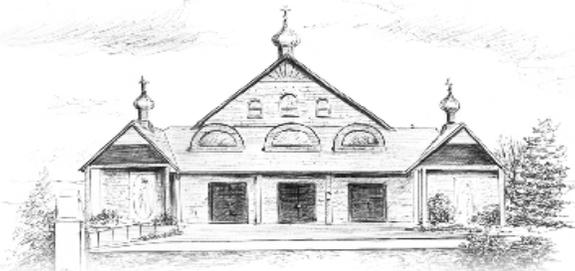
always have a warm, fraternal love for other people, both for those who have become your brothers and sisters, and for your enemies, that they may become such. Whenever you love brothers or sisters you love friends, for they are already with you, joined to you in faith unity. If they live virtuously you love them as people who have been changed from enemies into brothers and sisters. But suppose you love people who do not yet believe in Christ, or if they do, yet believe as the devil believes – they believe in Christ, but still do not love him. You must love just the same, you must love even people like that, you must love them as brothers and sisters. They are not such yet, but you must love them so that they may become such through your kindness. All our love, then, must be fraternal.

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RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Called to Serve
Moms in Need



Our Blessed Mother models a profound witness to love and life in the Gospel account of the Visitation. Luke's Gospel tells us that, when Mary learns that her cousin Elizabeth is pregnant, she travels to the hill country “*in haste*” (Lk 1:39). Despite being unexpectedly pregnant herself, Mary responds to this news with urgency.

She embarks on a long and perhaps difficult journey to be with her cousin during her time of need, bearing Christ to her as He lay quietly hidden in Mary's womb. And, although Jesus is veiled from view, when Mary first arrives John the Baptist leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb, recognizing the presence of Christ (Lk 1:44). Mary, with Jesus, spends the next three months at Elizabeth's side.

The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child.

Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children. How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?

Throughout the whole of Scripture, Mary's words are few. Yet, in her sacred encounter with Elizabeth, a powerful declaration pours from her lips. Mary proclaims to all generations that the Lord *lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things, and remembers his promise of mercy from age to age* (Lk 1:46-56). In both word and deed, Mary speaks a message of *hope*—not only to Elizabeth, but also to every mother in need and to each of us.

Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone. By doing so, we too can bear Christ within us and help others experience His presence. Inspired by the Blessed Mother's example and guided by the Holy Spirit, may we offer Christ's presence and love to mothers in their time of need through our faithful service and support.

October 2, 2022

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Liturgy Schedule

Monday	October 3	8:30 a.m.	†Andrew Bobco by Judy Weitzel
Tuesday	October 4	8:30 a.m.	†Frank Matyas by Nick/Mary Lizanich
Wednesday	October 5	8:30 a.m.	†Helen Oros by Kattler Family
Thursday	October 6	No Liturgy	
Friday	October 7	8:30 a.m.	†Mary Jane Shaver by Jim/Pat Lesnick
Saturday	October 8	4:00 p.m.	Intention of the Parishioners
Sunday	October 9	10:30 a.m.	†Elizabeth Churavy by Churavy Family

		Altar Servers	Lectors	Greeters
October 8	4:00 p.m.	J. Mosgo	R. Evans	P. Secunde
October 9	10:30 a.m.	D. Tytko & J. Lesnick	C. Csornok	K. Lambourne & R. Thornton

The Infinite Goodness has such wide arms that it takes whatever turns to it.



Our **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, October 23** immediately after church during coffee and donuts.



We hope you'll make plans to attend the next **"First Fryday Fish Fry"** on **October 7**. Serving is from **3:30-6:30**. The "blueplate special" is breaded pork chops. Take-outs are available. All proceeds benefit the **St. Joseph Outreach** in feeding the homeless at the Men's Shelter in downtown Cleveland. Please patronize the dinners when you are able—and tell others about them, too. Volunteers are needed from 1:30 on through cleanup. If you are interested in helping, contact **Jim or Pat Lesnick (216-973-1430)**.

Please Pray

Please remember all the sick/suffering in your prayers including **Bill Bejcek** (Oaks); **Steve Katrenich** (Oaks); **Debbie Vagas** (home); **Diane Balasz** (home); **Ron Kwiatkowski** (home); and **Jan Lukas** (home).



St. Joe Spirit Wear has arrived. Look for the display in the vestibule. Tees, sweatshirts, and hoodies are available for purchase or order. (Last day to order is **October 9**.) Contact **Joyce Huntz** at **440-582-3025** with questions.

Iconography Workshop



Fr. Marek Visnovsky will be offering an **iconography workshop** at Holy Spirit Church, Parma. Classes will be held **Friday, November 18 (6-9)**, **Saturday, November 19 (10-4)**, **Friday, December 2, (6-9)** and **Saturday, December 3, (10-4)**. There will be time for prayer, talk, discussion, personal instructions, reflections and a hands-on demonstration. We will paint the Icon of Christ Emmanuel. The cost is \$350 (includes icon boards and painting material). Beginners as well as advanced artists are welcome. Registration deadline is Sunday, November 6. For the registration form and any further information please email **Fr. Marek** at **marekvisnovsky@yahoo.com**



In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, pets will be blessed on **Saturday, October 8** at **11:00 a.m.** at the front entrance of the church. All pets are welcome. A freewill offering will be given to the **Parma Animal Shelter**. Pet treats will be available! (Contact **Deacon Bill** at **216-469-1425** if you have any questions.)

Congratulations to our October Jubilarians!



John & Karen Metzger
(50 years)...October 7

Charles & Ivana Hallis
(25 years)...October 11

Jim & Pat Lesnick
(50 years)...October 14

Grant O Lord to Your Servants **John & Karen, Charles & Ivana,** and **Jim & Pat** many years of peace, health and happiness!

The Week Ahead

- The **Advisory Board** will meet on **Tuesday** at **7:00 p.m.**
- **Sandwich Making** will take place at **11:00 a.m.** on **Tuesday.**
- The **Men's Book Group** meets **Wednesday, October 5** in the Education Center from **7-8:30 p.m.** Contact **Jim Hritz** at **440-915-6292** for info.
- The **Ladies' Bless Group** meets **Wednesday, October 5** from **7-8:30 p.m.** in the Education Center. The topic will be "Heroines of the Old Testament." Call **Darlene Hritz** at **440-915-8740** for info.
- The **Ladies' Auxiliary** will meet **next Sunday** after liturgy.



Blessed Repose, Eternal Memory

Elsie Marchak passed away this week at the age of 95. Elsie and her late husband George were faithful worshipers. Elsie had a strong devotion to the Rosary and the Blessed Mother. Parish sympathies are extended to her daughter, **Judy (Charles) Churavy** and granddaughters **Christina and Maria.**

Grant O Lord to your handmaid, Elsie, Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory.



The next **Forever Young Club** (55 and over) gathering is **Wednesday, October 19** from **12-2.** There will be a **Halloween Party** with prizes for best costume. Enjoy a movie, popcorn and root beer floats. A sign-up sheet can be found on the vestibule bulletin board. The cost for lunch is \$10. Contact **Joan Rozum** at **440-845-5468** for info.

Your Weekly Offering

September 25, 2022

Sunday:	\$2,807.00
e-giving:	200.00
Student Envelopes:	5.00
Cash:	75.00
Candles:	98.00
Holy Days:	45.00
Building Fund:	10.00
Total:	\$3,240.00

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

Communion Visits

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

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn during the month of October for the Intention of the **Primuth Family.**

Slovakia, Hungary & Ukraine— Borders Always Changing” “

Now that we have several priests in our Eparchy that have come from Eastern Europe, **John Righetti**, President of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society, will describe how changes in our homelands versus identity have historically shaped our nationalities. This event will take place here at St. Joe's. Join us for Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, October 23** at **10:30 a.m.** followed by a complimentary brunch in the Activity Center. Reservations are required by Friday, October 7. This is not a walk-in event and is limited to 50 people. Brunch is sponsored by the Timo Foundation & the Eastern European Congress of Ohio. To place your reservation, call **330-727-2790** or email **eecofohio@gmail.com.**



GCU Lodge 302 is sponsoring a "Trunk or Treat" after liturgy on **October 30.** More info in next week's bulletin.



Octogenarian Sunday

On **Sunday, October 16** we will honor our "Octogenarians" (parishioners who have reached the age of eighty and above), many of whom are still very active in volunteering. ByzanTEENS will escort them into church prior to the liturgy (teens, please be generous with your time) and then downstairs for a breakfast (prepared by the **A-OK Club**) and short program. Honorees are asked to be in the vestibule no later than 10:15 (there will be chairs for your convenience). We hold this celebration in conjunction with "**Respect Life Month.**"

"Respect Life Month" Project

During "**Respect Life Month**" we will be assisting Womankind in Garfield Hts. with a "Baby Bottle Project." Pick one up in the vestibule, fill it with loose change, and return it by the end of the month in the bassinette. Womankind supports low-income mothers with financial help and baby items.

ProLife Prayer Service

There will be a **ProLife Prayer Service** on **Thursday, October 13** starting at **7:00 p.m.** with the rosary. **Deacon Bill** will preside.

Someone you know may need this information:
Alternatives to Abortion—
1-800-712-HELP (4357)
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Please join this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

40 Days for Life takes place **September 28 through November 6**. You can help through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach. To learn more go to 40daysforlife.com.



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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.
FOREVER YOUNG CLUB: 3rd Wednesday of the month (12-2)
COFFEE SOCIAL: Every Sunday after liturgy
EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF) CLASSES:
Sundays 9:30 a.m.–10:20 a.m.
BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE: Tuesday noon

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