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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (English) - **Live Streamed** - Parish Facebook  
Sunday: During present restrictions, only one Liturgy  
10:00 am Ukrainian - **Live Streamed** - Parish Facebook  
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

## Holy Days of Obligation:

6:00 p.m. (English on the preceding evening)  
9:00 a.m. on the Holy Day  
Other Services as announced.

## OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ; 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION:

Parishioners should make plans to have their children baptized and chrismated in a timely fashion. Please call the rectory before setting a date for the ceremony.

## CONFESSIONS:

Before weekend Divine Liturgies and Holy Days.

## MARRIAGE:

Please call the rectory at least six months in advance. Pre-marital counseling is mandatory.

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

Kindly notify the rectory regarding parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing homes.

## CEMETERY:

Purchase of cemetery plots is a privilege reserved to parishioners. Please contact the rectory before any major improvements are undertaken.

## CHURCH FACILITIES:

Any use of church facilities must be cleared in advance at the rectory. Literature may not be placed in or around the Church without approval.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE:

8:00 a.m. of the Monday preceding the weekend in which the announcement is to appear.

## WEBSITES:

[www.stjohnbaptistucc.com](http://www.stjohnbaptistucc.com)  
[www.facebook.com/StJohnTheBaptistUCC](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnTheBaptistUCC)

## ADDITIONAL FAITH RESOURCES:

[www.stamforddio.org](http://www.stamforddio.org)     [www.royaldoors.net](http://www.royaldoors.net)

## FOOD FOR THE POOR:

We are not collect at this time.

As of now, any schedules or information posted in the bulletin or on the parish's Facebook or web site is subject to change.

**SATURDAY, March 6 - 3rd All Souls Saturday (Live Streaming)**

4:00PM - In memory of +Peter Paul Dudiak (1 year) Panakhyda req. Oksana Dudiak

**SUNDAY, March 7 - 3rd Sunday of the Great Fast - Veneration of the Cross (Live Streaming)**

10:00AM - In memory of +Natalie Husak (3 years) req. mom, Irene, brother, Andy and sister, MaryAnn

**TUESDAY, March 9**

*No Liturgy Scheduled*

**WEDNESDAY, March 10**

6:00PM - Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (English & Ukrainian)

**THURSDAY, March 11**

*No Liturgy Scheduled*

**FRIDAY, March 12**

6:00PM - The Way of the Cross (English & Ukrainian)

**SATURDAY, March 13 - 4th All Souls Saturday (Live Streaming)**

8:00AM - Sorokousty Service

4:00PM - In memory of +Richard Troch req. Jim and MaryAnn Frits

*Apostleship of Prayer New Member Induction and Vow Renewal*

*St. Joseph Rosary following the Divine Liturgy.*

**SUNDAY, March 14 - 4th Sunday of the Great Fast - Commemoration of St. John Climacus (Live Streaming)**

10:00AM - God's Blessings on the Temnycky Family req. Temnycky Family

*Vigil Lights*



**Eternal Light:** Special Intentions req. Gloria Kyanka

**Tetrapod:** In loving memory of +John and +Anna Rys req. Stephanie Ubowski and family

**Sacred Heart:** God's Blessing, good health and special Intentions for all Apostleship of Prayer Members req. Apostleship of Prayer

**Mother of God:** Special Intentions req. Temnycky Family

**Holy Cross:** God's Blessings on all those affected by the recent bad weather around the United States and all affected by natural disasters around the world.

**Please pray for the souls of the deceased members of the parish and those for whom Divine Liturgies will be offered this week. We ask that you also pray for the following parishioners who are ill or homebound:**



Deacon Ed Galvin, Felicia Guzelak, Olga Holl, John Hnotko, Michael Hrab, Eugene Kaczor, George Kelley, Andrew Krzywyj, Julia Maliwesky, Jennie Marko, Dorothy Onoff-Graser, Christopher Piotrowski, Fr. Stefan, Gabriella Wicker, Kalina Woloszyn, Marion Wood, Anna Wowk, Nina Wozniak, our military men and women in the USA and Ukraine, all those suffering from the coronavirus and all Clergy and religious.

**Lenten Mission**

**Saturday, March 20 & Sunday, March 21**

*As part of weekend Divine Liturgies*



This years Lenten Mission will be given by, Very Rev. Bohdan Tymchyshyn, Rector of St. Basil Seminary. He, along with seminarians will be visiting our parish to enrich our Lenten journey. Fr. Rector will be giving a mission and will be available to hear confessions, at both weekend Divine Liturgies.

**READINGS**

**March 7**

**Epistle:** Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:1-6  
**Gospel:** Mark 8:34-38, 9:1

To get a printed copy of the Liturgical Proprs go to: <http://www.stamforddio.org/> and click on the "Resources" tab, and then click on the "Liturgical Proprs" link.



**Epistle Reader**

**Saturday, March 6**

**4:00p.m. Liturgy**

**Lector: Fred Bush**



**Daylight Savings Time Begins NEXT week on Sunday, March 14, 2021**



**Highlights of the Parish COVID Guideline**

- **WEARING A MASK IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PARISHIONERS & GUEST.** - NO Exceptions
- Social distancing of 6 feet must be maintained:  
**IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL - STAY HOME.**

For a complete list of all the COVID rules and guidelines: [stjohnbaptistucc.com](http://stjohnbaptistucc.com)

**Diocesan Charities Appeal - 2021**

Every year, during Lent, the parish kick's off the *Annual Stamford Diocese Charity Appeal*. It is a wonderful opportunity for almsgiving during the Great Fast. The money raised from this special collection is used to help educate future priest for our Stamford Diocese and our Ukrainian Catholic Church throughout the world. All parishioners are encouraged to give. Forms can be found near the side entrance of the church. Completed forms with donation, can be placed in the collection basket, mailed to or dropped off at the rectory.

- ▶ Please make checks payable to: **"St. John the Baptist UCC"**
- ▶ DO NOT MAIL your donation directly to Stamford.

**Our assessment for this year of \$8,000.**  
*We need your help to reach our goal!*  
**Campaign should end by the end of June 2021**

**Lenten Parish Community Service Project**

During Lent the parish, will once again be collecting non-perishable foods for any parishioners of our parishioners who are in need, as well as St. Patrick's Food Pantry. There is a drop off box near the side door entrance for items to be placed in.

We are looking for donations of:

- Laundry detergent
- Rice, pasta
- Various toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soaps, etc..
- Can food: Soups, Vegetables, Fruits, Beans

**Please, NO perishable items**

## Why do we Bless ourselves different than Roman Catholics?

Ukrainian Catholics touch their right shoulder first, then their left, whereas the Roman Catholics first touch their left shoulder. Is this difference important? Does it make any difference? **Yes!** First, let us discuss how we cross ourselves, then we will explain why it is indeed important that we make the sign of the cross correctly.

### “Placing the cross on oneself”:

- We only cross ourselves with our **RIGHT** hand.
- We place our thumb and first two fingers together in a point, and our last two fingers flat against our palm. The three fingers together represent the Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and the two fingers in the palm represent the two natures of Christ.
- We touch our forehead, then our belly, tracing the vertical part of the cross.  
From our belly, we bring our hand up to our right shoulder, touching it.  
We finish placing the cross on ourself by touching our left shoulder.



The act of "Placing the cross on oneself" is a request for a blessing from God. We make it from right to left to mirror the actions of the priest when he blesses us. The priest, looking at the parishioners, blesses from left to right. Therefore, the parishioners, putting on the sign of the cross on themselves, do it from right to left.

Because the Lord separated the sheep from the goats, putting the faithful sheep on His right side, and the goats on the left, the Church always treats the right side as the preferred side. The priest, when blessing a person, first touches or points to their **RIGHT** side, then their left. Also the censing of the Holy Table in the Altar is always done from the **RIGHT** side first; censing of the Iconostasis, the Congregation and of the Church itself always begins with the right side. The priest always gives communion with his **RIGHT** hand, even if he is left handed. There are other examples of this right side preference.

The Catholic Encyclopedia states that in the Roman Catholic Church, the faithful crossed themselves from right to left, just as we do, until the 15th or 16th century, but changed. There are many theories out there as to why they changed.

**Is it important to cross ourselves a particular way? In a word, YES.** Our fathers, and countless saints crossed themselves from right to left. Ancient icons show Christ or bishops beginning a blessing from right to left. The right side is referred to in a preferential way many times in scripture and our sacred hymns, such as the Nicene Creed, which say *“and is seated at the right hand of the Father.”*

## Upcoming Lenten Retreats:

### A Spiritual Journey into Great Lent

A virtual ZOOM interactive spiritual retreat with Most Reverend Bishop Bohdan Danylo

**March 13, 2021 12:30 pm – 03:00 pm EST**

**For more information and to register online go to:  
Leagueofukrainiancatholics.org**

Additional Speakers will include: Father Marijan Procyk, Father Andriy Kelt, Father Jason Charron and Deacon Anthony Dragani

### Lenten Retreat at the Sheptytsky Institute.

Eastern Christians typically speak of salvation as deification. But can salvation and deification be concretely experienced in our lives in this world? Fr. Khaled Anatolios will speak on how the liturgy grants us an experience of salvation as deification. This retreat will be based on his latest book, *Deification through the Cross: An Eastern Christian Theology of Salvation* (Eerdmans, 2020)

**To Register: Email to [sheptytsky@utoronto.ca](mailto:sheptytsky@utoronto.ca)**

Fee: There is no mandatory fee. Donations are welcome.

*\*The Retreat will not be recorded. Please email us to register and join.*

The Pope decreed this the **Year of St. Joseph**, the beloved and devoted spouse to the blessed Virgin Mary, to whom God entrusted his only son. **Please join the Apostleship of Prayer on Saturday, March 13, in praying the St. Joseph Rosary, following the 4:00pm Divine Liturgy.** This rosary is prayed on regular rosary beads, so bring your rosary.



Additionally, there is a brief write up, on page 3, of this month's Sower, regarding how to receive a Plenary Indulgence in the Year of St. Joseph. We will be praying the necessary prayers for the Plenary Indulgence, this Saturday. In addition to the prayers you will need to receive the Sacraments of Confession and receive Eucharistic Communion. *(Confessions done next Saturday, at the Lenten Mission will count towards your Plenary Indulgence. You can also follow the directions in the Sower to receive the indulgence anytime, during this special Year of St. Joseph)*

## Fish Fry – Ukrainian National Home

**When: Every Friday during Lent**

**Time: 4:30pm – 7:00pm**

**Price: \$13.00 for Fish Dinner**  
*(Served Fried or Broiled)*

**\$9.00 for Fish Sandwich**  
*(Served Fried only)*

**Cream of Mushroom Soup: \$6.00 large / \$4.00 small**

**Pre-orders encouraged. - Please call 315-478-9272**



## Apostleship of Prayer Annual Easter Bread Bake Saturday, March 27, 2021

Apostleship of Prayer will once again be baking Easter Paska and Kolach for the parish. This year we will be baking one day only, so we are strongly encouraging that you **Pre-order**, to guarantee you will be able to get what you want.

**Pre-Order forms, with pricing, are available near the side entrance** of the church. Please share information about the bread bake with family, friends and co-workers. Completed order forms can be placed in the Sunday Collection Basket, handed off to any Apostleship of Prayer Officer, or mailed to the rectory.

**Thank you for your Order(s) and continued support!**



## Pyrohy for Sale

Pyrohy is available for sale following each Divine Liturgy and by contacting the rectory on Tuesdays during office hours. Please call the rectory 315-478-5109 prior to coming to purchase on Tuesdays:

**Potato - \$ 8 for a 1 dozen package**  
**\$15 for a 2 dozen package**  
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