

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)*

### *Reflection on the Good Samaritan*

First, we must pity the ill fortune of the man who fell unarmed and helpless among robbers, and who was so rash and unwise as to choose the road in which he could not escape the attack of robbers. For the unarmed can never escape the armed, the heedless the villain, the unwary the malicious. Since malice is ever armed with guile, fenced round with cruelty, fortified with deceit, and ready for fierce attack...

He poured in wine, that is, the blood of His passion, and oil, that is, the anointing of the chrism, that pardon might be granted by His blood, sanctification be conferred by the chrism...

The wounded parts are bound up by the heavenly Physician, and containing a salve within themselves, are by the working of the remedy restored to their former soundness. Having

poured in wine and oil, he placed him upon His beast...

For the Inn is the Church, which receives travelers, who are tired with their journey through the world, and oppressed with the load of their sins; where the wearied traveler casting down the burden of his sins is relieved, and after being refreshed is restored with wholesome food. And this is what is here said, and took care of him. For outside is everything that is conflicting, hurtful and evil, while within the Inn is contained all rest and health...

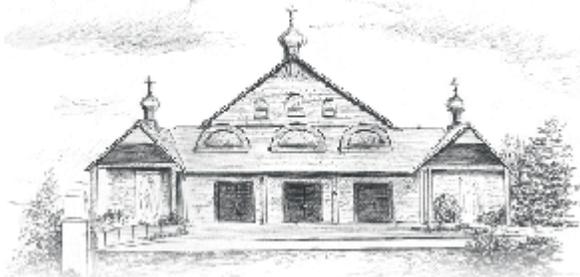
He said, if you see any one oppressed, say not surely he is wicked; but be he Gentile or Jew and need help, dispute not, he has a claim to your assistance, into whatever evil he has fallen.

*St. John Chrysostom*

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## *Nativity Fast*



## *Philip's Fast*

Many people recognize Advent as the approach of Christmas. Advent is the title given to the four weeks prior to Christmas in the Latin rite of the Catholic church. But there is another tradition called the Nativity fast. Nativity fast is a spiritual practice followed in Eastern Christian churches. It is a time set aside to spiritually prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, with the emphasis reflecting on the mystery of the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

The Nativity fast starts earlier than Advent. It begins the day after the feast of St. Philip on the Eastern Catholic liturgical calendar on November 15. This is how the fast became known by another title: Philip's fast. Either title is used. The fast period is a full 40 days corresponding to the full 40 days of the Great Lent fast.

There is a difference between the Nativity fast and the Lenten fast. The Lenten fast is a very solemn mandatory fasting period with specific practices in abstinence from food. During

Lent the dominant theme is penitential.

The Nativity fast anticipates a joyful event. It may be described as a joyful fast. Abstinence or fasting is suggested as a spiritual discipline, as an invitation and a response. It is our "yes" to being open to welcoming Christ. During the Nativity fast, the faithful may choose to abstain beyond what is normally required in the Byzantine Catholic church. The practice of almsgiving (providing and helping the poor) is advocated as equally important as the discipline of fasting.

The Nativity Fast is about the mystery of the Incarnation of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and its relevance to our personal redemption and salvation. It is a plan of God that began long ago as we read in Old Testament Scripture the hopes and promises of a Messiah as foretold by the prophets.

In the New Testament, we see again, many examples of waiting and hopeful expectation, of disciplined patience expressed by Jesus himself, even exasperation over human misunderstanding of his message to others. Jesus emphatically reminds his own apostles and disciples of the importance of prayer and fasting. He teaches that these are the means to affect change, whether in self or others.

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In 1966, the Byzantine Catholic Church in the U.S. was granted a Rescript by the Holy See reducing this period of fasting to two weeks—December 10-24. However, the trend these days is to emphasize the traditional period of forty days.

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November 14, 2021

# Glory to Jesus Christ!

## Liturgy Schedule

Monday	November 15	<b>No Liturgy</b>		
Tuesday	November 16	8:00 a.m.	Health of <b>Robert Licursi</b> by Ruth Licursi	
Wednesday	November 17	8:00 a.m.	Intention of <b>Kattler/Jaryga</b> Families by Ceil Kattler	
Thursday	November 18	8:00 a.m.	† <b>George Gubnich</b> by Family	
Friday	November 19	8:00 a.m.	† <b>Tony LaBella</b> by Mike Magdinec	
Saturday	November 20	<b>Vigil Liturgy</b>		
		4:00 p.m.	Intention of the Parishioners	
Sunday	November 21	<b>Presentation of Mary in the Temple</b>		
		10:30 a.m.	† <b>Mary Jane Dietz</b> by Linda Szucs	

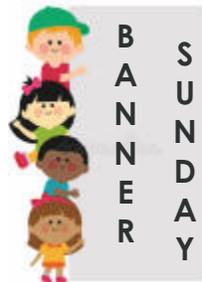
		<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
November 20	4:00 p.m.	J. Bremner & J. Cohn	N. Fredrick	J. Pinchot & L. Greb
November 21	10:30 a.m.	A. & R. Percic	ECF Children	H. Pariza & J. Carrig

God's delays are not God's denials.



## St. Nicholas Celebration

Sign-up sheets for our **St. Nicholas Celebration** on **December 5** are posted on the vestibule bulletin board. The format is similar to last year where the meal will be provided (no potluck). Those attending are asked to bring a dessert. **St. Nicholas** will be on hand to greet the children right after the liturgy. The **A-OK Club** has a table game ready to keep folks busy as they wait to go through the line (Handel gift cards to each person at the winning table.) There will be music afterwards for anyone interested in jumping on the dance floor.



Next weekend is **Banner Sunday**. Our ECF students (few in number this year) will be involved in various parts of the liturgy. They will be processing into church with the banners used throughout this "Year of St. Joseph." Bookmarks with the "prayers" will be available the following weekend (courtesy of the **Men's Club**) where the banners are stationed.

## 2022 Liturgy Requests

**Father** is taking liturgy requests for **2022**. Feel free to call, e-mail or drop-off your intentions.

## Emmanuel Moleben Services

In conjunction with the Philips Fast (see page 1 article) we will be offering a special "**Emmanuel Moleben Service**" on **December 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 p.m.**



**Next Sunday is the Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple.** The mirovanije collection will be sent to Cornerstone of Hope in Independence for their annual fund campaign. (This non-profit group ministers to the bereaved.)

## Akathist to Mark End of the "Year of St. Joseph"

The "Year of St. Joseph" is winding down. **December 7<sup>th</sup>** marks the close of this special time as declared by **Pope Francis**. To mark this ending, we are offering the "**Akathist to St. Joseph**" on that day starting at **7:00 p.m.** There will be an anointing with oil from the St. Joseph Shrine in Montreal at the close of the service. Churches in the area have been invited to join us. There will be fellowship time afterwards in the hall. (Also, everyone in attendance will be the first to sign the banner that has been hanging outside. It will be placed in the time capsule for posterity sake.)



## Chili-Soup-Salad Luncheon

The **Ladies' Auxiliary** is holding a **Chili/Soup/Salad Luncheon** after liturgy on **November 21**. Donations will be accepted!

## Women's Enrichment

The next **Women's Enrichment** session is **Monday** at **7:00** in the Activity Center. (Not "St. Joseph themed.") **Fr. Ryan Mann** will talk on "*All Sacraments are Spousal.*" Discussion will follow the video. (Fr. Mann is the Administrator of St. Basil Church in Brecksville.)

## 50/50 Club Banquet This Friday

Doors open at **5:30** for **Friday's 50/50 Club Grand Banquet**. Dinner is scheduled for 7:30. The drawing for \$3,000.00 in cash prizes will be at 9:00. Dancing will follow until 11:00. (Rossi & Romano, who we've had the pleasure to hear at recent picnics will be singing along with accompaniment. Plan to stick around. They have a great sound!)



## Baptism

We welcome into the Catholic Church and Community of Believers, **Gemma Louise Daily**, daughter of **Daniel and Kelly**, baptized, confirmed and fully initiated after the Sunday liturgy.



## Your Weekly Offering

November 7, 2021

Sunday:	\$5,381.00
e-giving:	200.00
5 Student Envelopes:	5.00
Cash:	91.00
Candles:	241.00
Holy Days:	105.00
Building Fund:	95.00
Thanksgiving:	35.00
Christmas:	20.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,173.00</b>

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

## Please Pray

Please remember all the sick/suffering in your prayers especially **Barbara Troyan** (Paramount; rehab); **Ken Kalas** (Parkside Villa); **Joe Popik** (home); **Mary Jo Keshock** (home); **Jan Lukas** (home); **Diane Balasz** (home); and **Debi Shirilla** (home).



## Food Collection

In conjunction with "**Banner Food Sunday,**" **GCU Lodge 302** is sponsoring a **food collection** (non-perishables)

the weekend of **November 20/21**. Boxes will be placed in the vestibule. Donations will be given to St. Mary Hospitality House (operating out of Holy Spirit Church in Parma).

## Welcome Back!

We welcome back to the area and to the parish **Ted Chuparkoff**. He returned from Maryland and is living in Copley. Glad to have you as part of our parish once again!



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

"Made thirty wooden and metal structures for a garden club."



The next **Forever Young Club** (55 and over) gathering is scheduled for **November 17 at noon**. **Kate Kalas** will demonstrate how to make floral arrangements for the holidays. One of the guests will win the display! The sign-up sheet can be found on the vestibule bulletin board. The cost for the lunch is \$10.

## Jubilarian Celebration

Later today at Holy Spirit Church in Parma, **Bishop Milan** will be honoring wedding jubilarians from this year and last (since there wasn't a celebration in 2020). The afternoon starts with a **Moleben Prayer Service** to the Mother of God at **4:00**. Jubilarians from here include:

### 25 Years

*Dale & Robyn Kattler  
Mike & Jean Karaffa  
Bob & Carrie Hotaling*

### 50 Years

*Joe & Virginia Ruzinok  
Andy & Kathy Poticny  
Al & Mary Pinchak  
Dan & Debbie Thornsberry  
Joe & Sally Sisak*

### 55 Years

*Ron & Eleanor Fekete  
Andy & Rita Konter  
Bob & Carol Vasil*

### 60 Years

*Mike & Annmarie Andulics  
Dan & Ceil Kattler  
Bob & Pat Dirda*



## Looking for a New Name for our Party Center

Close to 40 suggestions have been received for "new names" for our Party Center. The winner will receive a private dinner and wine pairing for eight, featuring a six-course meal (guests must be 21 or older). You can e-mail your idea to **Father**. The contest ends at the end of November.

## Paper Recycling Bonus Week

This is "Bonus Week" for our paper recycling as announced by "River Valley." We will receive an additional \$2 per ton for the weight that is collected in our bins.

## Scouts Returning to St. Joe's



**Scout Troop 811** is revived and rechartering at St. Joseph! We are looking for boys and girls ages 6-17 interested in joining. We are also seeking any camping/outdoor items that you might want to donate (totes, water jugs, stoves, lanterns, tarps, axes, etc.). The Troop also is on the hunt for a 6-10 foot cargo trailer (monetary donations are also being accepted). Contact **Jennifer Mosgo** for information about joining or donating **(216-571-9139)**.

## ByzanTEEN Gathering

All of our ByzanTEENS are invited to join other Cleveland area teens for a gathering in our Education Center **Sunday (tonight) at 5:00**. **Father Lukas Mitro** and **Father Cyril Pinchak SJ** are the facilitators.



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**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.

**FOREVER YOUNG CLUB:** 3rd Wednesday of the month (12-2)

**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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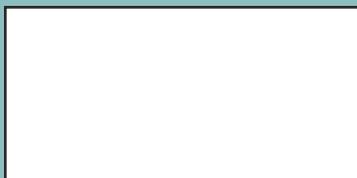
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