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Sunday, July 2, 2023

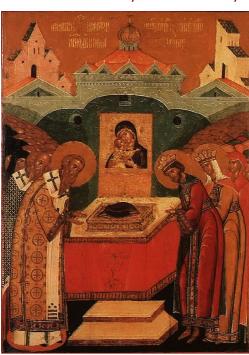
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost - The Mother of God of the Perpetual Help; Commemoration of the Deposition of the Revered Robe and Cincture of Our Most Holy Lady and Theotokos in the Church Dedicated to Her in the Blacharnae Palace in Constantinople; St. Juvenal

> Tones: 4 and Festive Epistles: Romans 10:1-10; Hebrews 9:1-7 Gospels: Matthew 8:28-9:1; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Liturgical Greetings

Greeting: "Glory to Jesus Christ!" "Slava Isusu Khrystu!"

> Response: "Glory Forever!" "Slava Na Veeky!"



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<u>Next Sunday</u>: Jul 9, 2023 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone: 5 Epistle: Romans 12:6-14 Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Most Holy Mother of God at Blachernae (July 2nd)

Day:	Date:	Place:	Time:	Intention:	Offered/Requested By:	Cantor(s)/ Reader(s):		
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	Jul 2	SA	SA 8:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in private intention(s)*					
Sun		HT	10:30a	Praying of the Holy Rosary	J. Bodak			
			11:00a	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the Parishioners of Both Churches		J. Bodak		
Mon	Jul 3	No Service						
Tue	Jul 4	No Service - Happy Independence Day!						
Wed	Jul 5	No Service						
Thu	Jul 6	HT	9:00a	†Josephine Nicora	John and Linda Terlecky	M. Woloszyn		
Fri	Jul 7	HT	8:00a	†Yaroslav Zhybak		J. Bodak/J. Billy		
Sat	Jul 8	HT	9:00a	Divine Liturgy for Peace and the End of Wa	r in Ukraine	J. Bodak		
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Sun	Jul 9	SA	8:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in private intention(s)*			P. Nachim		
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			11:00a	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the Parishion	M. Marczyszyn			
*Fr. Lubomir Zhybak's private intention(s)								

Prayer Requests

Holy Trinity Church: Ann Blazina, Andrea Curran, John Fecych, Ann Karnofel, Dan Malarcik, Yvonne Mudryk, James Pirko, Marie Schuller, and *the health of all of our parishioners* St. Anne Church: Joseph Belasco, Joyce Budinsky, Carole Elias, Roger Elias, Susan Kurtiak, Fr. Ignatius, Louis Mancini, Katie Moran, Margaret Rodomsky, Al Stevens, Ann Stevens, Josie Timlin, Helen Yurchison, and *the health of all of our parishioners*

<u>Clergy</u>: Bishop Josyf Milyan, Fr. Louis, Fr. Jeff, and Msgr. Martin Canavan

Non-Parishioners: Kennedy Eatinger, Mark F., Dawn Howard, Yaroslava, Myroslava, Halyna, Petro, Nadiya, Mylan, Yaremiya, Zoryana, Mariya, Connor, Claire, Mark, Christine, Dave Kishton, Fr. Andrzej, Judy Lepore, Jimi Stevens, Carol Martyn Dow, Tonja Delaine, Joann Panko, Kateryna Bolshahova, William J. Smith, Jim, Ivan M., Nadiya M., Anna F., Alexei Y., Nadiya Y., Volodymyr Y. and Joe Beeson

Our very Best Wishes and Blessings to our dear Parishioners celebrating their life milestones this week.

Holy Trinity Church Jul 3: Nancy Stecyk Jul 4: Ann Blazina

Jul 5: Bill Humeniuk Jul 8: Melissa Woak

Na Mnohaya ee Blahaya Leeta!

St. Anne Church Prayers Requested

You are kindly asked to remember and pray, in your charity, for the repose of the soul and the loved ones left behind of former St. Anne Church parishioner

†Joseph John Perehinez

May God grant **†Joseph** Eternal Memory! **"Vichnaya Pamyat!"**

<u>Banns of Marríage: I</u>

Mr. Larry Dean Skiver III,

son of Larry D. Skiver Jr. and Karen L. Mscichowski; a resident of Akron, Ohio; and a member of St. Rose Roman Catholic Church in Girard, Ohio;

and

Miss Arielle Anne Kreuzwieser,

daughter of Kirk Kreuzwieser and Kit Man Leung; a resident of Akron, Ohio; and a parishioner of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church;

Date and Place of Marriage:

Saturday, July 22, 2023, at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Youngstown, Ohio.

Anyone aware of any impediments that could prevent this marriage is obliged to inform the Church authorities at once.

My dear Friends,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Blessed Sunday to all of you and your loved ones! I trust that my message found everyone well and sound. Today, besides celebrating first and foremost our Lord's Resurrection as we do every Sunday, we are also celebrating this year the feasts of the Mother of God of the Perpetual Help as well as of Commemoration of the Deposition of the Revered Robe and Cincture of Our Most Holy Lady and Theotokos in the Church Dedicated to Her in the Blacharnae Palace in Constantinople.

Since tomorrow, July 4th, our country is celebrating its 247th birthday, I would like to wish wholeheartedly all of you and your loved ones a very blessed celebration of our country's independence. May our Good Lord continue to bless richly the United States of America, granting us the graces that each of us needs to lead holy Christian lives! Happy Independence Day! Happy Fourth of July!

We, Ohioans, need to take unwavering action against the proposed pro-abortion amendment to Ohio Constitution and VOTE NO on this amendment on the **General Election Day, November 7**th, or whenever you'll be voting this year! Before the General Election in November, I also strongly encourage you to vote during a **Special Election on August 8**th (please make sure that you register to vote by July 10th) in regard to the so-called Issue 1 (please see the flyer in the bulletin for more details). Let us unite in prayer and action, reaffirming our firm YES TO LIFE and NO TO DEATH! IF OUR LORD IS WITH US, WHO COULD BE AGAINST US (cf. Romans 8:31)?! For the periodic updates regarding these and other important issues, please go to the Catholic Conference of Ohio at https://www.ohiocathconf.org/.

Sadly, the situation in our beloved Ukraine continues to remain grave. The country is still under a heavy attack from the side of Russia and whoever else sides with it in this horrible war... So many victims, including innocent children... How much longer will this bloodshed last? Right now, the People of Ukraine are being crucified... in fact, it is Christ Himself Who is being crucified again... Yet, life does not end with death! After the crucifixion and death comes resurrection! The resurrection will come for Ukraine as well! Today our risen Lord is embracing all people, who grieve due to having lost their loved ones because of the war in Ukraine, asking them to have faith in Him and not be afraid, for one day they will see their loved ones again, as this is a temporary absence. Today Jesus is telling the whole world just as He addressed His beloved friend Lazarus' sister Martha before Christ brought Lazarus back to life: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26 (NRSVCE)). Lord Jesus, we believe in You, give us life eternal!

In the meantime, let us continue to *pray and act* for the end of the war in Ukraine as well as for the conversion of Ukraine's aggressors and, as a Ukrainian citizen, I'd like to tell all of you: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR SUFFERING BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN UKRAINE (since July 8th of this year marks 500 days since the launch of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, in response to our bishop's request directed to our eparchy's communities to pray on that day for peace and the end of war in Ukraine, I will celebrate a Liturgy in this intention at 9:00 am at Holy Trinity Church; please join us if you can)! Ukraine direly needs our help right now! If you would like to help financially your brothers and sisters in Ukraine, please see a separate notice in the bulletin of how you can help. No amount is too small, yet please be generous, and I thank you in advance for your munificence! May our Good Lord reward you abundantly for it in this life and in the life to come!

- If any of you, who are homebound, would like to partake in the Holy Sacraments, kindly call the parish office at 330-744-5820 to make arrangements.
- I would like to encourage you to pray (*daily if you can*) the prayers from the **Prayer Corner**.
- Please keep in your prayers the soul of Joseph John Perehinez, a brother of St. Anne Church's parishioner Mary Ann Belasco, who died on June 15th of this year at the age of 65 in Youngstown, OH (Kinnick Funeral Home: https://www.kinnickfuneralhome.com/obituary/Joseph-Perehinez). Please also pray for all the loved ones he left behind. Thank you! Eternal memory! Вічна пам'ять!
- Last Sunday, June 25th, we posted in the bulletin the last card of the ones made by last school year's 7th and 8th grade students of St. John School in Ashtabula, OH in support of Ukraine that we have been publishing in our bulletin since March of this year. During the recent Eparchial Youth Days in Portersville, PA, I gave the original cards to our bishop having asked him to take them on his next trip to Ukraine and distribute them there to people according to his judgment, perhaps to some school students. Earlier this year, I thanked and informed Mrs. Kim Porter, one of the school teachers that sent the cards to our church this year, that the cards, just like the last time, would be forwarded to Ukraine. Hence, on behalf of our

parishioners from both parishes, I am very grateful to Mrs. Porter and the kids for all of their prayers as well as for this beautiful gesture of support during this difficult time for us. If any of you would like to send a personal note to Mrs. Porter and the kids, you may do so by writing to:

Mrs. Kim Porter and 7th & 8th Graders (2022-2023), Saint John School, 7911 Depot Road, Ashtabula, OH 44004

Thank you!

- Please support this year's Peter's Pence Collection (there is an envelope for it in your church envelope box), and thank you
 for your benevolence.
- The audited 2022 financial statements from our eparchy together with the bishop's and the Eparchial Financial Officer's letters are available with this Sunday's bulletin (please check the back of the church at Holy Trinity Church and the vestibule at St. Anne Church). Please let me know if you do not have them. They are also available online at our eparchy's website at http://stjosaphateparchy.com/financial-statements/?mc_cid=f94d3796cd&mc_eid=d5728b89c0.
- If anyone, especially those of you who cantor and/or sing in the choir, would like to participate in the music conference SingCon that is to take place on September 28 – October 1 of this year at St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church in Welland, Ontario (Canada), please see the-save-date notice in the bulletin.
- We are continuing collecting certain needed items at both parishes for a local branch of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You'll find a special box for the items at each church. Please be generous and thank you for your benevolence! Thank you also to those who already donated the needed items! If you would like to make a monetary donation, you may do so either online at https://www.mahoningsvdp.com/product-category/donation-levels/ or by mailing your check to:

Mahoning County St. Vincent de Paul Society, P.O. Box 224, Youngstown, OH 44501

The organization likewise offers volunteering opportunities. For more information, please go to https:// www.mahoningsvdp.com/ or call (330) 333-3601.

- Let us continue to keep in our prayers all people who are on the prayer lists, especially the sick. May our Triune God: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit bless all of them through the intercession of His and our Most Holy Mother and all the Holy Angels and Saints!
- Our weekly bulletins are available online at both churches' websites (www.holytrinityucc.com and www.stanneucc.com). Thank you!
- Furthermore, I would like to thank those of you, who have been sending us your donations. If you still cannot come to your
 parish church at this time, please continue to support it by sending us your weekly donations to each respectful church (see
 the church addresses in the bulletin) and I thank you very much for your support of our parishes!
- Should there be anything else that needs my or Dean's attention, please let us know at once.

May our Triune Lord: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit continue to bless all of us in the world! May He help us stop all wars and conflicts on earth, especially the current war in Ukraine! May He protect everyone who is on the front lines defending his or her country's freedom! May He convert the hearts of all aggressors in the world! May He rest in peace the souls of all people on earth, who already died from these wars and conflicts, giving consolation to the families, relatives, and friends they left behind! Likewise, may our Lord protect each of us from all illnesses, especially the coronavirus disease! May He heal all the people in the world, who are infected with it! May He protect all people on earth who are on the front lines in the fight against it as well as everyone who works in public places! May He rest in peace the souls of all people in the world, who died from this and other diseases, giving consolation to the families, relatives, and the hearts of your loved ones with the authentic joy and peace that only He can give and may He always protect all of us here in America as well as our beloved people of Ukraine, helping us to end the war there! Let us present all of these petitions to our Lord through the intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos and all the Holy Angels and Saints!

Have a blessed Sunday, blessed feasts of the Mother of God of the Perpetual Help as well as of the Commemoration of the Deposition of the Revered Robe and Cincture of Our Most Holy Lady and Theotokos in the Church Dedicated to Her in the Blacharnae Palace in Constantinople, and a blessed week! May our Triune Lord: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit always bless America, Ukraine, and the rest of the world through the intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos and all the Holy Angels and Saints! Happy Independence Day! Enjoy your summer!

Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава Україні!

With prayers in the Triune Lord and the Theotokos,

Fr. Aubouir

United with Ukraine: The Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma Held the Eparchial Youth Days *The youth, young adult leaders, volunteers, and clergy of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma gathered together on Friday and Saturday, June 23-24, 2023 at the Breakneck Campground of Cheeseman Farm in Portersville, Pennsylvania for the Eparchial Youth Days.*



The theme of this year's event was "You Are the Light of the World," based on the verse taken from the Gospel of St. Matthew: *"You are the light of the world"* (Matthew 5:14 (NRSVCE)). The Eparchial Youth Days – led by Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo, Eparch of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma – was organized by the Eparchial Youth Committee (EYC) under the leadership of Fr. Lubomir Zhybak, the committee's head and pastor of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Youngstown, OH and St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church in Austintown, OH as well as the eparchy's Safe Environment Coordinator and the following EYC members: Joseph Levy from St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA and Michael Levy from St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA and Michael Levy from St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA, who coordinated the event and who were aided by Deacon Myron Spak from Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Carnegie, PA, his son Michael Spak, parishioner of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA, Victoria Freed, parishioner of Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ambridge, PA and Olena Korendii, parishioner of Pokrova Ukrainian Catholic Church in Parma, OH. Some other lay adults also helped with the event including among others Frances Lipian-Levy from St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA, Anna Oriti from St. Andrew Ukrainian Catholic Church in Parma, OH, Theresa Levy from St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Pittsburgh, PA, and Barbara Spak from Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Carnegie, PA. The event provided an opportunity for the youth to pray, reflect, and meet others in the spirit of the Ukrainian Catholic faith and fellowship, keeping in a special way in thoughts and prayers the people of Ukraine who are suffering during the ongoing war in the country.

The group was welcomed with warm hospitality by members of the Cheeseman family, proprietors of Cheeseman Farm. The Cheeseman Farm camp site is located near the McConnell's Mill State Park. The camp site offers rustic cabins, hiking trails, and scenic vistas.

The two-day event began on Friday evening with the Ninth Hour prayer service, which was led by Bishop Bohdan, who also welcomed everyone to the event that was followed by a tasty dinner. Afterwards, the first presentation was provided by Fr. Michael Polosky, St. Josaphat Eparchy's Protosyncellus and Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ambridge, PA and Administrator of Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Aliquippa, PA and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Latrobe, PA. In his presentation, Fr. Michael challenged the youth to engage more fully in their faith and spiritual understanding. He provided testimonies of his journey to the priesthood and connected his teenage struggles with those present. The evening concluded with a bon-fire. The youth and adults present engaged in fellowship and even had some delicious campfire marshmallows. Saturday morning began with a breakfast and the Third Hour prayer service led by Bishop Bohdan. Following the prayer, Fr. Michael presented the second installment of his talks. highlighting the life and story of Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006), an Italian teenager on the way to being officially declared a saint. Fr. Michael showed that the simple life of a young person seeking the Kingdom of God can really change the world. Fr. Michael concluded his presentations with an examination of conscience and an engaging catechetical trivia session in which participants were able to ask questions and better understand their faith. Afterwards, there was an opportunity for individual confessions that were provided by the present clergy – Bishop Bohdan, Fr. Douglas Lorance, pastor of St. Michael The Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church in Lyndora, PA, Fr. Michael, and Fr. Lubomir.

The youth and adults enjoyed the beautiful weather and had an opportunity to play various outdoor games, including volleyball, soccer, badminton, and especially the outdoor bowling slide, in which even Bishop Bohdan participated, that was accompanied by uplifting music.

The event concluded with a Vespers "prayer-hike" led by Bishop Bohdan and cantored by the participants under the leadership of Michael Spak as they walked through the tree-lined paths of Cheeseman Farm and McConnell's Mill State Park, which was followed a delicious pizza dinner, words of thanks to and a warm farewell by the Cheeseman family.

This year's Eparchial Youth Days event was a wonderful and prayerful experience for the youth of the eparchy, and we are looking forward to next year's EYD in June 2024!

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma

The Eparchial Review Board on the Implementation of Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People Held Its Consecutive Meeting

The Review Board of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma on the implementation of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People held its consecutive meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2023 at the parish hall of Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ambridge, PA.



L-R: Olga Perkun, Fr. Michael Polosky, Dr. Justine Perhosky, Don Fontana, Marika Zaliszczuk, and Fr. Lubomir Zhybak.

The meeting was attended by the current six Review Board members: Fr. Michael Polosky, eparchy's Protosyncellus and Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ambridge, PA and Administrator of Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Aliquippa, PA and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Latrobe, PA; Fr. Lubomir Zhybak, eparchy's Safe Environment Coordinator and pastor of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Youngstown, OH and St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church in Austintown, OH; Marika Zalisczuk, eparchy's Victims Assistance Coordinator; Dr. Justine Perhosky, PhD; Olga Perkun; and Don Fontana.

The meeting began with prayers, led by Fr. Polosky, after which the board members considered the current issues vis-à-vis the safe environment in the eparchy. During the course of meeting, among other matters, Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter in the form of "Motu proprio" titled "Vos estis lux mundi," promulgated on May 9, 2019 and revised on March 25, 2023 – the document

that sets new universal norms in combating sexual abuse in the Church – was reviewed as well as the eparchy's *Policy & Procedures for the Protection of Children and Young People* (the document was last promulgated by the Eparch of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo on May 7, 2022). A few more revisions to the *Policy and Procedures* were recommended that will be forwarded to Bishop Danylo for review. Moreover, the updated guidelines were also reviewed regarding the safe environment training and background clearance requirements in the eparchy that went into effect in 2022 (besides the eparchy-wide VIRTUS online training, the guidelines deal specifically with each state within the jurisdiction of St. Josaphat Eparchy). Fr. Zhybak also informed the present board members that the eparchy passed the triannual onsite audit by Stonebridge Business Partners that was held on October 7, 2022 at the eparchy's Chancery in Parma, OH.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer led by Fr. Zhybak.

Happy Independence Day, America!

Sunday Social Sponsors

We'd like to thank Jonie Bodak, who wishes you all a Happy 4th of July with the gift of hot dogs, and John and Linda Terlesky, with their famous kapusta and cooking skills, for sponsoring this week's Sunday Social at Holy Trinity Church.

"God Bless and Protect the United States of America" and *"Put God first in our daily lives."* - J. Bodak

Holy Trinity Church Financials for the Week Ending June 25, 2023

Candle/Offering:	\$31.00	Repairs/Maint:	\$75.00
Weekly Offering:	\$625.00	50/50:	\$5.00
Diocesan:	\$5.00	Deposit:	\$796.00
Nativity/St. John:	\$15.00	Attendance:	45
Peter's Pence:	\$25.00	June 50/50:	\$50.00
Ss. Peter and Paul:	\$5.00	Jul 50/50:	\$5.00
Liturgical Intentions:	\$10.00		

Important

In cases of an imminent death of a family member, please do not wait until the last minute for the pastor to administer last rites to the dying. Please call <u>immediately</u>. Thank you!

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PRAY FOR UKRAINE!

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"Last week, my daughter and I flew to America. We found our sponsor thanks to your group, and we are sincerely grateful to everyone that supported us on this difficult path." -Elena T.

Dignity of Life Threatened in Ohio

A Catholic perspective on the proposed constitutional amendment to expand and enshrine abortion in our state.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

A proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution claims to recognize reproductive freedoms, but it furthers a culture of death and removes current safeguards for women. As Catholics, we find the proposed amendment dangerous, unjust, and contrary to our belief in the sacredness of all life.

WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

Groups are currently collecting citizen signatures to add the amendment to the November 2023 ballot. More informational resources are coming, but in the meantime

- Decline to sign any petition to put this amendment on the November ballot
- Pray, Learn, and Volunteer by visiting the "Protect Them Both" resource center at www.ohiocathconf.org/protect



OUR CONCERNS



www.ohiocathconf.org

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United for Ukraine - Welcome Circles

In response to the war in Ukraine, the US Government has created the Uniting for Ukraine (U4U) program. This pathway allows individual US residents to support displaced Ukrainians to come to the US and receive two years of humanitarian parole, which means they can live and work in the US for up to two years.

UKRAINIANS NEED YOUR HELP!

USCCB's Department of Migration and Refugee Services is launching a new initiative to support Ukrainians -- Welcome Circles. Across the country, we hope to see Catholic parishes, other houses of worship, and local organizations meet the needs of displaced Ukrainians through collective action. Welcome Circles are groups of 5 or more adults who agree to financially support Ukrainians through the U4U program and to help them navigate their new community in the US.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

www.uscis.gov/ukraine https://ukraine.welcome.us https://www.sponsorcircles.org/program

Prayer for Ohio

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Ohio from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. Father, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life, preserving parental rights, and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

Source: Catholic Conference of Ohio (www.ohiocathconf.org/protect)

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SEPTEMBER 28 TO October 1 2023

Saint Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church Welland, Ontario

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NOTE ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Under ordinary circumstances, the faithful in St. Josaphat Eparchy (baptized adults and children) have the obligation to attend a Catholic Church service on the following days, participating in a Divine Liturgy or Vespers the night before or a Roman Mass if need be (including vigil services in all three instances) unless absent due to a legitimate reason (if a person, for example, sings in the choir of a non-Catholic church on Sunday and/or holy day of obligation, this is not considered a legitimate reason not to attend a Catholic Church service on that day, hence, the person still has to fulfill his or her Sunday/holy day obligation on that day):

- all Sundays of the entire year;
- Theophany of Our Lord (January 6th);
- Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos (March 25th);
- Ascension of Our Lord (40th day (Thursday) after Easter);
- Holy Apostles Peter & Paul (June 29th);
- Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos (August 15th);
- Nativity of Our Lord (December 25th).

Please also keep in mind that if a person does not attend church on these days, he or she commits a mortal sin (with the exception of children who did not reach the age of reason yet and hence cannot commit a sin), provided of course all three conditions for a mortal sin are present: grave matter (Ten Commandments), which it is, full knowledge, and deliberate consent, and, hence, is forbidden to receive Holy Communion until the person goes to confession, which is applicable to any mortal sin. On all other feast days, the faithful are encouraged to attend church service(s).

Kevin Murphy Benefit Golf Open

Sunday, August 13th, 2023 8:00 AM Shotgun Start 4-person scramble

Sponsored by President Charity Foundation

Olde Dutch Mill Golf Course 2745 Grandview Rd. Lake Milton, OH 44429 330-654-4100

NOTE ON HOLY SACRAMENTS OF THE EUCHARIST & RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Generally, Catholics (and some non-Catholics under certain conditions) receive Holy Communion worthily if they do not have even one mortal sin on his/her soul (one sins mortally when all of the following three conditions are present: grave matter (10 Commandments), full knowledge, and deliberate consent), and, usually, these are people who go to confession more or less frequently; one is permitted to receive Holy Communion with the venial sins on his/her soul. Otherwise, if one receives Holy Communion unworthily, namely with mortal sin (s) on his/her soul and is aware of it, committing it with deliberate consent, one commits another mortal sin. Although, certainly, it is possible to live one's life without committing even one mortal sin for a long time and, hence, have no need for confession for a long time, such people could be considered exceptions. Also, in accordance with the Church Commandments (also known as the Church Precepts), a minimal requirement is for a person to go to confession at least once a year as well as to receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter season: to go to confession provided one committed at least one mortal sin and to receive Holy Communion provided one did not commit even one mortal sin.

Revised on April 4, 2023.



Issue 1

Asks voters if Ohio should "Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment."

Bishops' Position

The Bishops of Ohio do not have a position on Issue 1 as it does not have moral content. However, as "responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (*Faithful Citizenship*, *No. 13)*, the bishops urge Catholics in Ohio to register and vote in the special election.

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Prayer Corner

+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we adore You, we praise You, we worship You, and we love You! We thank You for Your gift of life to us! We thank You for the overabundance of blessings that You bestow on us every day! We thank You for the gift of salvation that we received from You! We humbly ask You to help us to love You wholeheartedly and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We ask You to continue to bless us and to help us to be Your authentic adopted children. We ask You to have mercy on us, to cleanse us of our sins, and to fill our hearts with Your life-giving grace. In Your immense kindness, please heed these petitions that we present to You:

- for the end of the war in Ukraine, for all died during it, for the loved ones they left behind as well as for the enlightenment and conversion of the hearts and minds of Ukraine's aggressors, so that a sincere and truthful dialogue may lead to an authentic and lasting peace and reconciliation, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the end of all abortions in the world, for all the aborted and miscarried babies, for the healing of those who committed or assisted with abortions, for the conversion of all who are planning to commit abortions as well as for all the unborn babies in the world and their parents, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the end of the child slavery, child abuse, domestic abuse, gender ideology, prostitution, and human trafficking in the world, for all the victims both living and deceased as well as for the conversion of all who perpetrate these grave and heinous sins, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the vocations to the diaconate, sacred priesthood, and religious life, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the conversion to the true faith of all people in the world, who did not embrace the light of the Triune God yet, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the conversion of all sinners in the world, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the consolation of all persecuted Christians in the world, especially the ones in Asia, Middle East, and Africa and for the conversion of hearts and minds of those, who persecute them, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the end of all wars, conflicts, and violence in the world, especially for the establishment of the authentic and lasting peace, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for all the refugees, the migrants, the poor, the hungry, the orphans, the half-orphans, and the homeless throughout the world especially those who are children we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for all prisoners in the world, especially the ones on death row, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the liberation of all people in the world who are addicted to drugs, alcohol, smoking, and pornography, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the conversion of all people in the world, who have difficulty telling the truth and acting truthfully, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for all people in the world, who are hopeless as well as those, who contemplate suicide, that their hearts may be filled with hope, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for all widows and widowers in the world, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the healing of all sick people in the world, especially for the ones infected with the coronavirus, for the protection against it, for all people who are on the front lines in the fight against it, for all people who are working in public places, for the repose of the souls of all, who died from the virus as well as for the loved ones they left behind, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for all unemployed people in the world and their families that they may find work soon, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for all faithful of the Catholic Church, especially all members of St. Josaphat Eparchy, as well as for all our families, relatives, friends, and acquaintances, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!
- for the deliverance of all souls from the Purgatory, we pray to You, O Lord! Lord, have mercy!

Most Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we humbly ask You to grant all of these petitions in accordance with Your most holy will through the intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos and all the Angels and Saints and may You be praised forever and ever! Amen.

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