Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

Before His ascension, Jesus Christ instructed His Apostles to stay in Jerusalem and to wait for the "promise of His Father," which was to be fulfilled in a few days. After the Ascension, they returned from Mt. Olivet to the Upper Room where they spent their time in continuous prayer and worship in the temple. This was the first retreat of prayer and meditation made by the Apostles, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the close followers of Christ. We can imagine the Apostles at that all night vigil. They listened to these prophetic words with avid expectation. Down deep in their hearts they must have sensed their imminent fulfillment, and this did happen on the very next morning. When they returned from the temple and gathered together in the Upper Room for morning prayers, suddenly the Holy Spirit descended upon them, and "they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were staying. Then the tongues of fire appeared to them and, as they separated, they came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit prompted them." Since we were created in God's image and likeness, and received the Holy Spirit at the time of our Chrismation (Confirmation), by living our life in Him we gradually restore our human nature to its pristine perfection. Justly, therefore, the Eastern Fathers of the Church call the process of our growing in the divine life our deification or divinization. And this we achieve only by our cooperation with the Holy Spirit Who sustains us and makes us grow in the divine life. Therefore, with piety and devotion, let us constantly implore Him with the well known Prayer to the Holy Spirit extensively used by our people: Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of truth, You are everywhere present and fill all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of life, come and dwell within us, cleanse us of all stain, and save our souls, 0 gracious Lord.

An	Rev. Fr Andriy Kelt, Pastor Fr. Deacon Christopher Bellock Fr. Deacon Anthony Dragani, PhD. 814.948.9193 yone wishing to be a member of the parish, contact Fr. Andriy	
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Our Weekly Bulletin Welcome to our Parish \mathbf{c} Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever! 202 Christ is among us! He is and always will be! 4 **Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week** to June Sunday, Descent of the Holy Spirit ✤ Emma Vargo May 28 28 No Liturgy **May 29** May May 30 No Liturgy May 31 No Liturgy of Jun 1 No Liturgy Week No Liturgy Jun 2 Jun 3 No Liturgy Sunday, Sunday of All Saints ✤ Jeff Gummo Jun 4

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.



Fr. Tony would like to thank everyone for their kindness and well wishes as he marked his 30th Anniversary to the holy priesthood. Last Sunday was very special to him. May Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Bless each of you with good health, long life and many happy years.

Up Coming Events:

Cantor School for Kids - TBA Parish Picnic - July 16 (Covered Dish) Cantor School for Adults - TBA Bible School - July 31 through August 4 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM Ebensburg Potato Fest - Saturday, September 30 for 9:00AM to 5:00PM Parish Feast Day Dinner - Sunday, October 1 (Covered Dish) St. Nicholas Visit - Sunday, December 3 (Covered Dish)

Many blessings to Br. Peter on his profession to serve our Lord through the Franciscans TOR. Yesterday Br. Peter began a new chapter in his religious life with his minor profession. He will be leaving us to begin studying at Catholic University in Washington, DC where he will begin three years of work on a Master's Degree. We wish God's blessings on Br. Peter.



Pray for Peace in Ukraine

Joke of the Day

Sad after the funeral of a friend, my wife and I ducked into a Chinese restaurant for a pick-me-up. The feel-good session ended when I read the fortune cookie: "You will soon be reunited with a good friend."

I was in a restaurant having lunch when I noticed four men dressed in camo uniforms seated nearby. I'm proud of the men and women who serve our country, so I walked over to the group and said, "I want to thank you for your service, and it would be an honor to buy you lunch." One man put down his fork, looked up and said, "We appreciate that, ma'am. Thank you, but we're not in the military. We're on a hunting trip."

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - May 21, 2023 - \$864.00. Thank you for your generosity. Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00. Saturdays with Jesus - June 10: 10AM Adults 2PM Children

Relief for Ukraine - Financial help to Ukraine can be done by writing a check to:

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat and on the memo line: Aid for Ukraine.

Vacation Bible School - VBS will be July 31 to Aug 4. Mark your calendars.

Potato Fest - The annual Ebensburg Potato Fest will be September 30th.

Parish Picnic - Our annual Summer Picnic will be on July 16.

Potato Fest Cooking - Anyone interested in helping to make the food for the Potato Fest please see Edna so that a schedule can be formulated.

Prayer List

Parishioners: Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard.

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Linda Kusmierski.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

Notice about the Child Protection

It is important to remind the people of our parish from time to time that if anyone has been the victim of sexual abuse by the clergy, or by an employee or a volunteer, he or she should come forward and make that known to his or her pastor or to the bishop, who can be reached at his chancery by dialing (440) 888-1522, or by writing to him at PO Box 347180, Parma, OH 44134-7180. You may also report it to the Assistance Coordinator, Marika Zaliszczuk at (412) 215-5372. For more information on St. Josaphat Eparchy's safe environment policy and procedures and other pertinent info, please, log onto: http://stjosaphateparchy.com/safe-environment/.

