

Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

The first Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pentecost is observed as the Sunday of All Saints. This day has been designated as a commemoration of all of the Saints, all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And the Apostle Paul, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1). This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood. Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Savior" (Sunday of All Saints, Doxastikon of Vespers). In this celebration, then, we reverently honor and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honor on this day, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen.



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Our Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our Parish

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!
Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Week of June 4 to 11, 2023

Sunday, Jun 4	Sunday of All Saints	✠ Jeff Gummo
Jun 5	No Liturgy	
Jun 6	No Liturgy	
Jun 7	No Liturgy	
Jun 8	No Liturgy	
Jun 9	No Liturgy	
Jun 10	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Jun 11	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	✠ Michelle Bernat

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.

Sunday of All Saints

Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Matthew 10:32-33,37-38; 19:27-30

Troparion (Tone 8)

You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

Troparion (Tone 4)

Clothed as in purple and fine linen with the blood of Your martyrs throughout the world, Your Church cries out to You through them, O Christ God: send down Your loving-kindness on Your people; grant peace to Your community, and to our souls great mercy.

Kondakion (Tone 8)

Glory be ... Now and forever... O Lord, Maker of nature, the world offers You the godly martyrs as the first-fruits of nature. By their supplications, through the Mother of God, preserve Your Church and Your people in profound peace, O most merciful One.

Prokeimen (Tone 8)

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse The just cried out and the Lord heard them, and delivered them from all their afflictions.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse The afflictions of the just are many, but out of them all will the Lord deliver them.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you just, praise befits the righteous. Alleluia. (3)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - May 28, 2023 - \$275.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00.

Saturdays with Jesus - TBA: 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/>.

Joke of the Day

In college, my freshman-year roommate was in ROTC and came from a long line of military men. Trask (his last name) used that heritage to lord it over me. But I had the last laugh. One night, he returned to the dorm in his perfectly pressed uniform, his newly acquired name tag in his hand. Reluctantly, he showed it to me. In large gold letters was printed: TRASH.