

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ as the Sower

October 18, 2020 – 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tropar, Kontakion, Prokimenon, Alleluia Tone 3 - Gal 1:11-19; Lk87:5-15

Sat. Oct. 17 St. Denis, the Areopagite, Priest-Martyr

4:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for +Andrew and +Dorothy Malinish by Sue Deeks (Livestream)

Sun. Oct. 18 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
11:00 am Divine Liturgy for * Our Parish Family (Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Mon. Oct. 19 St. Joel, Prophet

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Divine Liturgy for +Fred Brunarsky by Donor (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Tues. Oct. 20 St. Artemis, Great Martyr (+363)

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
8:30 am Divine Liturgy for SMB School students and Birthday Blessings for Gerard Basalla by Family (St. Mary's)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Wed. Oct. 21 Our venerable father, Hilary the Great, Hegumen-Abbot

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Thur. Oct. 22 St. Abercius, Equal to the Apostles, Bishop, Wonderworker (+167)

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Fri. Oct. 23 St. James, Apostle

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Sat. Oct. 24 St. Arethas and other Martyrs (+523)

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Slavonic Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
4:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for +Andrew Loya, Sr. by Bob and Michelle Dirda (Livestream)

Sun. Oct. 25 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
11:00 am Divine Liturgy for *Our Parish Family (Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers

MASK REQUIRED IN CHURCH BUILDINGS: Masks are mandatory for anyone attending Divine Liturgies. (Exceptions are those with health issues that prohibit wearing a mask and children ten and under.) We ask that you cooperate with this request. If you are uncomfortable wearing a mask or simply “uncomfortable” being inside the church we continue to provide the services on livestream for you to watch from home (www.parma.org or www.logos.tv or YouTube LOGOS TV – PARMA).



KAPS FOR KIDS (CTH): The Kaps for Kids project was a huge success with

477 kaps donated to Glendale Elementary School in Bedford.

Donations of yarn are being accepted by Martha Loya. Call her at (216)

524-5968 to make arrangements for yarn donation drop off. Many

thanks to the knitters and yarn donors!

The Fall Spirit Drive at AM 1260 The Rock!

It's that time again! The Fall Spirit Drive is coming to AM 1260 The Rock: Wednesday, October 21st-Friday, October 23rd.



Debbie Georgianni from “Take 2 with Jerry and Debbie” will be our online host! Please prayerfully consider a donation during the Pledge Drive.

Catholic Radio has been a lifeline to those of our brothers and sisters who have been so isolated during the Covid crisis. Your generous donations are what keeps Catholic Radio alive and well in Northeast Ohio.

During the Pledge Drive please go online to: www.am1260therock.com and click on the orange “Donate Now” tab in the upper right corner or call us at 216-227-1260. Thank you ahead of time for your generosity!!

The Eparchy of Parma Stewardship Appeal for 2020/21 begins October 17: All members of parishes in the Eparchy will be receiving a Stewardship envelope in the mail. If you do not receive an envelope, please contact your pastor for a replacement and to verify that your information is correct on the church's roster. The Stewardship Appeal campaign goal is \$220,000. Funds gained through this campaign will be used for evangelization, catechesis and ministries, charitable help for the poorest people in our communities and abroad including poor priests and their families, financial support and gap health insurance coverage for our retired Bishop and the thirteen retired priests, and support for parishes and missions.

Visit parma.org/2021appeal for more information and to make a one-time or monthly secure donation through our website.

Thank you for your past support and for your continued generosity with this year's campaign.

Announcing a change! – VIRTUAL BENEFIT FOR CHRIST THE BRIDEGROOM MONASTERY: Due to the pandemic, the nuns have decided to transform their annual "Bridegroom's Banquet" into a virtual event on the same date – Saturday, November 7. There is no cost to attend the event, but everyone is encouraged to register. Enjoy live-streamed Vespers (Evening Prayer) with the nuns followed by a prerecorded online program. Register by Oct. 25th to receive a small, hand-packed gift from the nuns! In thanksgiving, all who register prior to the event will be remembered once a month during Divine Liturgy at the monastery for the coming year. Celebrate with the nuns during a week of fun, virtual events on the monastery Facebook page leading up to the banquet. Learn more about the nuns and their life of prayer and hospitality. Donations given at the event or designated ahead of time will be doubled by a matching donor. For more information and to register, please visit www.christthebridegroom.org or call (440) 834-0290.

EUROPEAN FESTIVAL: St. Mary Magdalene Byzantine Catholic Church will hold it's **11th Annual European Festival (via Drive Thru service) Saturday, October 24, 2020 from Noon - 7:00PM and Sunday, October 25, 2020 (Noon - 6:00PM).** The church is located at 5390 West 220th St., Fairview Park. Homemade Eastern European foods including "Hot Takeout" Stuffed Cabbage, Kielbasa, and European Feast dinners, Halushki and Pierogi; "Cold Takeout" Stuffed Cabbage and Pierogi; Nut Rolls and beverages. We look forward to seeing you!!

(credit cards preferred) www.stmarymagdalenebyzantine.org or Facebook.

Bishop Milan Lach, SJ cordially invites you to:

EVENING OF HOPE

To benefit

Eparchy of Parma

Saturday, April 24, 2021

6:00 P.M.

HOLIDAY INN

Independence, OH

Keynote Speaker: Fr. Mitchell Pacwa, SJ

- EWTN Live Host
- Scripture Scholar
- Bi-Ritual (Maronite Church)

Divine Liturgy Homilist

Sunday, April 25, 2021

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Principles and applying them to the issues

1. Not all evils are equal (“Sins are rightly evaluated according to their gravity” - CCC 1854). For example, there are many ways that human life can be harmed but the most evil are those that directly take the life of another, such as abortion and euthanasia. Thus, if a candidate supports abortion but is against racism and promotes the protection of the environment, a Catholic cannot vote for this candidate because the candidate supports the more grave evil against human life (abortion>racism or hurting the environment).

2. It is a sin to vote for candidates who will advance grave evils (see the grave evil issues that our country is currently dealing with above, under *Issues*). (“There are concrete acts that it is always wrong to choose.” CCC 1761)

3. Catholics must vote for a candidate who does more good than evil and who intends only the good. Catholics can vote for a candidate if a) the intention of the vote is to advance good and mitigate evil and b) the good effects of the vote are proportionate to the evil effects. (“Intention is an element essential to the moral evaluation of an action. The end is the first goal of the intention and indicates the purpose pursued in the action. The intention is a movement of the will toward the end.” CCC 1752)

4. Catholics can't vote for the lesser of two evils. Catholics can never do an action for the sake of evil, even if it is the lesser evil. When given a choice, Catholics are required to vote for a candidate who will mitigate the evil of the other candidate even if he/she holds problematic positions, which nonetheless are not as evil as his/her opponents. (“An evil action cannot be justified by reference to a good intention’ ... The end does not justify the means.” CCC 1759). For example, the reason you should vote for a candidate who doesn't support abortion but supports racism, should not be for the reason that they support racism. Your reason for voting for this person can only be that the other candidate supports abortion and thus by voting for the one who doesn't support abortion you would be trying to prevent the candidate who supports abortion from doing further harm. This should be your reason for voting this way, and not to vote based on the fact that racism is the lesser evil.

5. Catholics can vote for a candidate who will produce both good and evil effects. What Catholics must consider is the degree of evil or good a candidate will advance compared to the other candidates. (“The legitimate defense of persons and societies is not an exception to the prohibition against the murder of the innocent that constitutes intentional killing. ‘The act of self-defense can have a double effect: the preservation of one's own life; and the killing of the aggressor. ... The one is intended, the other is not.” CCC 2263)

How to Vote as a Catholic

How does a Catholic know if a candidate can earn their vote? Catholics must apply moral principles to real issues that are non-negotiable and cast their vote accordingly. Inside, you can find the non-negotiable issues and principles by which Catholics must vote.

“The Church's teaching is clear that a good end does not justify an immoral means. As we all seek to advance the common good—by defending the inviolable sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death, by promoting religious freedom, by defending marriage, by feeding the hungry and housing the homeless, by welcoming the immigrant and protecting the environment—it is important to recognize that not all possible courses of action are morally acceptable. We have a responsibility to discern carefully which public policies are morally sound. Catholics may choose different ways to respond to compelling social problems, but we cannot differ on our moral obligation to help build a more just and peaceful world through morally acceptable means, so that the weak and vulnerable are protected and human rights and dignity are defended.”

Paragraph 20 from Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB.

The Church always encourages the LAY FAITHFUL to be actively involved in political life, however, FORBIDS THE CLERGY from being actively involved. CCEO (Code of Canon Law for Eastern Churches) 382-384 and CIC (for the Latin church) 285. Basic guidelines on the matter and the role of laity: CCC 2245-46 and Gaudium et Spes. This guide has been provided by the Eparchy of Parma by permission of Bishop Milan Lach, S.J. 10/2020

Issues that are non-negotiable for Catholics

All quotes are taken directly from the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Respecting Human Life: Evil acts, by which human life is violated or disrespected, are listed below in order of importance and based on current issues in the United States:

1. Abortion and Euthanasia - “Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.” (CCC 2270) and “ Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable.” (CCC 2277) Abortion and euthanasia directly take the life of an innocent human being and therefore are the most grave evils.

2. Embryonic Stem Cell Research and Human Cloning – “Research or experimentation on the human being cannot legitimate acts that are in themselves contrary to the dignity of persons and to the moral law. The subjects’ potential consent does not justify such acts. Experimentation on human beings is not morally legitimate if it exposes the subject’s life or physical and psychological integrity to disproportionate or avoidable risks. Experimentation on human beings does not conform to the dignity of the person if it takes place without the informed consent of the subject or those who legitimately speak for him.” (CCC 2295) Embryonic stem cell research and human cloning manipulate human life and directly interfere with God’s plan for human beings.

3. Same-sex Marriage – “Tradition has always declared that ‘homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered.’ They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.” (CCC 2357) Same-sex Marriage violates God’s original plan for man and woman, beginning with the creation of Adam and Eve, and his plan for the structure of the family, upon which society is built.

Issues that are non-negotiable for Catholics – continued

Upholding Religious Freedom: “The right to religious liberty is neither a moral license to adhere to error, nor a supposed right to error, but rather a natural right of the human person to civil liberty, i.e., immunity, within just limits, from external constraint in religious matters by political authorities. This natural right ought to be acknowledged in the juridical order of society in such a way that it constitutes a civil right.” (CCC 2108) Without religious freedom, we are unable to worship God according to His will and teachings made present to us through the Catholic Church.

Upholding the Education of Children: “‘The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute.’ The right and the duty of parents to educate their children are primordial and inalienable.” (CCC 2221) “As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to choose a school for them which corresponds to their own convictions. This right is fundamental. As far as possible parents have the duty of choosing schools that will best help them in their task as Christian educators. Public authorities have the duty of guaranteeing this parental right and of ensuring the concrete conditions for its exercise.” (CCC 2229) Government and schools must never interfere with the role of parents in educating their children. They are there to protect the freedoms of parents and their children and to support families in making the best decisions for their children.

Rejecting Socialism/Marxism: “The Church has rejected the totalitarian and atheistic ideologies associated in modern times with “communism” or “socialism.” (CCC 2425) “In work, the person exercises and fulfills in part the potential inscribed in his nature. The primordial value of labor stems from man himself, its author and its beneficiary. Work is for man, not man for work. Everyone should be able to draw from work the means of providing for his life and that of his family, and of serving the human community.” (CCC 2428) “Everyone has the right of economic initiative; everyone should make legitimate use of his talents to contribute to the abundance that will benefit all and to harvest the just fruits of his labor.” (CCC 2429) The ideology of socialism/Marxism, when implemented, degrades the worker and create environments where individual autonomy is violated. It also allows the government to take a tyrannical role in the name of protecting citizens rather than upholding the rights of citizens.

PRAY DAILY - have a keep able rule of prayer that you do by discipline. Say the Lord's Prayer several times a day. Any time you have an opportunity to say a prayer, take advantage of it. The devil tries to eliminate your prayer since the prayer eliminates the devil.

- For courage to repent (to go to confession) - **St. John Forerunner, pray for us!** (40x)
- For Peace in the World – **Lord, have mercy!** (40 times)
- For Our Children – **Holy Father Nicholas, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the Sick and Those in Need – **O Most Holy Trinity, save us!** (40 times)
- For Our Parish – **O Most Holy Theotokos, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the courage to sing in church – **Holy Father Roman, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the departed – **Psalm 51, 91, 119 (50, 90, 118 in LXX)**
- Jesus Prayer – **“Lord Jesus Christ,* Son of God,* have mercy on me* a sinner!”**



Every evening before you go to bed, simply go through the whole day and think what you have done right or wrong, do the examination of conscience, and ask the good Lord for forgiveness. Make a sign of the cross over the place where you sleep and say: **“Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my soul and body. Do You Yourself bless me, have mercy on me, and grant me life eternal. Amen.”**

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE (ALL):

Parishioners of all 4 parishes (Cathedral, Holy Spirit, St. Mary, St. Nicholas Croatian) may continue to mail their donation envelopes to the Parish Office, 5500 West 54th Street, Parma, OH 44129 or simply drop them in the black locked mail box outside the office door. They will then be deposited into the proper church account. ***Please also continue to use your church envelopes when turning in your donations and print your full name on the outside of the envelope, on the line provided. This will help with the recording of your donations in the computer.*** Thank you. **-OR-**

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE (ALL): Giving made easy! We now offer electronic giving for all with Churches-GivePlus. You can contribute anywhere, anytime right from your computer, smartphone or tablet. Give online by visiting the website <http://stmarybyz.com/> and clicking on the **Give OnLine Link**. Or download the free GivePlus mobile app from the App Store or Google Play.

Giving online is fast, easy and secure. You can set up single donations, recurring donations and how frequently you wish to give. Online giving can be done either by credit card or a bank account. The first time going to the GivePlus application, create your profile; then login, follow the easy to read screens and make your donation.

Watch the livestream at www.parma.org or www.logos.tv or YouTube LOGOS TV - PARMA
 If you know of someone that does not have access to the internet, reach out to them by phone to keep them informed with updates and encourage them to continue their daily prayer at home.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS		
<u>October 11, 2020</u>		
	Total	Livestreamed
Cathedral Parish	- <u>\$ 905.00</u>	<u>\$ 60.00</u> Online Giving
Holy Spirit Parish	- <u>\$1,304.00</u>	<u>\$230.00</u> Online Giving
St. Mary's Parish Giving	- <u>\$1,112.00</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u> Online
<u>St. Mary 250 Club Winner</u> - #133 Cindy Olie – Captain, Rosemary Trompak		
<i>Have you remembered Your Church in your Will and/or Trust? Thank you and may God reward your generosity!</i>		



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND CONFINED: St. Mary's – John

Krenisky, Kathleen Miller, Mary Ann Ridilla; Ray Yasenchak; Esther Morganosky; John Anitas; Pat Asmondy; Goldie Barvinchak; Pearl Beningo; Mildred Bobick; JoAnn Chaky; Eva Cook; Seleema Corrigan;

Sally Csejpes; Lois Deighton; Dolores Furda; Mary Grauel; Ruthann Hodar, Margaret Huges, Rosemary Kennick; Larry Lantz; Barbara Miterko; Eleen Monoc; Carl Panko; Sue Peterchalk; Joseph Popik; Art Pordash; Eleen Reese; David Starling; Isabelle Sweeney; Bob & Mary Zelenka.

Cathedral – Phil Nechvatal; Joe Kaltner; Helen Fredericks; Frank and Rose Lizanich; Carol Morin.

Holy Spirit – Samuel Basalla, Jim Neitzel, Elizabeth Loya; George Hapker; Ken Kalas; Ann Yorke; Janice Misch; Richard Onderak; Elizabeth Sheppard; Helen Sawchak; Carol Vasil; Helen Alpine; Andrea Seman; Carol and Richard Bub.

Helen Jeris; Marge Kordic; Walter Badovinac; Mary Ann Zubovich; Michelle Zubovich-Simon.

Call Fr. Marek Visnovsky at (440) 783-2051 for **Emergency Sick Call Visits**

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St. John's Cathedral, 1900 Carlton Rd, Parma (CATH) Phone: 216.661.8658

Holy Spirit Church, 5500 West 54th St., Parma (HS) Phone: 440.884.8452

Most Rev. Milan Lach, SJ, Bishop of Parma

Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Marek Visnovsky, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Hnat (St. Mary Parish), Deacon Gregory Loya (Cathedral Parish),

Deacon Robert Cripps (Holy Spirit Parish)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES held at the Cathedral and Livestream at parma.org:

Saturday: 7:30 am Matins; 8 am and 5 pm Divine Liturgy; 4 pm Great Vespers

Sunday: 8 am Matins; 9:30 am and 11 am Divine Liturgy; 3 pm Vespers

HOLY DAY SERVICES: 7 am Festal Matins; 8 am and 7 pm Divine Liturgy (6 pm Great Vespers with Litija the evening before the holy day)

DAILY SERVICES: 7:30 am Matins; 8 am Divine Liturgy; 5 pm Vespers

Not the Seed at Fault, but Ourselves

The parable of the sower and the seed could also be called the parable of the fate of the word of God in human hearts. It is very simple, clear and easy to understand. There is no mistaking its meaning.

There is also no mistaking Jesus' love and concern for His people. It must have been very frustrating and disappointing for Him to go from village to village and bring them grace and salvation only to find that His words were falling on deaf ears and cold hearts.

It is with this pain and concern for souls that He tells this beautiful parable. This is also why He cried out many times at the end of His parables, "He who has ears to hear, let

him hear." Yet He continued on, patiently teaching, sowing the seed of truth and praying that it will take root and bring forth fruit.

When hearing this parable, do not these thoughts strike us: "How has the seed, the word of God, taken root in our souls? What is the fate of Christ's teaching in our hearts? What type of soil have we cultivated for God's word? Are our hearts cold, stony, filled with weeds and thorns?"

We cannot blame anyone but ourselves if the teachings of Jesus are not reflected in our lives. It is not the seed which is at fault, only ourselves.