



St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church
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Mission Statement of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church: *To give thanks to God continually, as Byzantine Catholics, through our spirituality, our service, and preaching the Risen Christ through our everyday life.*

BULLETIN FOR APRIL 14, 2024
SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS

Liturgy Schedule for the Week

Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before every Liturgy

Sunday April 14 *Sunday/Myrrh-Bearers*

9:30a Third Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy

Intention: for the Faithful

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Wednesday April 17

9:00a Divine Liturgy

Thursday April 18

6:00p Divine Liturgy

Friday April 19

9:00a Divine Liturgy

Saturday April 20

6:00p Vespers

Sunday April 21 *Sunday/the Paralytic Man*

9:30a Third Hour

10:00a Divine Liturgy

Intention: for the Faithful

12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Parish Activities this week

Sun. April 14

11:15a ECF; Parish social

2:00p Ge'ez social

Wed. April 17

3:00-9:00p Hall in use

6:00p John's Gospel study group meet in church

Sat. April 20

7:45a Men's Bible Study

10:00a Women's Bible Study

4:00p Fr. Weldit to meet with Ge'ez

Young Adults in hall

5:30p Ge'ez choir practice

Sun. April 21

11:15a ECF; Parish social;

2:00p Ge'ez social

Readings for the Week of April 14

Sun. Apr. 14

Epistle, Acts 6:1-7

Gospel, Mk 15:43-16:8

Tues. Apr 16

Epistle, Acts 8:5-17

Gospel, Jn 6:27-33

Thu. Apr. 18

Epistle, Acts 8:26-39

Gospel, Jn 6:40-44

Sat. Apr. 20

Epistle, Acts 9:19-31

Gospel, Jn 15:17-16:2

Mon. Apr. 15

Epistle, Acts 6:8-7:5 & 47-60

Gospel, Jn 4:46-54

Wed. Apr. 17

Epistle, Acts 8:18-25

Gospel, Jn 6:35-39

Fri. Apr. 19

Epistle, Acts 8:40-9:19

Gospel, Jn 6:48-54

Sun. Apr. 21

Epistle, Acts 9:32-42

Gospel, Jn 5:1-15

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE WHOLE WORLD

We thank You, Master and Lover of mankind, King of the ages and giver of all good things, for destroying the dividing wall of enmity and granting peace to those who seek your mercy. We appeal to You to awaken the longing for a peaceful life in all those who are filled with hatred for their neighbors, thinking especially of those at war or preparing for war. Grant peace to your servants. Implant in them the fear of You and confirm in them love one for another. Extinguish every dispute and banish all temptations to disagreement. For You are our peace and to You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!
Arabic: El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR DIVINE LITURGY ON FRIDAY, 4/19, IT WILL BE AT 9:00AM

GREETINGS LADIES OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PARISH,

I'm excited to see our ladies study & fellowship group begin again this year!

The purpose of the women's group is two-fold:

1. To deepen our relationships with one another as sisters in Christ so that we may strengthen, edify & encourage each another
2. To be transformed through the study of God's word & prayer

During Bishop Robert's visit last week, he was pleased to hear of what the Women's Group was doing and he said "May it be Blessed!"

So, with the Bishop's blessing, let us begin to gather together.

We've planned to Study the Gospel of St. John together, meeting **every First & Third Saturday** (with one exception), beginning **Saturday, April 20th, 10:00-11:30am.**

We plan to cover two chapters at each meeting. (See schedule posted below.)

We will meet 12 times with this study, so please don't feel bad if you have to miss some of the meetings. We often carry a lot of responsibilities with families, jobs, etc. so we do the best we can as we walk with God & each other through this journey of life.

Here's the format for our meetings:

10:00-10:15 Fellowship & refreshments

10:15-11:15 Scripture study & sharing

11:15-11:30 Prayer requests & closing prayer

An important part of this fellowship/study group is that we remember each other in prayer each day.

If you would like to participate in this group, please reply to this email letting Teresa and/or Fr. Robert know as soon as possible, so that we can get the books ordered.

The books are \$12.95, but if cost is an issue, please let us know & we will make a way. We don't want anyone to miss out on this opportunity.

Study Facilitator, Patricia Mason

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LANCASTER ST MARY'S BASILICA: April 27 (Saturday)

You are invited for a pilgrimage to the newly established Papal Basilica of St. Mary in Lancaster, OH. (132 S High St, Lancaster, OH 43130) It is a great occasion for spiritual renewal and some fun together with our parish families. The parish will provide sandwiches, we ask you to bring additional food to share.

Please let the office know if you will be attending, we need to have a count. We also ask if parishioners are available to carpool, let the office know.

11am Opening remarks and presentation of the Basilica followed by Akathistos
Confessions available during the Akathistos

12pm Divine Liturgy

1.30pm Weather permitting we will have our Picnic lunch at the Orchard Hill shelter house
in Rising Park; 1100 North High Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130

In case of inclement weather, we will lunch in the Basilica's parish facilities.

FOR THE MEN OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM - in the Hall every Saturday morning beginning @ 7:45am for 60 minutes only!

Join us to build fraternity and grow! That Man is You! truly accompanies men and their families on the pathway to holiness. Please let the office know if you are attending.

Volunteers are needed to provide a light snack, please contact the office to let us know what date you will provide it.

FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

PRE-CANA WEEKEND; preparation for marriage according to the Byzantine Rite. **When:** Sat. & Sun., May 4 & 5, 2024 12:30p – 5:00p. **Where:** St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 36125 Aurora Rd., Solon, OH 44139. **Registration fee:** \$200. **Ways to register:** online at taborlife.org; call Catherine at 708-653-8344; or email infotaborlife@gmail.com

WOMEN'S RENEWAL: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Mt 11:2. The Eparchy of Parma and Dormition of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church are proud to sponsor a women's renewal. A weekend of rest, prayer, reflection, creativity and community.

The weekend will take place October 25-27, 2024, at a new location. St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200 St Francis Ave in Tiffin, OH 44883

Rev. Jerome Wolbert, OFM is the spiritual director.

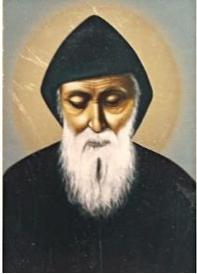
Early registration fee is \$200. After, the fee is \$225. Don't miss your chance, register by September 25, 2024.

Registration: Online registration form available @ <https://www.parma.org/retreats> Send Paper registration and checks to: Women's Renewal, 2023 4600 State Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109 Make checks payable to: Dormition of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church See brochure at the entrance of the church, for more information. Contact Kim @ kimkocuba@ameritech.net or 216-337-2673 with questions.

FROM THE METROPOLIA OF PITTSBURGH

2024 BYZANTEEN RALLY - REGISTRATION IS LIVE! This year's National ByzanTEEN Rally will be at the University of San Diego, **June 27-30**. It will be time for fun, fellowship and faith for the future of our Church. Featuring keynote speakers Fr. Chris Zugger from the Eparchy of Phoenix, Mother Iliana of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery, and Trent Horn of Catholic Answers. The cost of the weekend is \$380. FINANCIAL HELP for Parma Byzanteens is available. To register as a teen participant or chaperone, go here: <https://archpitt.org/byzanteen-youth-rally-2024>. To inquire about financial help, see your priest. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE** – Friday, May 31, 2024 @ 5 PM

Prayer to Saint Charbel Makhlouf



Lord, infinitely Holy and Glorified in Your Saints, You have inspired Charbel, the saint monk, to lead the perfect life of a hermit. We thank You for granting him the blessing and the strength to detach himself from the world so that the heroism of the monastic virtues of poverty, obedience, and chastity, could triumph in his hermitage.

We beseech You to grant us the grace of loving and serving You, following his example. Almighty God, Who has manifested the power of St. Charbel's intercession through his countless miracles and favours, grant us... (State your intention(s) here...) through his intercession. Amen.

For the sick in our parish families, please remember in your prayers:

Abby	Nataly Grace	Bill Martin	Maria Rakowsky
Hussein Abdi	John Griffen	Joe Martin	Terry Rasor
Adrian	Hagos	Allison & Hazel Martz	Nadia Ritchey
William Brake	Evelyn Hoechstetter	Teddy McManigal	Trey Shearon
Charles Branham	Esther Imhoff	Mech Intention	John Sikora
Carol	Dora Johnson	Melissa	Helen Stephens
Mary Carroll	Jackson Family	Joy Mersch	Dennis Stinich
Charyton Intentions	Gordon Kaercher	Angela Merva	Josh Taylor
Cindy Cox	Susan Kaiser	Katie Nann	L.T. Tekle
Will Culver	Kathy	Ed Nyahay	Ruth Turanchik
Maria Czynnik	James Kester	Rosemary Nyahay	Owen Ward
DeClue Intentions	Kathy Krofcheck	Anne O'Halloran	Steve
Ron Doctor	Regina Lee	Mic O'Halloran	Nicholas Zvansky
Jack Figel	Christine Leon	John Oshinski	Sandra Zvansky
Charles Roddy	Christine Long	Paula Oshinski	Special Intention
Christopher Gehman	David Lonrick	Beauetta Parks	
Deborah Gordon	Jessie Madzia	Cathy Pitt	
Charlene Grabner	Mara	Maksym Popadyn	

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE: EQUIPPING CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES FOR LIFESAVING ACTIVISM

Catholics for Life is a Columbus-based apostolate organizing pro-life and evangelization events (we represent the local St. Paul Street Evangelization team). Our efforts are anchored in the Eucharist and Mary's intercession. Our events include:

- Every weekday starting at 9am and ending between 2-7pm (depending on the day): Join us and our volunteers for prayer, counseling, and evangelization on the sidewalk outside Columbus's two abortion facilities.
- Monthly on the Second Tuesday & Fourth Friday: Join a group for training, Mass, reconciliation, street evangelization, sidewalk counseling, and adoration.

For more information contact Gabriel Vance at 740-972-2570 and Gabriel@CatholicsForLife.us or visit www.CatholicsForLife.us

Pregnancy Support Resources



- Pregnancy Decision Health Center: 614-444-4411**
- Birthright: 614-221-0844**
- Mommies Matter: 614-723-9308**
- Option Line: <https://optionline.org/> 1-800-712-4357**
- Women's Care Center: 614-251-0200**
- Stowe Mission, Columbus: 614-445-8400**
- Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County: 740-417-9358**



In vitro fertilization, surrogate motherhood and uterus transplant

Foundational principles of the Church's moral discernment

The human person is made in the image and likeness of God. The dignity of the human person must be recognized in every human being from conception to natural death. The ethical value of biomedical science is gauged in reference to both the unconditional respect owed to every human being at every moment of his or her existence, and the defense of the specific character of the personal act which transmits life. (*Dignitas Personae*, 2008)

Techniques for treatment of infertility must respect three fundamental goods:

- A. The right to life and to physical integrity of every human being from conception to natural death. The right to come into the world in the natural way—God's way.
- B. The unity of marriage, which means reciprocal respect for the right within marriage to become father and mother only together with the other spouse.
- C. The specifically human values of sexuality which require that the procreation of a human person be brought about as the fruit of the conjugal act specific to the love between spouses and not outside of the mother.

In vitro fertilization is NOT approved by the Catholic Church for three reasons:

1. The massive destruction, and freezing of embryos which are human beings and choosing some children over others, choosing their sex, disregarding the children based on sex and health.
2. Goes against the unitive and procreative dignity of the conjugal act. (The baby is conceived outside of the womb of its mother)
3. The treatment of the child as a product or commodity instead of a gift: "We WANT a child" at any cost—a utilitarian worldview.

There are medical procedures that aid in fertility that the Catholic Church approves of because these procedures comply with all of the above principles.

The Church's disapproval of In vitro fertilization makes no negative reflection on the child that is born of this procedure. All human beings are worthy of love and respect. But this love and respect for the child is precisely what the Church is protecting in its positions on these issues.

Spiritual perspective on In vitro fertilization

*Parents should not feel "guilty" if they have conceived children through In vitro fertilization **IF** they did not know beforehand all of the above principles. This particular teaching by the Church is not as well known and taught as it should be. Many couples acted in good Faith based on what was often the counsel of their priest even though the counsel of the priest may have been in error.*

In Catholic moral teaching, a good end can never justify an immoral means. To desire a child is a good thing. However, this desire cannot be satisfied using any means possible. This desire then becomes selfishness. Instead of considering adopting a child a person or couple can turn to immoral options such as using surrogate mothers, or planting the eggs from one woman to another. (*There are cases where a mother has frozen her eggs to be later planted in the womb of her own daughter. The daughter could then give birth to her "half sister" or "half-brother!"*)

Sacramental worldview of the Catholic Faith Verse utilitarian worldview

The best way to understand the teachings of the Catholic Church is to see all things, especially the areas of human sexuality, such as the marital act, through the lens of the sacramental worldview. This means all things and actions designed by God have a holy dimension to them where they reflect and participate in God. They are never just what they seem to be on the surface or at face value. They are not just 'actions' or 'procedures.' To see things just as physical is the "utilitarian worldview" which is based on 'using' people, actions, procedures and things purely for our own desires and purpose. This approach leads down a destructive path that the world does not see but the Church sees. **Out of compassion** the Church tries to advise against these ways and instead offer to the world God's ways which always lead to the greatest happiness in this world and in the next.

Resources:

- Donum Vitae (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Feb. 22, 1987)
- Veritatis Splendor (John Paul II, 1993)
- Evangelium Vitae (John Paul II, 1995)
- Male and Female He Created Them, A Theology of the Body (John Paul II)
- National Catholic Bioethics Center (ncbcenter.org)
- Dignitatis Personae (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2008)
- St. Paul VI Institute (for fertility) Omaha, Nebraska