

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 JULY 14TH, 2024
SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

Liturgy Schedule for the Week	
<i>Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before every Liturgy</i>	
Sunday July 14	
9:30a	Intro to Byzantine Spirituality
10:00a	Divine Liturgy; Intro. of Knights of Columbus <i>Intention: for the Faithful</i>
12:00p	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy
Wednesday July 17	
9:00a	Divine Liturgy <i>Intention: +Mary & +Charles Oshinski by Oshinski Family</i>
Friday July 19	
6:00p	Vigil Divine Liturgy – <i>St. Elijah</i> <i>Intention: +Rosemary Nyahay by Czzyrnik Family</i>
Saturday July 20	
6:00p	Vespers
Sunday July 21	
9:30a	Divine Liturgy <i>Intention: for the Faithful</i>
12:00p	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

Parish activities this week	
Sun. July 14	
11:15a	SJC "Welcome Knights" Lunch
2:00p	Ge'ez Social
Wed. July 17	
6:00p	Hall in use
Sat. July 20	
7:45a	Men's Bible study
5:00p	SJC choir practice
5:30p	Ge'ez choir practice
Sun. July 21	
11:15a	SJC Parish Social
2:00p	Ge'ez Parish Social

Readings for the Week of July 14th			
Sun. July 14 Epistle, 1 Cor 1:10-18 & Heb 13:7-16 Gospel, Mt 14:14-22 & Jn 17-1-13	Tues. July 16 Epistle, 1 Cor 12:12-26 Gospel, Mt 18:18-22 & 19:1-2, 13-15	Thu. July 18 Epistle, 1 Cor 14:6-19 Gospel, Mt 20:17-28	Sat. July 20 Epistle, James 5:10-20 Gospel, Lk 4:22-30
Mon. July 15 Epistle, Gal 1:11-19 Gospel, Jn 10:1-9	Wed. July 17 Epistle, 1 Cor 13:4-14:5 Gospel, Mt 20:1-16	Fri. July 19 Epistle, 1 Cor 14:26-40 Gospel, Mt 21:12-14 & 17-20	Sun. July 21 Epistle, 1 Cor 3:9-17 Gospel, Mt 14:22-34

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PLEASE NOTE: Next Sunday the Divine liturgy will begin at 9:30am. Father is out of town and Fr. Ty Carter from Holy Resurrection will be substituting.

TODAY, the Assumption Council of Knights of Columbus joins St. John Chrysostom Parish. The Knights have decided to become part of our parish and we are celebrating this great occasion at the 10am Divine Liturgy!

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded by Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882. There are over 15,000 councils and 1.9 million members throughout the world. Membership is limited to practicing Catholic men aged 18 or older. We promote the core principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism through our local council.

Please join us in the hall following Divine Liturgy for a "Welcome Knights" luncheon.

CLASSROOM CEILING PROJECT

As our community grows, our needs grow as well. This is a good trouble to have. **Saturday 07/27 at 10 am** we want to finish up the last classroom - ceiling tiles will be stapled. Please consider your volunteering. We need 10 persons to run the project smooth and with reasonable speed 😊 Bring staplers. Lunch provided.

HALL DRYWALL PROJECT

On the same Saturday, **07/27 at 10am** we will build drywall in the Hall to create 2 storage areas and the Parish Office. With this, we free the room in the church to make it a children's room/cry room. Your participation is highly appreciated. Let the Office know. Lunch provided.

Grateful for your support, I remain in prayers for all of you!

Fr. Robert Jager

GET INVOLVED AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

The following are the Saturday activities our Parish offers, especially for those who are busy during the week or families with children.

- **MEN'S CLUB 7:45am** coffee followed by prayer, sharing blessings & challenges of the week; theme of the week
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY the first and third Saturdays at 10 am**, coffee followed by study of the Gospel of John
- **CHOIR PRACTICE 5pm** refer to Erin Wells using stjohnbyz@hotmail.com
- **VESPERS 6pm** prayerful meditation on the suffering and resurrection of our Lord
- **FIRESIDE FELLOWSHIP** once a month after the Vespers. Informal encounter of parishioners, fun & open discussion. Our next Fellowship is August 10. Volunteers are needed for snack. See Fr. Robert for details.

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

There are many opportunities to use your gifts and time to support our parish. We all enjoy being together, good food, open discussion, study etc. However, there are people behind each activity, offering their time and energy to provide. Moreover, let us know your skills and expertise so you would be a precious resource helping and advising. Become part of the crew for *there is greater joy and blessing in giving than receiving* (Acts 20:35). Let the Office know which works best for you by contacting us at stjohnbyz@hotmail.com.

Sunday Socials: Sign up to provide snack/sides for the Sunday social on a regular basis or join to clean up afterwards. There is a sign-up sheet in the Hall. Ask Paula Martin, Kathy Krofcheck, Irena Wallace or Pat Papai.

Greeters: Please consider volunteering as a greeter, joining the crew. It is simple - welcome the visitors, newcomers, help them find a place, hand out booklet, bulletin, invite for the social and let them know that Father would like to meet them in person.

Mowing: Join the crew for mowing. Training offered. We save around \$10,000/year by mowing the property ourselves! Send an email to stjohnbyz@hotmail.com

Cleaning Crew: Church and hall cleaning. We are setting up groups of 4 (or more) people to facilitate the cleaning. All supplies and instruction provided.

Beautification: We have upgraded the flower beds on our property to make the 'maintenance' easy . It is mostly weeding. Let us know your availability or refer to Kathy Krofcheck. Part of this is decoration of the church with flowers.

Sacristan: join the volunteers, learn more about our church, liturgy and the 'secrets of the backstage'. Training provided.

Altar Servers: young or adult are welcome to serve at the altar. Go deeper in your knowledge and spiritual life by serving at the altar. Training provided.

Again, please contact the office by phone or via email if you are interested in participating in ANY of these volunteer activities.

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EPARCHY OF PARMA

JULY 25, 2024 - JULY 28, 2024 - CAN YOU WALK THE TALK

4TH ANNUAL BYZANTINE YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

For the fourth year in a row, the Byzantine Young Adults of the Eparchy of Parma will be hosting our weekend retreat for Young Adults from Thursday, July 25th to Sunday, July 28th. Located at St Mary's Byzantine Catholic Parish in Marblehead, Ohio right on the banks of Lake Erie, this retreat doubles as both a perfect summer getaway and a time for spiritual growth and renewal! The retreat will consist of four days- the first three being based on our group's foundational "3 S's"-service, spirituality, and socializing. The fourth will cap off our retreat with Divine Liturgy and brunch. We will learn from Father Tom Loya and from our peers how exactly we can "walk the walk" in our faith lives and not merely profess Christ with empty words. Join us in exploring the various roles that young adults can play in everyday life while being followers of Christ. We look forward to seeing you there! **Register at parma.org/events**

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 07/17-21

On July 17, the 10th National Eucharistic Congress will begin as the four branches of the pilgrimage converge in Indianapolis, Indiana in a powerful symbol of unity. The event will run until July 21. Every day at the Congress is designed to facilitate a life-changing encounter with Jesus, regardless of where you are on your faith journey. Attendees will select their preferred series of impact sessions for the morning and breakout sessions for the afternoon. Then, gathered together as one, the whole assembly will experience the powerful revival sessions in Lucas Oil Stadium each evening.

Pope Francis has appointed Cardinal Luis Antonio G. Tagle, pro-prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization, as his special envoy. Cardinal Tagle will celebrate the closing Mass on July 21.

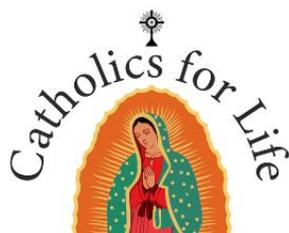
Members of our Eparchy may be particularly interested in the Hierarchical Vigil Divine Liturgy at St. Athanasius on Friday, Syro-Malabar Qurbana (Eucharistic Liturgy) on Saturday at 8:30AM and the Closing Mass on Sunday at

10AM. Our very own Bishop Robert will be participating in all three liturgical services. Please note, pre-registration is required for any liturgical participation. There is a small pool of funds to assist parishioners interested in participating in this event. If you are interested in attending, please contact Judy Matsko at jmatsko@parma.org or 216-741-8773 ext.1225. Funds will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

FAMILY AND CANTOR CAMP 2024: LITURGY AND LIFE. Join Byzantine Catholic families from across the Eparchy of Parma from **August 11th through August 16th in Cedar Lakes, IN** to have some faith-focused, family-friendly fun! This year's camp will feature Fr. Andrew Summerson and special guests, who will lead a Cantor Camp for both children and adults. Cantor Camp will bring families together to build up our rich tradition of Byzantine Catholic worship and enrich the spiritual lives of our families through singing. Alongside Cantor Camp, there will be daily Liturgy and community prayer, as well as plenty of outdoor activities. This year's camp will be hosted at Cedar Lakes Ministries, which has an abundance of on-site facilities for families to have fun together outdoors, including a private beach, playground, campfire sites, and multiple fields and courts for sports. **Find out more and register at <https://parma.org/family-camp>.**

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.



CATHOLICS FOR LIFE is a Columbus-based apostolate organizing pro-life and evangelization events to equip Catholics for life-saving missionary work.

We lead larger events every First Thursday and Third Saturday. Sign up for updates at www.CatholicsForLife.us

Our main initiative is to make sure that Catholics are praying and offering help from the sidewalk every hour the two abortion facilities in central Ohio are open. 10 babies are aborted every day in our city on average. When Christians are there 1 out of every 50 mothers cancel their appointment! We have seen 121 mothers leave and babies be rescued! More children depend on you!

Catholics for Life, Greater Columbus Right to Life, and other ministries can provide training, literature, signs, and shadowing opportunities. There are only 10 monthly and weekly shifts that are left uncovered at Planned Parenthood (3255 E. Main St.). Shifts are regularly updated at www.CatholicsForLife.us. Please contact Gabriel Vance with any questions at gabriel@catholicsforlife.us or 740-972-2570. May God bless you! Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

- Second Fridays from 11am-1pm
- 5th Tuesday or 5th Friday from 11am-1pm
- First and Third Tuesdays from 11am-1pm
- Mondays from 5-7pm

“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.”

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



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
Hussein Abdi
William Brake
Charles Branham
Carol
Mary Carroll
Charyton Intentions
Cindy Cox
Will Culver
Maria Czynnik
DeClue Intentions
Ron Doctor
Jack Figel
Charles Roddy
Christopher Gehman
Deborah Gordon
Charlene Grabner
Nataly Grace

John Griffen
Hagos
Evelyn Hoechstetter
Esther Imhoff
Dora Johnson
Jackson Family
Gordon Kaercher
Susan Kaiser
Kathy
James Kester
Kathy Krofcheck
Regina Lee
Christine Leon
Christine Long
David Lonzrick
Jessie Madzia
Ilya Mandebur
Mara

Bill Martin
Joe Martin
Mech Intention
Melissa
Joy Mersch
Angela Merva
Katie Nann
Ed Nyahay
Anne O'Halloran
Mic O'Halloran
John Oshinski
Paula Oshinski
Beauetta Parks
Cathy Pitt
Maksym Popadyn
Maria Rakowsky
Terry Rasor

Nadia Ritchey
Trey Shearon
John Sikora
Helen Stephens
Dennis Stinich
Josh Taylor
L.T. Tekle
Ruth Turanchik
Owen Ward
Steve
Nicholas Zvansky
Sandra Zvansky
Special Intentions
Akela Danovich

Annual Eparchial Pilgrimage – Shrine of Mariapoch 2024

"Theotokos: Living Tabernacle of Holy Eucharist"

Saturday, August 17, 2024

- 3:00 PM – Water blessing/ Moleben to Theotokos
- 4:00 PM – Akathist to the Mother of God
- 5:00 PM – Café opens for dinner
- 7:00 PM – Paraklesis - Office of Consolation to the Mother of God
- 8:30 PM – Campfire and fireside chat
- 10:00 PM – Compline / Start of all-night vigil

Sunday, August 18th

- 9:00 AM – Matins
- 11:00 AM – Teen activity (Eucharistic Renewal)
- 12 Noon – Sixth Hour / Café opens for Lunch
- 1:30 PM – Children's Activity (Eucharist Renewal)
- 1:30 PM – Bishop Robert talk on Eucharistic Renewal with Proskomedia demonstration by Fr. Lukas Mitro
- 3:00 PM – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Bishop Robert Pipta, Main Celebrant and Homilist. Procession with the Plaschanicja (Burial Shroud of the Theotokos)
- 5:00 PM – Café opens for dinner

The opportunity for Holy Repentance (Confession) will be available throughout the pilgrimage.

Camping IS permitted and encouraged. Food will be available for purchase at the above times only. Bring your own chair.

Visit out Eastern Treasures Gift Shop!



Questions? Ask Deacon Greg Loya, gregloya@yahoo.com, or 216-272-6790

Our website: <https://parma.org/shrine-of-mariapoch>

The Role of the Church in American Political Life



The Church is the body of Christ, who reigns as king over all Creation. Everything, including political life, belongs to Jesus Christ, and so participation in political life belongs to the mission of the Church. Our mandate is to 'go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation' (Mk 16:15). . . . Here, 'the creation' refers to every aspect of human life. . . 'Nothing human can be alien to it.'

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 181, quoting *Aparecida Document*, no. 380

Our national tradition of religious freedom permits and encourages all people of faith to bring the insights of their religious traditions to bear on political matters. As Pope Francis affirmed during his visit to the U.S., “Religious liberty, by its nature, transcends places of worship and the private sphere of individuals and families. . . . Religion itself, the religious dimension, is not a subculture; it is part of the culture of every people and every nation.”¹

“If society is to have a future, it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth. . . . A society is noble and decent not least for its support of the pursuit of truth and its adherence to the most

basic of truths” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 207). The truths that guide public life can be known by natural reason. The sanctity of human life, the equal dignity of all individuals, the obligation to protect the vulnerable, the nature and purposes of sex, marriage, and family—these are not exclusively “religious” truths, but truths that all people of goodwill can come to know without the aid of revelation. Our Catholic faith sheds light on these truths, and so we have a duty to bring that light to our nation.

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Many Parts, All One Body

The bishops and their pastoral collaborators each have distinct roles in the Church’s mission. The bishops have the responsibility to govern the society of the Church, hand

on doctrine and tradition, and administer the sacraments. The laity are called to bring the gospel to bear on the world. While many laity are involved in roles of leadership and service within the Church, it remains primarily the role of the laity to advocate for justice, to serve in public office, and to inform daily life with the gospel. “The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful” (*Deus Caritas Est*, no. 29).

Participation in political life requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While bishops together with their coworkers help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.² The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions. These decisions should take into account a candidate’s commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue. Thus equipped, and further impelled by our sense of patriotism, we exercise our right and duty to vote and otherwise to participate actively in public life.³ By forming our consciences for faithful citizenship, we can better pursue the common good and thus obey the command of our Lord to love our neighbors.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023.

Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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1 Pope Francis, Meeting for Religious Liberty with Hispanic Community and Other Immigrants, September 26, 2015.

2 *Gaudium et Spes (The Church in the Modern World)*, no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.

3 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 2239-40.