

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.

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Mar 16	2nd Sunday of Great Lent		
		9:30am	Third Hour	
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Faithful
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Liturgy	
Mon	Mar 17	6:00pm	Liturgy of St. Gregory (<i>Presanctified</i>)	
Wed	Mar 19	9:00am	3 rd Hour-Isaiah readings w/Holy Communion	
Fri	Mar 21	5:45pm	Panachida for All Souls	
		6:00pm	Liturgy of St. Gregory (<i>Presanctified</i>)	
Sat	Mar 22	6:00pm	Vespers	
Sun	Mar 23	3rd Sunday of Great Lent		
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Liturgy	
		12:00pm	St. John Chrysostom Liturgy @ Newman Center	
			w/Bishop Robert Pipta celebrating	

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment



Readings

Epistle

Gospel

Sun	Mar 16	Heb 1:10-2:3	Mark 2:1-12
Mon	Mar 17	Gen 6:9-22	Prov 8:1-21
Tue	Mar 18	Gen 7:1-15	Prov 8:32-9:11
Wed	Mar 19	Gen 7:6-9	Prov 9:12-18
Thu	Mar 20	Gen 7:11-8:4	Prov 10:1-22
Fri	Mar 21	Gen 8:4-21	Prov 10:31-11:12
Sat	Mar 22	Heb 10:32-38	Mark 2:14-17
Sun	Mar 23	Heb 4:14-5:6	Mark 8:34-9:1

Parish Activities

Sun	Mar 16	11:15am 2:00pm	Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast; ECF Classes Ge'ez Social
Wed	Mar 19	6:00pm	Nicene Creed Study Group in hall
Sun	Mar 23	2:00pm	Ge'ez Social



From our Pastor

LENTEN PRACTICE - ALMSGIVING

Almsgiving is a biblical practice going back to the OT times. It is sharing the material blessings we received through the abundant loving kindness of God the Father. Here are the three ways to practice it at St. John Chrysostom.

1. **W.A.R.M.** food pantry. We collect food throughout the year for Westerville Area Resource Ministry, helping the needy, homeless, and families with low income in our area. The patron saint of our efforts is St. Tabitha, at whose icon we bring the food.
2. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** charitable activities – **Super Cash Bonanza Raffle**, which is a special way to support our own parish community and the needs that the Knights of Columbus are covering statewide. Pregnancy Decision Center, Food Pantries, Byzantine Catholic Seminary Pittsburgh, Vocations Office of the Eparchy of Parma, Evangelization and Faith Formation at St. John Chrysostom.
3. **Support Ukraine** – from the very beginning of the war (2/2022) we continuously collect money to support our suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine. The collections are sent to our Eparchy, which transfers them to the Eparchy of Mukachevo, Ukraine. Our support helps the displaced families, orphans, and with medical supplies.

St. John Chrysostom on Almsgiving

“Fasting is a good thing, just as it is good to read Scripture, when, that is, your reading is followed by actual deeds, for if you read Scripture but do not do what it says, you read unto your own judgement and punishment. For Scripture itself says: *It is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but it is the doers of the law who will be made righteous* (Rom 2:13); [...] Do not, then, render the fast futile, because fasting does not ascend to heaven by itself but only if it has almsgiving as its sister and companion. And she is not only her sister and companion, but also a conveyance. And how do we know this? Because the angel said to Cornelius: *Your prayers and your almsgiving have ascended as a memorial before God* (Acts 10:4).

Almsgiving is thus the wing of prayer. If you do not provide your prayer with wings, it will never fly. When, however, your soul sprouts wings, it flies immediately to heaven [...] Consider who it is that begs of you through the poor man and attend to the dignity of the one who receives. Yes, the poor man receives, but it is God who is the borrower. Understand to what depths the Master descended to accomplish this, so that he might turn you back from cruelty and hatred: *For you saw me hungry, and you did not feed me; thirsty, and you did not give me to drink; a stranger, and you did not welcome me; naked, and you did not clothe me* (Mt 25:35-40). Will you not therefore give to Christ in his hunger?” (PG 48:1059-1062)

NICENE CREED STUDY GROUP - On Wednesdays during the Lent, **March 5th – April 9th**, our Parish is offering study sessions from 6pm-7pm, diving into the profession of faith, the Creed. Study materials will be provided. Useful will be the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Christ Our Pascha catechism. If you need these, please, let the Office know.

After Pascha another study group will be offered on the book of Benedict XVI. *Jesus of Nazareth*. Details to come!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY – The Assumption Council of the Knights of Columbus is offering a Pancake Breakfast following the 10am Divine Liturgy. The cost is \$6 per person.

The Knights will be selling their annual **Cash Bonanza Raffle Tickets** after the liturgy in the Hall, until May. You will have the opportunity to participate in the raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 a piece, and the proceeds benefit the Charitable efforts of the Knights in the State of Ohio. Proceeds from the raffle support Catholic High School Education, Vocations, Religious Education and Evangelization, Veterans, and a variety of other charities in each diocese in the state. Assumption Council uses funds to support Seminarians, the Pregnancy Decision Health Center, and various food banks in our local area. Likewise, to support the faith building activities at St. John Chrysostom

BAND APP. Stay Connected with Our Parish BAND Group! Join our parish's BAND Group to deepen your Byzantine faith, stay informed, and build meaningful connections with fellow parishioners!

Why Join? • Stay Updated - Get real-time updates on liturgies, feast days, and parish events. • Strengthen Faith - Share prayer intentions, reflections, and encouragement. • Build Community - Connect with parishioners and regular attendees in a private, faith-centered space. See insert in this bulletin on how to join.

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 23, ST. JOHN'S LITURGY WILL BE HELD AT THE ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER AT 12PM. Bishop Robert Pipta will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday March 23 at the Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Ave. at 12 pm. There will be no liturgy at St. John Chrysostom. All of us are encouraged to attend and share the beauty of the Byzantine Eucharist with college students.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18, we will celebrate the Byzantine Vespers of Holy (Good) Friday at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in downtown Columbus. This is a unique opportunity to share the rich theological and spiritual heritage with the wider Catholic community in Columbus. Details to come.

AT GREATER COLUMBUS RIGHT TO LIFE, we are working hard to grow a community of life dedicated to promoting and protecting the dignity of all innocent human life. We can only do this with your help. We encourage you to sign up for our Spring 40 Days for Life campaign.

As an individual, you can adopt an hour or more. The spring campaign will run from Wednesday, March 5th until Sunday, April 13th from 7 am until 7 pm at The Planned Parenthood Surgical Clinic (3255 E Main Street, Columbus).

We know firsthand that there is power in gathering in peaceful prayer and we know that both unborn lives can be saved and abortion-minded women can be protected through compassionate education about choices.

Please prayerfully consider joining us.

Parishioner Kathy Krofcheck plans on praying in front of the Planned Parenthood Center during Lent. She usually stays an hour and prays the rosary. If others join that would be great!

If you would like more information you can contact Kathy Krofcheck at 614-357-7605 or let the office know and they will contact her for you.

FROM THE EPARCHY OF PARMA

Stewardship Appeal 2024/25: We are reminded of how fortunate we are and of the gifts we have received from God. Of course, the most important gift is that of salvation in Jesus Christ. This salvation requires our response with sacrifice, dedication, and a sense of shared responsibility for the life of the Church and its mission on earth. Each of us has been given other great gifts – individual gifts such as our time, talents, and treasure. Our Lord Jesus Christ asks us to use our gifts for the glory of God. This is the essence of Stewardship: an awareness that everything comes from God and ultimately belongs to God.

Please consider supporting the Stewardship Appeal today! Visit us online at <https://parma.org/stewardship-appeal> to submit your monthly or one-time donation. Thank you for your generosity!

Our parish goal for this year is \$13,050. Amount contributed to date: \$10,040. Remember, any amount over the assigned goal for our parish is returned to us.

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RADIO FUN THAT WILL LEAVE YOU SMILING (March 19th – 21st). Join the St. Gabriel Radio **AM 820 - March Spirit Drive** as we welcome 31 local deacons for a live, three-day radio event from **Wednesday**, March 19th through **Friday**, March 21st. Each participating deacon is grouped with two other deacons as they compete in a live radio CORNHOLE tournament. You can help your favorite team by making a donation prior to or during the radio fundraiser!

To make a donation call **(614) 459-4820** or go online to **StGabrielRadio.com**.

The Diocese of Columbus is sponsoring the **CONVERGING ROADS CONFERENCE** again this year. Physicians, nurses, and all those working in healthcare are encouraged to attend. Please see the flyer in this bulletin. Direct link - <https://forlifeandfamily.org/events/cr25-cmoh/>

LOOK NO FURTHER....Wondering what you can do in your spare time? We have the answer... Why not become a volunteer tutor at the Dominican Learning Center. The DLC needs volunteer tutors for English as a Second Language (ESL), Adult Basic Education (ABE) and Graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED). For more information, please visit the Dominican Learning Center webpage at Get Involved - Dominican Learning Center (domlearningcenter.org). **To sign up for Tutor Training, call Billie Lunn, 614-444-7330 (x) 11104, or email Billie at Billie.lunn@oppeace.org**



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Scan the QR Code below to download the app and become part of our online parish family today!

Pregnancy Support Resources



Pregnancy Decision Health Center: 614-444-4411

Birthright: 614-221-0844

Mommies Matter: 614-723-9308

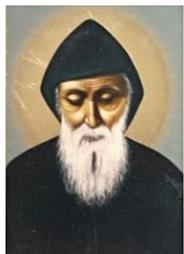
Option Line: <https://optionline.org/> 1-800-712-4357

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:

Hussein Abdi	Dora Johnson	Paula Oshinski	Claudette Weber
William Brake	Gordon Kaercher	Beauetta Parks	Curtis Weber
Charles Branham	Susan Kaiser	Cathy Pitt	Nicholas Zvansky
John Brown	James Kester	Maksym Popadyn	Sandra Zvansky
Vernal Brown	Kathy Krofcheck	Maria Rakowsky	Abby
Mary Carroll	Regina Lee	Terry Rasor	Carol
Maria Czarnik	Christin Leon	Nadia Ritchey	Charyton Intentions
Cindy Cox	Christine Long	Charles Roddy	DeClue Intentions
Will Culver	Jessie Madzia	Sandra Roddy	Dock Family
Ron Doctor	Ilya Mandebur	Trey Shearon	Hagos
Jack Figel	Bill Martin	John Sikora	Jackson Family
Sarah Frye	Joe Martin	Kathy Slonka	Kathy
Christopher Gehman	Joy Mersch	Kim Snow	Lippert Family
Deborah Gordon	Angela Merva	Helen Stephens	Mara
Charlene Grabner	Katie Nann	Dennis Stinich	Mech Intention
Nataly Grace	Ed Nyahay	Josh Taylor	Melissa
John Griffen	Anne O'Halloran	L.T. Tekle	Special Intentions
Evelyn Hoehstetter	Mic O'Halloran	Ruth Turanchik	Steve
Esther Imhoff	John Oshinski	Owen Ward	

VIRTUE IN MEDICINE

APRIL 5, 2025 | 8:45 AM – 7:00 PM | IN PERSON AND ONLINE

PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM
7625 N HIGH ST., COLUMBUS, OH 43235

PRESENTATIONS

The Primacy of Virtue and the Dignity of the Human Person
Deacon Michael J. Deem, PhD

Moral Cooperation in Health Care
Elliott Bedford, MA, PhD

The Witness of Hippocratic Medicine in a Secular Culture
Ashley K. Fernandes, MD, PhD; Paul W. Hruz, MD, PhD; and more!

Addressing Disparity in Health Care
Rev. Columba Thomas, OP, MD

A Catholic Response to Depression and Suicide
Anthony Isacco, PhD

Restorative Reproductive Medicine and Care for Infertile Couples
Panelists TBA

Approaching Gender Dysphoria with Mercy and Charity
Paul W. Hruz, MD, PhD

Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered.

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