

**St. John Chrysostom  
Columbus, OH  
Parish Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday September 11**

*Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross*

**9:30a** Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom  
*For the Faithful*

~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!

Both Pastoral Advisory Boards meeting in hall following Divine Liturgy/Social



**Monday September 12**

**8a** Divine Liturgy in chapel  
*+Richard Schwenk by Justine Schwenk*

**9a-1p** Office Hours

**Tuesday September 13**

**7pm** Divine Liturgy for Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

*+Michael Augustus by Keith Nissen*

**Wednesday September 14**

*Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

**9a-1p** Office Hours

**Thursday September 15**

**8a** Divine Liturgy in chapel  
*+Andrew & +Rose Hospodar by M/M Bill Hospodar*

**9a-1p** Office Hours

**10a** Possible Pirohi Filling Making

**Friday September 16**

**8a** Divine Liturgy in chapel  
*Health and Salvation of John Kasich by Rebecca Krofcheck*

**9a-1p** Office Hours

**10a** Possible Pirohi Making



**Sunday September 18**

*Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross*

**9:30a** Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom  
*For the Faithful*

~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!



Prayer at Ground Zero  
New York,  
20 April 2008  
~ Pope Benedict XI

“O God of love,  
compassion, and healing,

look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain. We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here-- the heroic first-responders: our fire fighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.

We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness. Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.

We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain.

Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope,

and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.”



***Eternal Memory***

We offer our sincere condolences to the Ceresna Family on the death of their father Ivan this past week.

***May God grant his servant, Ivan, Blessed  
Rest and Eternal Memory.***



**Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross will be this Tuesday evening, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

**Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos will be celebrated Friday evening, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**



The Ladies Guild requests parishioners sign up to bring in/pay for weekly refreshments for the Sunday Social (sign up sheet is on table with the snacks). We ask everyone to please place a small donation (\$1) in the basket on the table to help defray the cost of purchasing the refreshments. If you would like to do more, please speak with either Kathy Krofcheck, Paula Martin, or Pat Papai.

*Feeding the hungry is a greater miracle than raising the dead!*

*~ St. John Chrysostom*

Please help us help others in this area. The baskets in front of the Theotokos are for donations of boxed or canned food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, diapers, etc. We would like to completely fill these baskets every week.

WARM's client-choice food pantry allows clients to shop through the aisles with a personal assistant. Individuals are provided with a 6-day supply of food for each member in their family which includes 3 meals per day. Clients may visit the pantry twice a month for nutritional assistance and resource referrals.

**Here is the list of our top ten most needed items we collect year round!**

- Cereal – hot or cold
- Canned fruit
- Canned chicken
- Canned tuna
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, relish, bbq sauce, etc.)
- Baked Beans
- Spaghetti sauce
- Rice
- Deodorant
- Shampoo

Only current-dated food items are placed on our shelves.

***O Most Holy Mother of God, Save us!***

A small way to honor our Most Holy Mother! Members of the parish family are invited to place fresh flowers in front of the icon of the Theotokos every week. The flowers may be placed before Divine Liturgy begins.

The flowers must be real and they can be anything you like. It does not have to be a large

arrangement. The kind, color, size, or smell for that matter is not important. What matters is that you are giving from your heart to the Mother's heart. The point is to give thanks to our Mother who continually watches out for us and loves us as only a mother can.

**Reminders from the Office**

**Office hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, Fridays between 9:00am and 1:00pm.**

Daily Divine Liturgy is at 8:00am Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, unless otherwise posted in bulletin.

The weekly bulletin is published on the St. John Chrysostom website

**[www.byzantinecolumbus.com](http://www.byzantinecolumbus.com)**

The times on the monthly calendar are correct at the time it is printed. The weekly schedule in the bulletin will have the most up-to-date information.

All items for the bulletin are due into the office by Monday for publication in the next week's bulletin.

Any items for distribution (i.e.: fliers, Eparchial event sign up forms, magnets, prayer cards, etc.) will now be on a table in the parish hall. Please pick them up there and join us for refreshments following the Divine Liturgy.



***Special Dates this Week!***



Tom & Rose Ann Jirles September 12, 1964  
***Celebrating 52 years Crowned in Marriage***

***Happy Birthday!***

Teresa Rakowsky	September 13
Sharon Mech	September 14
Ryan Hodovanich	September 15
Ed Nyahay	September 17
Cathy Pitt	September 17

***May God grant them many Happy and Blessed Years!***



***Read Your Bible!***

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Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14; Psalms 51: 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15: 1-33

In the First Reading above from the Book of Exodus, God speaks to Moses. In the midst of revealing to Moses what the Israelites have done and how they have violated His trust in them, the Lord says, *"I see how stiff-necked this people is."* As is often the case in Holy Scripture, the term "stiff-necked" has a basis in agriculture, and one with which we may not be familiar.

Farmers at that time used the term "stiff-necked" to describe an ox or horse which did not

respond to directions. When an animal like that would not move and resisted direction, the animal tended to stiffen and freeze, thus the term "stiff-necked" for one who is stubborn and uncooperative.

God may consider us to be stiff-necked at times, might He not? In spite of the Lord's appeals to us to trust Him and to follow Him, we sometimes stiffen and resist. Usually we do that because following the Lord may prove uncomfortable for us. God's terms for us and His expectations of us may sometimes seem unreasonable and even impossible.

Yet, that is the challenge of living stewardship as a way of life. It is not always easy, and it may put us in positions where we feel uncomfortable and even vulnerable. Moses pleads the case for his people to God and the Lord responds to Moses' plea, his prayer, and Scripture tells us "So the Lord relented in the punishment." We do need to trust the Lord, and we do need to pray to Him, as He will respond with love and mercy.

In the above Gospel reading from St. Luke, Jesus delivers three parables in short order. The first deals with a lost sheep; the second with a lost coin; and the third with a lost son. Although the Lord was specifically speaking to Pharisees and scribes, a large crowd had gathered including sinners and tax collectors, and Jesus' message was as much for them. In fact, it is a message each of us needs to hear and to take to heart.

As is always the case in Holy Scripture, there are messages for us in each of today's readings. How carefully do we listen to those messages? We may hear the scripture readings; we may even follow them carefully in a missalette or other book, but do we truly listen for the messages there are for each of us?

The First Reading comes to us from the Book of Exodus. The second Book of the Old

Testament, Exodus gets its name from the ancient Greek word *exodus*, meaning “going out.” It tells how the Israelites leave slavery in Egypt through the strength of God and under the leadership of Moses. They journey through the wilderness to Mt. Sinai, where God promises them the land of Canaan (the Promised Land) in return for their faithfulness. However, this particular reading from Exodus 32 speaks of a time when the people strayed from their faith.

God is speaking to Moses, and the Lord explains that things are happening and have happened of which Moses may not be aware. God speaks of idols and false Gods. This is a warning for all of us. Many times in our lives we lose our sense of priority; we may see other things as more important at moments than our faith. God can and will forgive us, but it is a forgiveness we must seek, and we must be committed to changing to live God-centered lives — the kind of conversion required of us to be good stewards.

To serve God we must first be faithful to God. That is what Paul is explaining to Timothy in the Second Reading. St. Paul is well aware that he is reliant upon the Lord to be enabled to serve Him and to share the Good News with others. Paul says, *“I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry.”* We often speak of how important it is to trust in the Lord. However, we cannot neglect the fact that God trusts us as well.

This is the kind of trust about which Paul is speaking. Paul did not “volunteer” to serve God. He was called and he responded to that call. The Lord also calls each of us, and He expects each of us to respond as good stewards also. However, one of the greatest gifts we receive — free will — can also be a stumbling block. Of course, it all goes back to faithfulness, the faith that failed the Israelites. God loves us; God is patient with us;

and God forgives us when we fail. The secret is for us, like Paul, to be grateful for our calling. Our Second Reading concludes with St. Paul declaring *“To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”* Paul could never stop praising God. If we have trouble with that, it is probably because we do not know God very well. That may be the real goal of our lives.

Jesus’ parables are the epitome of how He teaches us. The three in today’s Gospel Reading from St. Luke all involve what is important in life. In the parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Lost Son (the Prodigal’s son) Jesus is addressing the issue of what is important in God’s eyes and how that relates to repentance and forgiveness. Much has been written and said about the story of the prodigal son and it might be summarized quite simply. The son makes two appeals to his father. The first might be stated as “Give me...” and the second as “Make me...”

We may ask for a lot from God as well. But the real key to success and to being a good steward is to say quite simply “Lord, make me what You will” or “Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.” It is only through faith and through gratitude and through acceptance of God’s will that we can truly serve Him. Real joy is found in God’s response to that second request — “Make me.”



“Be kind to each other in your homes. Be kind to those who surround you. I prefer that you make mistakes in kindness rather than that you work miracles in unkindness. Often just for one word, one look, one quick action, and darkness fills the heart of the one we love.”

~ St. Teresa of Kolkata

### Prayer List

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

The Priest Robert Barter		The Priest Eugene Linowski	
Charlotte Doctor	Ron Doctor	Julia Fedeczko	Julie Fultz
Charlene Grabner	John Grabner	Esther Imhoff	Frederick Kowalski
Donald Krofcheck	Victor Lonzrick	Christine Loya	Bill Martin
Joe Martin	Paul Mech	Dave Olszyk	Mic O’Halloran
John Oshinski	Paula Oshinski	Bob Parks	Maria Rakowsky
Betty Sikora	John Sikora	Dennis Stinich	Bernie Turanchik
Ruth Turanchik	Anastaszja Wojchak		

***That the Lord God, for the glory of His name, visit his sick servants with His Holy Spirit and cure every illness and affliction, let us pray.***

### Volunteer Schedules for September 2016

#### Church Cleaning

- 9/03 – Jim & Irena Wallace
- 9/17 – Pat Papai & (Need a second person)

***We are in need of more people for cleaning the church on a bi-weekly basis. Please call Pat Papai at 614-578-5698 to volunteer. Thank you.***



### Aug / Sept Collection Counting

Sept 4	Jerry Stasek
Sept 11	Jerry Stasek
Sept 18	Mark Frye
Sept 25	Alex Rakowsky



“Acme Excavating. Faith speaking.”