

St. John Chrysostom, Col's, OH Parish Weekly Schedule

Sunday	January 15
9:30am	Divine Liturgy <i>For the Faithful</i>
11:30am	Cookie Sale Wrap-up Meeting
~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!	
Monday	January 16
9a-1p	Office Hours
Wednesday	January 18
8am	Divine Liturgy in chapel <i>+Kenneth Papke by Shirley Stalzer</i>
9a-1p	Office Hours
Thursday	January 19
8am	Divine Liturgy in chapel <i>+Evelyn Czynnik by John Czynnik</i>
9a-1p	Office Hours
Friday	January 20
8am	Divine Liturgy in chapel <i>+Rose and +Andrew Hospodar by Mr. & Mrs. William Hospodar</i>
9a-1p	Office Hours
Sunday	January 22
9:30am	Divine Liturgy <i>For the Faithful</i>
11:15am	Children's ECF

St. Barbara, Dayton, OH Monthly Schedule

Saturday	January 7
4pm	Divine Liturgy <i>For the Faithful</i>
~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!	
	
Saturday	January 14
4pm	Divine Liturgy <i>For the Faithful</i>
~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!	
	
Saturday	January 21
4pm	Divine Liturgy <i>For the Faithful</i>
~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!	
	
Saturday	January 28
4pm	Divine Liturgy <i>For the Faithful</i>
~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!	

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Coming up this month....

TODAY – approx 11:30am – Cookie Sale Wrap up meeting. Discuss what went well, what might not have, and any suggested changes.

Sunday, January 22nd – Children's ECF following Divine Liturgy.

Monday, January 23rd – Advisory/Finance Board Meeting in parish hall

Wednesday, February 1st – 7:00pm – Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Our Lord's Encounter with Simeon.

House Blessings

If you wish to have Fr. Bob bless your home, there are several ways to sign up. There is a Sign-up sheet in church narthex, you may also call or e-mail Teresa during office hours to schedule a time.

For those of you attending St. Barbara – Father will bless homes on Saturdays, please either call or e-mail the office to set up times. Father asks you to do this so that the schedule is in just one place and he does not mistakenly miss someone who has signed up.

Sunday Offering Envelopes

The 2017 Contribution envelopes (for St. John Chrysostom) and calendars are in the narthex of the church, please pick them up there. If you do

not find envelopes with your name in those remaining, please contact Teresa in the parish office by either phone or e-mail.

Yearly Contribution Reports

The 2016 Yearly Contribution records will be distributed by the end of January. They will be in marked, sealed envelopes in the church narthex when they have been completed.

Adult ECF

We will hold Adult ECF classes on the four Sundays of March. (*The 1st through 4th Sundays of the Great Fast*). We will focus on themes in Matthew Kelly's book *Resisting Happiness* over these four Sundays, which have to do with the overarching theme of seeking God.

This book was suggested by the Eparchy of Parma as a starting point for all of us seeking *metanoia* during the time of the Great Fast. The books were made available to us, for free, from Parma and Robert Parks has graciously offered to lead the ECF Classes. We will have them available for all to pick up next Sunday. Even if you do not attend Robert's classes, the book is good thoughtful read on your own during the Great Fast.

Request from Fr. Bob

"So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides."

Matthew 6:31-33

We speak often of our need for money and volunteers, and we still need both, but Christ has taught us that life with Him is not first of all about money and volunteers. It is about seeking God and His Lordship in our lives. This means acting as He desires and the only way to know what He wants is to know Him. The only way to know Him is to pray.

Between now and Cheesefare Sunday (February 26), please be in prayer, seeking God Himself and His leading for you, for your family, and for your parish. Christ promises us that if we seek His kingdom and His ways of being righteous, He will give us all we need besides, and that must include money and volunteers. Let's take His promise seriously and seek Him in prayer.

~ Fr. Bob

Read your Bible!

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**Isaiah 8: 23- 9:3; Psalms 27: 1, 4, 13-14;
1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17; Matthew 4: 12-23**

The prophet Isaiah again records a remarkable prophesy in our First Reading from the Book of Isaiah. Within the context of that Scriptural reading Isaiah says, *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."* Just prior to that Isaiah speaks of two areas of Israel that are also the names of two of the twelve tribes of Israel — Zebulon and Naphtali. These tribes were located at the northern end of Israel adjacent to the Sea of Galilee.

When the Assyrians invaded and occupied Israel, it was the northern tribes like Zebulon and Naphtali



that suffered the most. It was they on whom the greatest gloom and darkness descended. However, the prophecy speaks of the coming of the Messiah, the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. Thus, *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."*

Christ is still the light of the world, and He still provides this light and hope to those of us who may feel like we are in darkness and distress. We must embrace Him nonetheless and follow His way by becoming His disciple. If we do that, our lives will indeed be filled with light and great rejoicing. It is up to us to respond. In John 8:12, the Lord tells us, *"I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in dark, but will have the light of life."*

In his letter to the Corinthians, our Second Reading, Paul makes an appeal to the Christian community in Corinth. Paul writes, *"I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and purpose."* It would seem that not much has changed over the centuries. There are still divisions in the Christian community, and even in our own parish and faith communities these may well exist. Paul's call to unity is echoed in the other readings on this Sunday as well.

As the readings progress there is a sense of order to them. At the heart of the First Reading from the prophet Isaiah is what should unify us and that is the presence of Christ. Isaiah prophesies in relation to Jesus and His Messianic arrival, *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."* Christ, the Light of the World, is that light, of course. It is He who unites us, who inspires

us to work together toward unity, and who provides us with the joy at what His sacrifice and promise for us portends. Jesus' victory is complete, but we must accept that and respond to that.

As indicated in the opening, St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians concentrates on the discord that has developed in the Church in Corinth. This was reported to Paul by "Chloe's people" who evidently came to Paul because of what was happening; however, the fact that they are called "Chloe's people" indicates that they may have been even another faction in that Church. For Paul this is most likely frustrating. It is believed that Paul spent more time in Corinth than anywhere else; thus, when rifts occur there, they are particularly painful to Paul the Apostle.

Paul's point, and the focus we need to concentrate on, is that Jesus the Lord should be the center of our faith and the center of our Church. For us as Catholics that is the case, but the reality indicates that it is not always the reality we experience. Before we can eliminate the worldwide factions that have arisen through the centuries we must remove any conflicts that may exist in our own faith communities. That is certainly part of Paul's point in today's reading. Jesus gives us the answer to these disagreements over and over when He says, *"Love one another."* It is really quite simple.

The Gospel Reading includes a restatement exactly of what we heard in the First Reading from Isaiah. This, of course, is the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee and then throughout His part of the world and then through His disciples in our own world. We have pointed out previously that when Jesus called His Twelve Apostles, eleven of them were Galileans (the only exception being Judas Iscariot who was a Judean). Galilee, although we tend to focus on



fishermen in the Sea of Galilee, was mainly agricultural with rich fertile soil. According to figures from historians, the population of Galilee at that time was about 3 million people. Galilee is not large, being smaller than our state of Connecticut. It was a natural place for Jesus to minister initially for many reasons: it was His native place; the population was large and compact; and there were an estimated more than 200 significant towns there. Also, that is where Holy Scripture (Isaiah) said He would begin.

Of course, a key part of our Gospel Reading is the onset of the Lord gathering His Apostles, as He initially calls Peter and his brother Andrew, closely followed by the brothers James and John. It is important to note that their response was immediate: *"At once they left their nets and followed him (Jesus)."* There were no debates, no discussions, and no long considerations. That is a great example to us. Do we hesitate; do we wait to become a disciple of the Lord? We really should not. If we accept Him as our Savior and as the cornerstone of our Church, our response, too, should be immediate and definite.

That after all is where division and depression are eliminated entirely, with acceptance and agreement and obedience. It is never easy, but it is what we are called to do as stewards of the Lord's Church and of our faith communities.



"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

~ St. Teresa of Kolkata



From Resisting Happiness by Matthew Kelly

“It is only by placing God at the center of everything that we can make sense of life. When we place someone or something else at the center of our lives we set ourselves up for a gnawing dissatisfaction.” ~ pg 13

“Planning is good and necessary up to a point, but we find God in the now. God lives in the eternal now. He is constantly inviting us to immerse ourselves in the present moment so we can be with Him.” ~ pg 52

“Resistance hates ordinary, everyday action. Resistance likes to distract us, keeping us thinking about things we can do nothing about.” ~ pg 65

Prayer List

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

The Priest Eugene Linowski	Ron Doctor	Ray Duskotch
Julia Fedeczko	Julie Fultz	Charlene Grabner
John Grabner	Ev Houston	Esther Imhoff
Frederick Kowalski	Marilyn Kimbrel	Donald Krofcheck
Victor Lonrick	Christine Loya	Bill Martin
Joe Martin	Paul Mech	Ed Nyahay
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.



Peter	Gozon
Carol	Hoover
Evelyn	Houston
Kathy	Krofcheck
Christopher	Stasek
Patrick	Stasek

May God grant them many Happy and Blessed Years!



“Our Father, who art in heaven, how did You know my name?”

Collection Counting

Jan. 1	Kathy Krofcheck
Jan. 8	Jerry Stasek
Jan. 15	Mark Frye
Jan. 22	Alex Rakowsky
Jan. 29	Mark Frye

Knights of Columbus Council 11207 presents

ST. PATRICK'S WINTER DANCE



Feb. 4th 7:00pm
in Patrick Hall



We welcome
the *Brickerdons* of Athens, Ohio for a
special evening of live music .
Kick up your heels or just tap your toes!
All dances taught by the fabulous Kate Power.
No experience or partner needed.
Complimentary refreshments
(snack donations always welcome).

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