


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

**Sunday January 22**  
**9:30am** Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful*  
**11:15am** Children's ECF  
 ~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!




**Monday January 23**  
**9a-1p** Office Hours  
**7pm** Pastoral and Financial Board Meeting in parish hall

**Wednesday January 25**  
**8am** Divine Liturgy in chapel  
*+The Priest Robert Barter*  
**9a-1p** Office Hours

**Thursday January 26**  
**8am** Divine Liturgy in chapel  
*+Helen Jadwisiak by the Pitt Family*  
**9a-1p** Office Hours


**Friday January 27**  
**8am** Divine Liturgy in chapel  
*+Brian Wiggins by John Czyrnik*  
**9a-1p** Office Hours



**Sunday January 29**  
*Sunday of Zacchaeus*  
**9:30am** Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful*  
**11:15am** Cookie Sale Wrap-up Meeting

## *St. Barbara, Dayton, OH Monthly Schedule*

**Saturday January 7**  
**4pm** Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful*  
 ~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!



**Saturday January 14**  
**4pm** Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful*  
 ~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!

**Saturday January 21**  
**4pm** Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful*  
 ~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!

**Saturday January 28**  
**4pm** Divine Liturgy  
*For the Faithful*  
 ~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

### Coming up this month....

**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Children's ECF following Divine Liturgy.

**Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00pm**  
 Advisory/Finance Board Meeting in parish hall.

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** approx 11:15am –  
 Cookie Sale Wrap up meeting. Discuss what went well, what might not have, and any suggested changes.

**Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm**  
 Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Our Lord's Encounter with Simeon.

### Volunteer Schedules

#### Collection Counting

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

#### Church Cleaning

Feb. 4	John Clear/Keith Nissen
Feb. 18	Paula Martin/Lora Lonzrick

The Cookie Sale Wrap-up meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> in the hall following Divine Liturgy.

#### 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 be passing out the FREE books for Adult ECF beginning today. Classes will be held on the four Sundays of March. (5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>). 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 classes. Even if you do not attend the Adult ECF classes, the book is good to read on your own during the Great Fast.

## **PRAY CONSTANTLY!**

*“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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***Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Ps 126: 1-6; Heb 5: 1-6; Mk 10: 46-52***

Most of us are accustomed to being called Christians — that is, followers of Christ. However, the Lord's first followers were not called by that name at all. It was not until many years after His Crucifixion and Resurrection that the term Christian became popularly used. There is a subtle, yet profound reference and statement in today's Gospel from St. Mark, a reading which presents to us the healing of a blind man.

After Jesus has responded to the blind man's calls for mercy and healing, and the Lord has told him that it was his faith which had saved him, the Gospel tells us of the former blind man, *“Immediately he received his sight and followed him (Jesus) on the way.”* What is noteworthy about this is, at that time and for the first years after Jesus' Resurrection, His disciples were called “followers of the way.” They recognized Jesus as the way to live and the way to salvation. (Jesus stated more than once, “I am the way.”)

Thus, the man became not just healed but a follower of the Lord. Jesus healed the man on His way from Jericho to Jerusalem, where He would be crucified. The man most likely was with Him all the way. Would we be willing to follow the Lord on such a journey? That is exactly what He is asking us to do.

Holy Scripture is filled with geographical names and references. They are in large part from the Middle East, from what is now Israel and the surrounding areas. The meaning of some Scripture may be lost to us because we are not familiar with distances and locations; time can also be a factor that is not clear to us. Therefore, it is worth reviewing what is happening in today's Gospel in particular to properly grasp what takes place, where, and when.

Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem for the last time. He knows what will happen there, what must happen there, and He has tried to explain it to His followers, to His Apostles so they can understand what will transpire and why. When today's Gospel begins, the Lord and His followers are leaving Jericho, one of the oldest cities in the world located only 15 miles from Jerusalem, and situated just northeast of the Dead Sea (located six miles from Jerusalem). The Lord has already traveled some 85 miles from Capernaum to Jericho, most likely traveling along the meandering Jordan River that flows out of the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea. Jesus addresses faith and hope in the Gospel.

The First Reading from Jeremiah echoes the well known 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, “The Lord is my Shepherd.” We hear about the Messiah delivering His people and leading them “to brooks of water on a level road.” God will provide for His people. He will strengthen them for the journey, and even those who find it difficult to travel (“with the lame and the blind in their midst”) will be able to succeed with the assistance of the Lord. We know that our trust in God is paramount to be able to serve Him and others properly. Of course, we must have faith to do these things; we find our strength in faith in God.

It is affirmed in the Second Reading from Hebrews that Jesus is the “high priest.” Our priests are chosen by God, just as Jesus Himself was. The reading points out that “No one takes this honor upon himself, only when called by God.” We regularly use the term “calling” when we refer to vocations. Nevertheless, each of us also has a calling; each of us has a vocation in the eyes of God. Identifying that vocation and following it are an important part of our stewardship journeys. There is only one “high priest,” Jesus Christ, but as the Body of Christ, the Church, each of us is expected to actively participate and give of self to build the Kingdom.

As detailed in the introduction, Jesus is en route to Jerusalem for the last time. This journey will culminate with His Crucifixion and Resurrection. He and His followers have departed Jericho for the one day walk to Jerusalem. The reading indicates that “his disciples and a large crowd” are following Him.

Suddenly Jesus hears the call of Bartimaeus, a blind man who was begging alongside the road, *“Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.”* The fact that the blind man uses the term “Son of David” already indicates that he understands exactly Who Jesus is, the predicted Messiah. That exclamation by Bartimaeus is an example of prayer. When the crowd tries to quiet him, he yells even louder *“Son of David, have pity on me.”* Prayers must be consistent and persistent; Bartimaeus teaches us that. And we are instructed even more in Jesus' response.

First of all, the Lord does respond (“The Lord hears the cry of the poor”). The blind man knew he needed “pity,” another word for mercy. Each of us needs the same, but we must humbly submit to fully receive it. Then, just as Bartimaeus heard, “Go your way; your faith has saved you,” we, too, may receive that reply, but it is dependent upon the depth of our faith. The former blind man could have gone his separate way, filled with sight and hope. However, he understands that once he has seen Jesus, known Jesus, and been graced by Jesus, he must follow Him always, with trust, love, and hope. We need to seek and find the same kind of faith.



## 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	Anastasza 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.*



**“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*



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

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

### *St. John Chrysostom Monthly Collections*

Monthly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 14,100.00
Total Collections for Jan.	<b>- 7,895.36</b>
Over/Under for Jan.	<b>6,204.64</b>

2016-17 Stewardship Goal	\$ 4,200.00
2016-17 Pledges	3,340.00
2016-17 Pledges Paid	3,340.00
<b>Balance on Goal as of 1/16/17</b>	<b>\$ 860.00</b>

*May God bless you for your generous support of St. John Chrysostom Parish*

## *From the Eparchy of Parma*

### *Eastern Hospitality Cooking Show Launches November 15*

A new faith-filled cooking show, "**Eastern Hospitality**," hosted by Fr. Moses from Holy Resurrection Monastery in St. Nazianz, Wisconsin, and Mother Gabriella, from Christ the Bridegroom Monastery in Burton, Ohio. Shows will highlight a vegan or vegetarian recipe as well as a short reflection on an upcoming Feast or Holy Day. In January, 2017, episodes will be recorded for The Great Fast and Pascha (Easter) and will be released beginning February 13, 2017. Eastern Hospitality is sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Cultural Center of the Eparchy of Parma and is filmed at the Cathedral in Parma by Eastern Christian Media. You can view previously recorded shows on their website; [www.easternhospitality.org](http://www.easternhospitality.org)



### **MIRACLE OF MARIAPOCH GALA**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017  
6 - 9:30 P.M. UPSTAIRS HALL  
CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
1900 CARLTON ROAD, PARMA, OHIO

Small plate buffet; wine and beer included  
Raffle baskets and silent auction  
\$35 per person  
For tickets call (330) 808-0465 or (216) 469-1425

Proceeds benefit capital improvements at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch, Burton, Ohio



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