



**St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church**  
 5858 Cleveland Ave. Columbus, OH 43231  
 Pastor: Fr. Robert Jager  
 Deacon: Fr. Deacon Jeffrey Martin



**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 JUNE 30, 2024**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Liturgy Schedule for the Week**

*Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before every Liturgy*

**Sunday June 30**

- 9:30a Third Hour
- 10:00a Divine Liturgy; Myrovanje  
*Intention: for the Faithful*
- 12:00P Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday July 3**

- 9:00a Divine Liturgy

**Sunday July 7**

- 9:30a Third Hour
- 10a Divine Liturgy  
*Intention: for the Faithful*
- 12:00p Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

**Parish activities this week**

**Sun. June 30**

- 11:15a SJC Social
- 2:00p Ge'ez Social

**Sat. July 6**

- 7:45a Men's Bible Study
- 10:00a Women's Bible Study
- 5:30p Ge'ez choir practice

**Readings for the Week of June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Sun. June 30**

Epistle, Rom 12:6-14  
 Gospel, Mt 9:1-8

**Tues. July 2**

Epistle, Heb 9:1-7  
 Gospel, Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28

**Thu. July 4**

Epistle, 1 Cor 7:24-35  
 Gospel, Mt 15:12-21

**Sat. July 6**

Epistle, Rom 12:1-3  
 Gospel, Mt 10:37-11:1

**Mon. July 1**

Epistle, 1 Cor 5:9-6:11  
 Gospel, Mt 13:54-58

**Wed. July 3**

Epistle, 1 Cor 7:12-24  
 Gospel, Mt 14:35-15:11

**Fri. July 5**

Epistle, Gal 5:22-6:2  
 Gospel, Lk 6:17-23

**Sun. July 7**

Epistle, Rom 15:1-7  
 Gospel, Mt 9:27-35



**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**



We wish everyone a safe and happy celebration of Independence Day!

**St. John Chrysostom Contact Information:**

**SUMMER Office Hours:** Monday and Wednesday 9:00am – 1:00pm

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## **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.*



## **ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

### **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](mailto: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. **07/13 & 08/10**

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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#### **The State of Today's Culture - Relativism**

A kind of cultural relativism exists today, evident in the conceptualization and defense of an ethical pluralism, which sanctions the decadence and disintegration of reason and the principles of the natural moral law. Furthermore, it is not unusual to hear the opinion expressed in the public sphere that such ethical pluralism is the very condition for democracy. As a result, citizens claim complete autonomy with regard to their moral choices, and lawmakers maintain that they are respecting this freedom of choice by enacting laws which ignore the principles of natural ethics and yield to ephemeral cultural and moral trends, as if every possible outlook on life were of equal value.

#### **Everybody has a say but not Catholics**

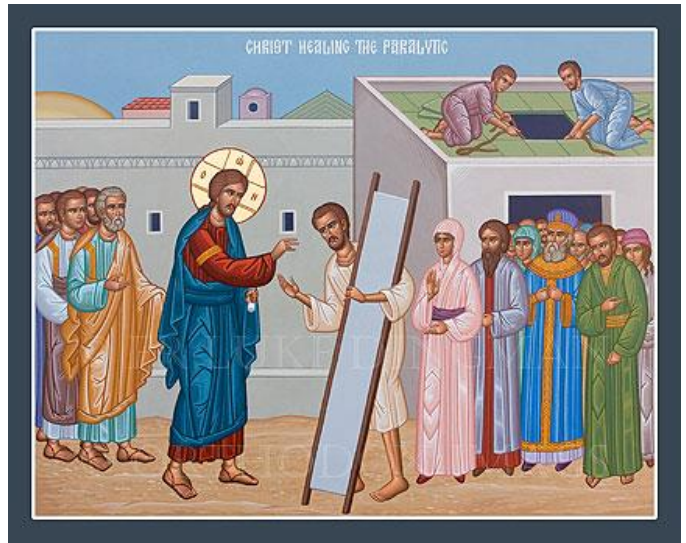
At the same time, the value of tolerance is disingenuously invoked when a large number of citizens, Catholics among them, are asked not to base their contribution to society and political life – through the legitimate means available to everyone in a democracy – on their particular understanding of the human person and the common good. The history of the twentieth century demonstrates that those citizens were right who recognized the falsehood of relativism, and with it, the notion that there is no moral law rooted in the nature of the human person, which must govern our understanding of man, the common good and the state.

#### **Freedom in responsibly choosing**

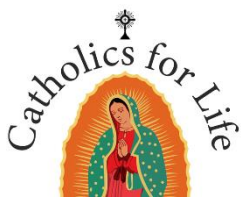
Such relativism, of course, has nothing to do with the legitimate freedom of Catholic citizens to choose among the various political opinions that are compatible with faith and the natural moral law, and to select, according to their own criteria, what best corresponds to the needs of the common good.



Political freedom is not – and cannot be – based upon the relativistic idea that all conceptions of the human person’s good have the same value and truth, but rather, on the fact that politics are concerned with very concrete realizations of the true human and social good in given historical, geographic, economic, technological and cultural contexts. From the specificity of the task at hand and the variety of circumstances, a plurality of morally acceptable policies and solutions arises. It is not the Church’s task to set forth specific political solutions – and even less to propose a single solution as the acceptable one – to temporal questions that God has left to the free and responsible judgment of each person. It is, however, the Church’s right and duty to provide a moral judgment on temporal matters when this is required by faith or the moral law. If Christians must «recognize the legitimacy of differing points of view about the organization of worldly affairs», they are also called to reject, as injurious to democratic life, a conception of pluralism that reflects moral relativism. Democracy must be based on the true and solid foundation of non-negotiable ethical principles, which are the underpinning of life in society.



Matthew 9:1-8



**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](http://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](http://www.CatholicsForLife.us). Please contact Gabriel Vance with any questions at [gabriel@catholicsforlife.us](mailto: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
- Wednesdays from 9-11am, 11am-1pm, 1-3pm, or 3-5pm

**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**

*“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.”*

*Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270*



## 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 18<sup>th</sup>

- 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.

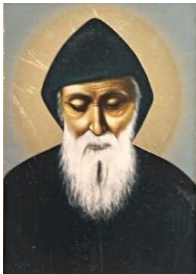
Camping IS permitted and encouraged. Food will be available for purchase at the above times only. Bring your own chair.

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Questions? Ask Deacon Greg Loya, [gregloya@yahoo.com](mailto:gregloya@yahoo.com), or 216-272-6790

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

### Prayer to Saint Charbel Makhlof



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