



St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

Pastor: Fr. Robert Jager Deacon: Fr. Deacon Jeffrey Martin

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.

January 11, 2026

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun	Jan 11	Sunday after Theophany	
	9:30am	Third Hour	
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>for the faithful</i>
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	
	2:30pm	Ukrainian Divine Liturgy w/Blessing of water	
Wed	Jan 14	9:00am	Divine Liturgy w/Panachida <i>+Maria Mudrak by Myroslava Mudrak</i>
Thu	Jan 15	6:00pm	Akathist
Fri	Jan 16	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy <i>Intentions of Jeff Viviani by Gabriel McCallister</i>
Sat	Jan 17	6:00pm	Vespers
Sun	Jan 18	Sunday of Zacchaeus	
	9:30am	Third Hour	
	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	<i>for the faithful</i>
	12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy	

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To schedule an event, send an email to eventstjohn@outlook.com allow 24-48 hours for reply

Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

	Epistle	Gospel
Sun Jan 11	Eph 4:7-13	Matt 4:12-17
Mon Jan 12	James 2:14-26	Mark 10:46-52
Tue Jan 13	James 3:1-10	Mark 11:11-23
Wed Jan 14	James 3:11-4:6	Mark 11:23-36
Thu Jan 15	James 4:7-5:9	Mark 11:27-33
Fri Jan 16	1 Pet 1:1-2, 10-12, 2:6-10	Mark 12:1-12
Sat Jan 17	Heb 13:17-21	Luke 6:17-23
Sun Jan 18	1 Tim 4:9-15	Luke 19:1-10

Parish Activities

Sun	Jan 11	11:15am	Social; ECF
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social
		3:30pm	Ukrainian Social
Sat	Jan 17	1:00pm	Women's Ministry @ Schimmoeller's
Sun	Jan 18	11:15am	Social; ECF
		2:00pm	Ge'ez social

PLEASE HELP US HELP OTHERS IN THIS AREA. The baskets in front of the St. Tabitha icon in the church vestibule are for donations of boxed or canned food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, diapers, etc. These items are graciously transported to W.A.R.M. (*Westerville Area Resource Ministry*) by one of our parishioners.

VOCATIONS ICON - Each family is encouraged to sign up for a weeklong prayer chain, using the booklets. Every Sunday there will be a beautiful little ritual of handing over the icon to the next family. Sign up online using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EAAAC28A6FBC70-59910986-weekly>

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Thursday, January 22, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - To commemorate the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children the Catholic Conference of Ohio (CCO) is hosting Adoration at the Ohio Statehouse. This provides an opportunity for those unable to make it to D.C. for the March for Life to unite in prayer locally. Please help spread the news about this event.

COLUMBUS DIOCESE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: February 21, 2026 - Ohio State Fairgrounds - Kasich Hall. Early Bird Regular Tickets/Registration: \$45 if you buy before Jan. 1, 2026 - Student Ticket: \$35 - Religious are always free.

www.columbuscatholicwomen.com

From parishioner Jessica Rumberger: "A few of us are planning to attend the Catholic women's conference on February 21st. If you plan on attending and would like us to look out for you so we can sit together and/or carpool, please let me know! You can respond through the BAND APP or send me a text message at 614-738-1662. I hope a few others can join!"

COLUMBUS DIOCESE CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: February 28, 2026 - Ohio Expo Center - Kasich Hall. Early Registration Discount through 12/31/25. Tickets/Registration: Adults \$45.00 - Students \$30.00 - Religious FREE

<https://www.catholicmensministry.com/2025-conference>

TRANSFORMATIONAL THURSDAYS

Time is not just measured in minutes, but **presence**. A distracted hour means little; a fully present moment can change everything.

Reflect Today:

- When someone speaks to me, am I truly listening, or merely waiting to respond?
- Do I give my full attention as a gift, or do I portion it out reluctantly?

The most valuable gift of time isn't always more time, it's undivided attention.

Today, give someone the gift of your complete presence, even if just for a few minutes. Phone off. Screen down. Eyes up. 100% focus on them. Moments of true connection can mean more than hours of distraction.

WWW.PARMA.ORG/STEWARDSHIP-APPEAL



FROM PARMA: SAVE THE DATES: 5TH Annual Men's Retreat January 30-February 1, 2026 - at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma, OH. Contact Karl Busam for more information at karl.busam.77@gmail.com or call 419-626-6811.

13th Annual Women's Retreat February 20-22, 2026 - at the Maria Stein Retreat Center, Maria Stein, OH. Contact Joan Washburn at 865-696-7809 or stmarybhdwomensretreat@gmail.com

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

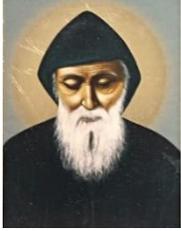
Today, I would like to focus on the prayer of thanksgiving. And I take my cue from an episode recounted by the Evangelist Luke. While Jesus was on the way, ten lepers approached Him, begging: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" (17:13). We know that those who had leprosy suffered not only physically, but also from social marginalization and religious marginalization. They were marginalized. Jesus did not back off from meeting them. Sometimes, he went beyond the limitations imposed by the law and touched the sick — which was not permitted — he embraced and healed them. In this case, there was no contact. From a distance, Jesus invited them to present themselves to the priests (v. 14), who were designated by law to certify any healings that had occurred. Jesus said nothing else. He listened to their prayer, he heard their cry for mercy, and he sent them immediately to the priests. Those 10 lepers trusted, they did not remain there until they were cured, no: they trusted and they went immediately, and while they were on their way, all 10 of them were cured. The priests would have therefore been able to verify their healing and readmit them to normal life. But here is the most important point: only one in the group, before going to the priests, returned to thank Jesus and to praise God for the grace received. Only one, the other nine continued on their way. And Jesus points out that that man was a Samaritan, a sort of "heretic" for the Jews of that time. Jesus comments: "Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" (17:18). This narrative is touching. This narrative, so to speak, divides the world in two: those who do not give thanks and those who do; those who take everything as if it is owed them, and those who welcome everything as a gift, as grace. The Catechism says: "every event and need can become an offering of thanksgiving" (n. 2638). The prayer of thanksgiving always begins from here: from the recognition that grace precedes us. We were thought of before we learned how to think; we were

loved before we learned how to love; we were desired before our hearts conceived a desire. If we view life like this, then "thank you" becomes the driving force of our day. And how often we even forget to say "thank you". For us Christians, thanksgiving was the name given to the most essential Sacrament there is: the Eucharist . In fact, the Greek word means precisely this: thanksgiving . Eucharist: thanksgiving. Christians, as all believers, bless God for the gift of life. To live is above all to have received life. All of us are born because someone wanted us to have life. And this is only the first of a long series of debts that we incur by living. Debts of gratitude. During our lives, more than one person has gazed on us with pure eyes, gratuitously. Often, these people are educators, catechists, persons who carried out their roles above and beyond what was required of them. And they stirred gratitude within us. Even friendship is a gift for which we should always be grateful. This "thank you" that we must say continually, this thanks that Christians share with everyone, grows in the encounter with Jesus. The Gospels attest that when Jesus passed by, he often stirred joy and praise to God in those who met Him. The Gospel accounts of Christmas are filled with prayerful people whose hearts are greatly moved by the coming of the Saviour. And we too were called to participate in this immense jubilation. The episode of the ten lepers who are healed also suggests this. Naturally, they were all happy about having recovered their health, thus being allowed to end that unending forced quarantine that excluded them from the community. But among them, there was one who experienced an additional joy: in addition to being healed, he rejoices at the encounter with Jesus. He is not only freed from evil, but he now possesses the certainty of being loved. This is the crux: when you thank someone, you express the certainty that you are loved. And this is a huge step: to have the certainty that you are loved. It is the discovery of love as the force that governs the world. Dante would say: the Love that "moves the sun and other stars" (Paradise, XXIII, 145). We are no longer vagabonds wandering aimlessly here and there, no: we have a home, we dwell in Christ, and from that "dwelling" we contemplate the rest of the world which appears infinitely more beautiful to us. We are children of love, we are brothers and sisters of love. We are men and women of grace. Therefore, brothers and sisters, let us seek to remain always in the joy of the encounter with Jesus. Let us cultivate joyfulness. The devil, instead, after having deluded us — with whatever temptation — always leaves us sad and alone. If we are in Christ, there is no sin and no threat that can ever prevent us from continuing our journey with joy, along with many fellow travel companions. Above all, let us not forget to thank: if we are bearers of gratitude, the world itself will become better, even if only a little bit, but that is enough to transmit a bit of hope. The world needs hope. And with gratitude, with this attitude of thanksgiving, we transmit a bit of hope. Everything is united and everything is connected, and each one can do their part wherever they are. The path to happiness is the one that Saint Paul described at the end of one of his letters: "Pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit" (1Thess 5:17-19). Do not quench the Spirit, what a beautiful project of life! Not quenching the Spirit that we have within leads us to gratitude.

Pope Francis, 12/30/2020



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:

Abby	Ron	Doctor	Charyton	Intentions	Mary Ann	McCallister	Mary Beth	Rogers
Carol	Aregay	Family	DeClue	Intentions	Angela	Merva	Trey	Shearon
Hagos	Conley	Family	Dora	Johnson	Ed	Nyahay	Kathy	Slonka
Kathy	Jackson	Family	Gordon	Kaercher	Anne	O'Halloran	Monica	Smith
Mara	Lippert	Family	Susan	Kaiser	Mic	O'Halloran	Scott	Smith
Melissa	Mazon	Family	James	Kester	John	Oshinski	Kim	Snow
Steve	Jack	Figel	Kathy	Krofcheck	Paula	Oshinski	Helen	Stephens
Hussein	Abdi	Sarah	Regina	Lee	Maksym	Popadyn	Dennis	Stinich
William	Brake	Christopher	Christine	Leon	Maria	Rakowsky	Josh	Taylor
Charles	Branham	Deborah	Jeanne	Lombardi	Kristi	Ralston	L.T.	Tekle
Anna	Brown	Charlene	Christine	Long	Terry	Razor	John	Wagner
John	Brown	Nataly	Jessie	Madzia	Nadia	Ritchey	Owen	Ward
Vernal	Brown	John	Ilya	Mandebur	Charles	Roddy	Curtis	Weber
Mary	Carroll	Evelyn	Bill	Martin	Sandra	Roddy	Nicholas	Zvansky
Will	Culver	Esther	Joe	Martin	Justin	Rogers	Sandra	Zvansky
Maria	Czyrnik	Mech	Griffen	Martz	Lillian	Rogers		

JOIN OUR PARISH'S "BAND" GROUP! This is a group page for parishioners and regular attendees to grow in faith, build meaningful connections and deepen our Byzantine Catholic faith. Stay up-to-date on liturgies, feast days and parish events while sharing prayer intentions and encouragement with fellow parishioners. You can go online to <https://www.band.us/en> or scan the QR code to download and join.



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

