



# St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church

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## May 31, 2026

**Confessions:** one hour before liturgy or by appointment

### Liturgical Schedule

### Intention

Sun	May 31	<b>11:00am</b>	St. John Chrysostom is celebrating Liturgy at Holy Resurrection Parish <b>NO</b> service at St. John Chrysostom Parish
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy
Wed	June 3	9:00am	Divine Liturgy
Thu	June 4	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy
Fri	June 5	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy
Sat	June 6	6:00pm	Vespers
Sun	June 7	9:30am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour
		10:00am	Divine Liturgy
		12:00pm	Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

### Readings for the week of May 31, 2026

		<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sun	May 31	Heb 11:32-12:2a	Matt 10:32-33; 37-38 & 19:27-30
Mon	June 1	Rom 2:28-3:18	Matt 6:31-34 & 7:9-11
Tue	June 2	Rom 4:4-12	Matt 7:15-21
Wed	June 3	Rom 4:13-25	Matt 7:21-23
Thu	June 4	Rom 5:10-16	Matt 8:23-27
Fri	June 5	Rom 5:17-6:2	Matt 9:14-17
Sat	June 6	Rom 3:19-26	Matt 7:1-8
Sun	June 7	Rom 2:10-16	Matt 4:18-23

### 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.*

## Parish Activities

Sun	May 31	<b>NO ECF – Liturgy is at Holy Resurrection</b>	Please bring a snack to share
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social
Mon	June 1	6:00pm	Finance Board Meeting
Wed	June 3	10:00am	Breakfast with the Pastor
Sat	June 6	4:00pm	Ge'ez Young Mother's Prayer Group w/Fr. Weldit
		6:00pm	Ge'ez choir practice
Sun	June 7	11:15am	Social; ECF Classes
		2:00pm	Ge'ez Social

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**REMINDER: TODAY AT 11:00am** - St. John Chrysostom Parish will celebrate liturgy at Holy Resurrection Parish; 4611 Glenmawr Ave. Columbus, OH 43224. We ask parishioners attending to bring a snack to share.

The Noon Ge'ez liturgy will still be held here. There will not be any ECF classes.

**Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Breakfast with the Pastor** in the hall following 9:00am liturgy.

### **VOLUNTEER TO BE ON THE MOWING CREW**

We invite gentlemen to join the mowing crew. Currently, the property is mowed 2 times a week. You can mow any time during the week (except Sundays). Notify the Office via email, including your mobile phone number for scheduling.

**HELP WITH HOSPITALITY!** Please see the sign-up sheet on the food table with suggestions for items to share. We are asking every family to check this list and sign up for a Sunday to bring some snacks and/or treats to share. More than one family may sign up for a week.

**ON THIS SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**, it is a great joy to include Saint John Henry Newman among the Doctors of the Church, and, at the same time, on the occasion of the Jubilee of the World of Education, to name him, together with Saint Thomas Aquinas, as co-Patron of the Church's educational mission. Newman's impressive spiritual and cultural stature will surely serve as an inspiration to new generations whose hearts thirst for the infinite, and who, through research and knowledge, are willing to undertake that journey which, as the ancients said, takes us *per aspera ad astra*, through difficulties to the stars.

The lives of the saints teach us that it is possible to live passionately amidst the complexity of the present, without neglecting the apostolic mandate to "shine like stars in the world" (*Phil 2:15*). On this solemn occasion, I wish to say to teachers and educational institutions: "Shine today like stars in the world" through your authentic commitment to the collective search for truth and to sharing it with generosity and integrity. Indeed, you do so through your service to young people, especially the poor, and your daily witness to the fact that "Christian love is prophetic: it works miracles" (Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, 120).

The Jubilee is a pilgrimage of hope, and all of you, in the great field of education, know well how much hope is an indispensable seed! When I reflect on schools and universities, I think of them as laboratories of prophecy, where hope is lived, and constantly discussed and encouraged.

This is also the meaning of the Beatitudes proclaimed in today's Gospel. The Beatitudes bring with them a new interpretation of reality. They are both the path and the message of Jesus the Teacher. At first glance, it seems impossible to declare as blessed those who are poor, or those who hunger and thirst for justice, the persecuted or the peacemakers. Yet, that which seems inconceivable in the world's thinking is filled with meaning and light when brought into contact with the Kingdom of God. In the saints, we see this kingdom approaching and becoming present among us. Saint Matthew rightly presents the Beatitudes as a teaching, depicting Jesus as a Master, who transmits a new perspective on things, which is reflected in his own journey. The Beatitudes, however, are not just another teaching; they are the teaching *par excellence*. In the same way, the Lord Jesus is not just one of many teachers, he is the Master *par excellence*. Moreover, he is the Educator *par excellence*. We are his disciples and are in his "school." We learn how to discover in his life, namely in the path he has travelled, a horizon of meaning

capable of shining a light on all forms of knowledge. May our schools and universities always be places of listening to the Gospel and putting it into practice!

Responding to today's challenges may sometimes seem beyond our capabilities, but this is not the case. Let us not allow pessimism to defeat us! I recall what my beloved predecessor Pope Francis emphasized in his Address to the First Plenary Assembly of the Dicastery for Culture and Education: that we must work together to set humanity free from the encircling gloom of nihilism, which is perhaps the most dangerous malady of contemporary culture, since it threatens to "cancel" hope. [1] This reference to the darkness that surrounds us echoes one of Saint John Henry Newman's best-known texts, the hymn "Lead, Kindly Light." In that beautiful prayer, we come to realize that we are far from home, our feet are unsteady, we cannot interpret clearly the way ahead. Yet none of this impedes us, since we have found our Guide: "Lead, Kindly Light, amid th'encircling gloom, Lead Thou me on;" "Lead, Kindly Light, The night is dark, and I am far from home, Lead Thou me on."

The task of education is precisely to offer this *Kindly Light* to those who might otherwise remain imprisoned by the particularly insidious shadows of pessimism and fear. For this reason, I would like to say to you: let us disarm the false reasons for resignation and powerlessness, and let us share the great reasons for hope in today's world. Let us reflect upon and point out to others those "constellations" that transmit light and guidance at this present time, which is darkened by so much injustice and uncertainty. I thus encourage you to ensure that schools, universities and every educational context, even those that are informal or street-based, are always gateways to a civilization of dialogue and peace. Through your lives, let the "great multitude" shine forth, of which the Book of Revelation speaks in today's liturgy, and which "no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages," and which stood "before the Lamb" (7:9).

In the biblical text, one of the elders observing the multitude asks: "Who are these... and from where have they come" (*Rev* 7:13). In this regard, in the field of education too, the Christian gaze rests on those who have come "out of the great tribulation" (v. 14) and recognizes in them the faces of so many brothers and sisters of every language and culture who, through the narrow gate of Jesus, have entered into the fullness of life. And so, once again, we must ask ourselves: "Does this mean that the less gifted are not human beings? Or that the weak do not have the same dignity as ourselves? Are those born with fewer opportunities of lesser value as human beings? Should they limit themselves merely to surviving? The worth of our societies, and our own future, depends on the answers we give to these questions" (Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, 95). We can say, too, that the evangelical value of our education also depends on the answers we give.

The lasting legacy of Saint John Henry Newman includes some very significant contributions to the theory and practice of education. He wrote, "God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission—I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next" (*Meditations and Devotions*, III, I, 2). In these words, we find beautifully expressed the mystery of the dignity of every human person, and also the variety of gifts distributed by God.

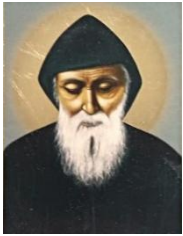
Life shines brightly not because we are rich, beautiful or powerful. Instead, it shines when we discover within ourselves the truth that we are called by God, have a vocation, have a mission, that our lives serve something greater than ourselves. Every single creature has a role to play. The contribution that each person can make is uniquely valuable, and the task of educational communities is to encourage and cherish that contribution. Let us not forget that at the heart of the educational journey we do not find abstract individuals but real people, especially those who seem to be underperforming according to the parameters of economies that exclude or even kill them. We are called to form people, so that they may shine like stars in their full dignity.

We can say, then, that from a Christian perspective education helps everyone to become saints. Nothing less will do. Pope Benedict XVI, on his Apostolic Journey to Great Britain in September 2010, during which he beatified John Henry Newman, invited young people to become saints with these words: "What God wants most of all for each one of you is that you should become holy. He loves you much more than you could ever begin to imagine." [2] This is the universal call to holiness that the Second Vatican Council made an essential part of its message (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, Chapter V). And holiness is intended for everyone, without exception, as a personal and communal journey marked out by the Beatitudes.

I pray that Catholic education will help each person to discover their own call to holiness. Saint Augustine, whom Saint John Henry Newman greatly admired, once said that we are fellow students who have one Teacher, whose school is on earth and whose chair is in heaven (cf. *Serm.* 292,1).

Pope Leo XIV, *Feast of All Saints, 2025*

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

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**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**



**The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma: 216-741-8773**

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# St. John Chrysostom Calendar for June 2026

Please see current week's bulletin for any changes made to this schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	9:00a Office Hours 6:00p Finance Brd Mtg		9:00a Office Hours 9:00a Divine Liturgy 10a Breakfast with the Pastor	6:00p Divine Liturgy	9:00a Office Hours 6:00p Divine Liturgy	4:00p Ge'ez Young Mother's Prayer group 6:00p Vespers 6:00p Ge'ez Choir Pract
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
9:30a 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour 10a Divine Liturgy 11:15a Social; ECF 12:00p Ge'ez Lit; Social	9:00a Office Hours		9:00a Office Hours 9:00a Divine Liturgy		9:00a Office Hours	8:45a K/C carpool to PP to pray Rosary 6:00p Vespers 6:00p Ge'ez Choir Pract
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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<b>21 Father's Day</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Birth/John Baptist</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
9:30a 3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour 10a Divine Liturgy; Social-Father's Day celebration 12:00p Ge'ez Lit; Baptismal Celebration	9:00a Office Hours	6:00p Vigil Liturgy for Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist	9:00a Office Hours 9:00a Divine Liturgy	6:00p Akathistos	9:00a Office Hours 6:00p Divine Liturgy	1:00p Women's Ministry @ Schimmoeller's 4:00p Ge'ez Women's Club mtg 6:00p Vespers 6:00p Ge'ez Choir Pract
<b>28</b>	<b>29 Sts Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>30</b>				
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