

Mission Statement

Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Parish is a member of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh who through the Holy Spirit is called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a community and family, we grow in faith and in the image and likeness of God by dedicating ourselves to welcoming, celebrating and caring for all of God's people.

Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist): Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish family. Pre-baptism instructions are required. Contact Fr. Simeon to schedule.

Mystery of Crowning: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish family. Must meet with Fr. Simeon before setting date and reserving your banquet hall. Pre-Cana program is required and three sessions with Fr. Simeon. The ceremony will be celebrated according to the prescription of the liturgical book of the Byzantine rite.

Mystery of Reconciliation: Celebrated Saturdays, 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM and upon request.

Mystery of Anointing: Celebrated upon request. Ideally celebrated in Church the Sunday before undergoing any surgical or other medical procedure.

Visitation of the Sick: The parishioners confined to their homes or nursing homes due to health reasons are visited monthly. Also, persons who are hospitalized are visited when Fr. Simeon is notified. It especially is important that a family member contact Fr. Simeon whenever a loved-one is hospitalized.

Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

Parish Membership: We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish. Only those who are registered are considered members of the Parish. When one registers to become a parish member they assume the responsibility of rendering stewardship of time, talent and treasure to this parish family. Worship at this parish is always expected. Registration is done only through the pastor by appointment. The Parish Office should be notified as soon as possible of any change of address within the Parish as well as one's leaving.

Godparent/Sponsor Letters: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish.

Rectory Office Hours: Sister Barbara is in the Parish office from 10 AM – 2 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.

HUGGING – THE PERFECT CURE FOR WHAT AILS YOU!

There are no movable parts – no batteries to wear out – no check ups.

A hug provides low energy consumption – high energy yield.

There are no monthly payments – no insurance requirements.

It's inflation proof – theft proof – non-taxable – non-polluting.

Of course it's fully returnable!

Besides, hugging is healthy! It relieves tension – combats depression – reduces stress and improves blood circulation.

It's invigorating – elevates self-esteem – generates goodwill.

Hugs have no unpleasant side effects.

*Actually, it's very close to being a miracle drug, -
if given in the spirit of love towards our fellow human being!*



SPAGHETTI DINNER



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| Where? | St. Michael's Center – 2140 Highland Rd. – Hermitage, PA |
| When? | Saturday, September 9, 2017 |
| Cost? | Adult: \$11.00 Children (age 4 to 8): \$5.00 (Age 3 & under – free) |



(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 20 August:

5:00 PM: 76; 11:00 AM: 81

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,859.20

(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 20 August:

20 from St. Michael; 12 from St. Peter & Paul

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$382.00



- **Mon. Aug. 28** Church Cleaning Party – 9 AM to Noon.
- **Sat. & Sun. Sept. 2 & 3** 83rd Annual Pilgrimage at Mt. St. Macrina – Uniontown, PA. Mark the date. See the bulletin board in the Social Hall for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Catechist Meeting – 17 September 2017 – 9:30 AM in the Social Hall
- ECF Classes begin – 24 September 2017 (Summer is over!)
- Bingo / Card Party – SS Peter & Paul Social Hall – 1 October 2017



MANY THANKS



Good Job!

A Very Big “Thank-You” to the members of the Ladies Guild and to all those who helped to makes our Parish Picnic a huge success – those responsible for coordination of the picnic, the “haulers”, the cooks, the set-up and clean-up crews, the fun games, the music, those who brought their “specialty” to share.

There truly was something for everyone! Thanks to all who came and enjoyed the afternoon of fun, food and camaraderie. We look forward to next year!



ECF REGISTRATIONS

Parents & Guardians: You received a mailing concerning registration of your children in our Catechetical program. Registrations are due by September 10th, in order to assist us in the preparations for the beginning of the ECF school year. If you did not receive a mailing, and you have children in grades Pre-K thru 12, please call the office or see Sister Barbara for registration forms. The success

of the program depends upon the cooperation and support of all of us. Our children are the future of our parish & our Church. Help us to assist you in the spiritual education of your children.

27 AUGUST 2017

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

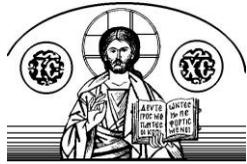
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| Sunday, | 27 August | <i>TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Father Pimen.</i> |
| (Vigil Liturgy) | 5:00 PM | +Bill Maddox (49th day) – Ron Mosko |
| (SM) | 8:30 AM | +Harry Reynolds – Gene & Judy Bailey |
| (PP) | 11:00 AM | +Theodore A. Falatic – Byers family |
| Monday, | 28 August | <i>Our Venerable Father Moses the Ethiopian. Our Holy Father Augustine, Bishop of Hippo.</i> |
| | | No Divine Liturgy |
| Tuesday, | 29 August | <i>THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN.</i> |
| (Chapel) | 8:30 AM | +John & +Josephine Wargo – daughter, Elizabeth |
| Wednesday, | 30 August | <i>Postfestive day of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. Our Holy Fathers Alexander, John and Paul the Younger, Patriarchs of Constantinople.</i> |
| (Chapel) | 8:30 AM | +Cornell Corsatea (40th day) |
| Thursday | 31 August | <i>The Deposition of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos.</i> |
| (Chapel) | 8:30 AM | +Joanne Emery – sister, Elizabeth Cantelmo |
| Friday, | 1 September | <i>Beginning of the Church Year. Our Venerable Father Simeon the Stylite and his mother. Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos of Miasena. The Holy Martyr Aeithalas.</i> |
| | | No Divine Liturgy |
| Saturday, | 2 September | <i>Holy Martyr Mammias. Venerable Father John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople.</i> |
| (PP) | 5:00 PM | +Betty Superak – Peter Superak |

Sunday, 3 September *THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Anthimus. Venerable Father Theoctist.*
 (SM) 8:30 AM +Harry Reynolds – M. Moneypenny & Kostrub family
 (PP) 11:00 AM +Health & Welfare of Gerald Lickwar – Family



Attentive to the Word
 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Mt. 19: 16 – 26
 Tone 3 pages 135 – 137

SEPTEMBER 1ST NEW LITURGICAL YEAR:



The new liturgical year begins on the first of September. Let's approach it this year more alert to the fact that we can celebrate all the Christ events in our life – and we can walk with Christ on our journey to the glory! We celebrate these feasts, not as though they are something that we remember that happened 2000 years ago, but we can see them as Christ's continued presence and revelation to us today – here and now – and as **our encounters** with Christ!

BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST



On August 29th we celebrate the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. He gave his life for the convictions of his faith. His holiness, loyalty and steadfastness make him a spiritual hero for all Christians.

To be a Christian means to be a witness to Christ in the world, that is, to reflect Jesus' own life by our thoughts and actions. It is not sufficient to profess to be Christian. Christianity must be a vital factor in our daily lives. Our faith must be at work. It must be lived.

The following example illustrates this perspective simply and clearly. A soap manufacturer, while walking and conversing with a priest said, "The Gospel you preach hasn't done much good, for there is still a lot of wickedness and wicked people." Shortly afterward, they came to a very dirty child making mud pies. The priest seized this opportunity to answer the manufacturer. "I see," he said, "soap has not done much good in the world, for there is still much dirt and dirty people." "Oh," replied the soap maker, "soap is useful only when it's applied." "Exactly," said the priest, "it is the same with the Gospel message."

Applied Christianity! A living faith! This is the example and lesson St. John's beheading teaches us. It also teaches us applying Christianity and living our faith means sacrifice. We are constantly called upon to make sacrifices — to give up one value in preference to another. Lack of self-denial, lack of sacrifice make a weak and empty soul. Self-denial and sacrifice help to develop a mature Christian.

Human weakness often destroys faith. To reinforce our resolve to be holy, loyal and steadfast as was St. John the Baptist, let us remember the words of our Lord: "Whoever disowns me before men, I in turn will disown him before My Father in heaven...."



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The smallest words can carry a mighty impact on an event or situation. In today's gospel story, the small word "*more*" underlies a young man's quest for a better spiritual life: "What *more* do I need to do?" Not content with only observing the Ten Commandments, this individual sought from Jesus the secret of becoming perfect, that is, the possession of eternal life. The answer greatly disappointed the young man because it required detachment and renunciation.

The masters of spiritual life state without exception that the test of true detachment is the willingness either to keep or to put away any object or creature to which a person has become unduly attached. Why? Detachment frees the soul from the love of earthly goods so that it may tend more freely to God. Because of his inordinate attachment to the goods he owned, this individual could not accept the challenge to sell and give to the poor all he had. His tragedy was that he loved things more than he loved people: he loved himself more than he loved others. Any person who puts things before people and self before others surely turns his back on Jesus Christ, and the spiritual life stagnates.

The compelling truth of this story lies in the way it explains the meaning of eternal life. Eternal life is such as God Himself lives, such as is characteristic of God. The great characteristic of God is that He loves and gives. The essence of eternal life for us is based on an attitude of loving and sacrificial generosity to our fellow man. This was the call of Jesus to the young man in today's gospel which records his reluctant and unfortunate reaction, "He went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth".

Jesus used the occasion of the departure of the rich young man to warn about the dangers of wealth in respect to the kingdom of God. For us, it is a clear admonition to place no obstacle to the impetus of grace and the invitation to eternal

life by remaining inordinately attached to the things of the earth in detriment to the affairs of the spirit. We can all do *more* - a little word with mighty ramifications. Indeed, we should often ask that intense question, "Lord, what *more* must I do?" and be willing to accept His call 'to progress and advance in spiritual life' by a solid attitude of detachment and renunciation in the hope of life eternal in heaven.