

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.

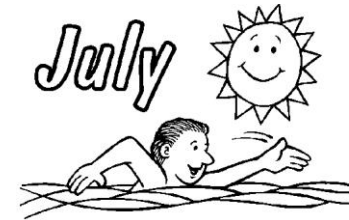
Godparent/Sponsor Letters: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish.

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.

2017 PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS: (taken from *The Worldwide Prayer Network*). **July Intention: "for the lapsed Christians "** that they may find their way back to Christ

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Metropolitan William and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will honor all those couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversary of 10, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, (and every 5 years thereafter) in this year of 2017. **Please inform the Parish Office by 30 July 2017 if you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries so that your names can be submitted to the Chancery.** The Archieparchial celebration will take place at St. Elias Church, Munhall on Sunday, 10 September 2017 at 3:00 PM. It will begin with a Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving, followed by a free banquet dinner. Each couple will be photographed with Archbishop William & will receive a certificate and copy of their photo. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this.



SUMMER IS HERE – and a time for Vacations – much needed vacations! A time to re-create and come back to the pilgrimage of life! It is a time of summer breezes, beautiful flowers, and many times – poor church attendance. We still have a need to gather as God's people and to worship – even if we are on vacation or traveling, there are many opportunities to give time to the Lord! As you leave, have a wonderful, safe and happy time! And when you return, know that you were missed and we are happy to see you back with us – with such renewed life.



(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 9 July:

5:00 PM: 57; 11:00 AM: 64

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,375.75

(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 9 July:

25 from St. Michael; 9 from St. Peter & Paul

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$443.00



➤ **Mon. July 17** Church Cleaning Party – 9:00 AM to Noon. We would appreciate a few extra hands.

PLEASE NOTE: ON SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017, THE DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE AT NOON – THERE WILL BE NO 11:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.



SUMMER FUN AND FESTIVALS

St. Demetrios Grecian Festival – July 19 – 23 – Atlantic Ave., NE

FUN FOR ALL! Greek Food – Gyros – Loukoumathes – Souvlaki – Greek Pastries – Dining Facilities – Ethnic Music – Ethnic Dancers – Rides and Much More!
Wed. thru Sat. Beginning at 4:00 PM
Sunday, beginning at 1:00 PM

Warren Italian Heritage Festival – August 10 – 13

Courthouse Square – Downtown Warren

Entertainment, Exhibits, Games, Pageants, Wine-tasting competition, Contests, Parade, and Rides and much more.

SOME HUMOR FOR ST. ELIAS DAY:

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces and laid it upon the altar. And then Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times.

"Now, said the teacher, "Can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?"

A little girl raised her hand with great enthusiasm and said "To make the gravy."

16 JULY 2017

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	16 July	<i>SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE FIRST 6 ECUMENICAL COUNCILS. Holy Martyrs Athenogenes & 10 Disciples.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Frank Hoso, Jr. (40th day) – Mosko Family
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Harry Reynolds – M/M Robert Cabosky
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Anna Bernard – Edna Vargo & Rose Macejko
Monday,	17 July	<i>The Holy Great Martyr Marina. Blessed Martyr Paul Gojdich, Bishop of Presov.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday,	18 July	<i>Holy Martyr Hyacinth of Amastris. Holy Martyr Emilian. Passing of Venerable Martyr Tarsykia Matskiv (1944).</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+George Cucarro – Benedictine Oblates & Sisters
Wednesday,	19 July	<i>Our Venerable Mother Macrina, sister of St Basil the Great. Our Venerable Father Dios.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+John Balogh – wife, Barbara & Slyk Family
Thursday,	20 July	<i>FEAST OF THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Kay Roscoe – Joseph & Coleen Sekula
Friday,	21 July	<i>Our Venerable Father Simeon, Fool for Christ, and His Fellow Ascetic John. The Holy Prophet Ezekiel.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday,	22 July	<i>Holy Myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene, Equal to the Apostles. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Bishop-martyr Phocas.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	+Dorothy Byers – Mary Anne Karchut
Sunday,	23 July	<i>SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus and their Companions. Holy Martyrs Appolinaris and Vitalis, Bishops of Ravenna. Repose of Our Holy Father Basil Hopko, Bishop of Midila.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	Prayer Intention of the Rosary Society
(PP)	12:00 Noon	Int. of Sr. Barbara Pavlik, OSB – 60th Jubilee



Attentive to the Word
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
also the Fathers of the 6 Ecumenical Councils

Mt. 9: 1 – 8

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PARALYSIS – BODY OR MIND

Charles Steinmetz, born in Switzerland, an electrical genius, was crippled from birth. His body was physically grotesque. He was physically short in stature with a hunchback and a dwarf look. People constantly made fun of him.

His mother died before he was one year old. His father was poor, but was determined that, as far as possible, young Charles would have a thorough education. Charles couldn't run and play games like the other little boys his age so he made up his mind that he would devote himself to science. He set this goal in his mind: "I will make discoveries which will help other people."

In addition to his physical defects as a burden, when he immigrated to the United States, he could not speak a word of English. His clothes were shabby. He looked terrible. He got sick on his passage across the Atlantic and the officials strongly wanted to return him to his home country. However, Charles was industrious. He had a job lined-up in America, so he convinced the officials that he could pay his own way. They reluctantly allowed him into the country. Good thing they did, because our lives in this country today would probably not be the same.

He got a job as an electrician which paid him \$12 a week. His co-workers recognized his talents and genius in the field of electricity. He moved into the area of electrical research and development with a few others in a new and small company. Maybe you have heard of it? It is called "General Electric." He is largely responsible for the growth and prestige of that name and company as we know it today.

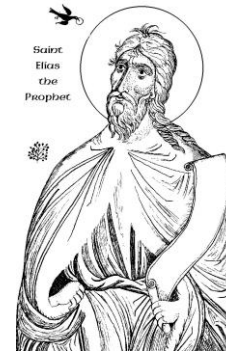
When Charles Steinmetz died in 1923, one writer said, "This deformed hunchback had the mind of an angel and the soul of a seer – a true electrical genius."

In today's Gospel Jesus heals a paralyzed man. It is a theme we have heard before. In this Gospel we see that Jesus can see beyond the physical limitations. He

can bring out the best in you and me. Don't be paralyzed by what the world says about you. Don't be paralyzed by what you say about you. Sometimes we create our own limits and spiritual paralysis. Remember St. Paul's advice. "I can do ALL things through Christ, Who strengthens me."



ST. ELIJAH, THE GREAT PROPHET



St. Elijah stands out in the Old Testament as the prophet who led the people back to God. Fired by zeal for the worship of the true God, he was able to confront the king who had abandoned his faith in God. The Church keeps the memory of this man of God because of the great role he played in bringing back a people who had abandoned faith.

What do we have to learn from the prophets? A prophet is a man of God whose vision is so clear that what he says is truly the word of God. In the Old Testament all the prophets received much opposition from those to whom they addressed God's message. They were men whose firm faith could not be shaken by opposition and disbelief. Yet without prophets, without men of vision, the people go astray. These strong men were a living testimony to God's presence in the world and to the demands upon men in response to God.

The epistle of St. James says, "If any one among you strays from the truth, and another converts him, he must know that he who causes a sinner to be converted from error of his way shall save his soul from death and shall cover a multitude of sins." (5,19-20) The real prophets help us see our own sinfulness and return back to God. As Christians we are God's voice in the world. We are the people of faith who must stand out for our conviction and dedication to God in spite of opposition or lack of faith. We are called as Christians to be that living witness to God's truth and His love for mankind. We must be the people of faith who can help others, who have abandoned faith or who live in a blindness to sin, to be converted to God.

"O Prophet ... O Great Elijah . . . intercede for us with Him who alone is the Lover of mankind." (Kontakion of the Feast)

By Fr. John Zeyack