

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.

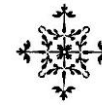
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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.

ETERNAL MEMORY

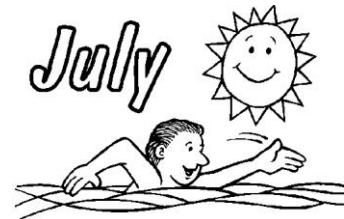


Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of your departed servant, +**Harry Reynolds**, husband of Marjorie Reynolds of St. Michael's Parish Family, who fell asleep in the Lord recently. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



REMEMBERING THE HOMEBOUND

We pray to the Lord, the Giver of Life and all good gifts, for the health and blessings of those who are ill, homebound, in care facilities, and are unable to attend church. In our good fortune and many blessings from God, let us not forget those who are also part of our parish family – remember them with prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, etc. Let us share our blessings!



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 18 June:

5:00 PM: **69**; 11:00 AM: **84**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,828.87

(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 18 June:

19 from St. Michael; **8** from St. Peter & Paul

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$369.00

Donation received in memory of Michael S. Uhlin \$50.00



- **Sun. June 25** Parish Feast Day Ethnic Sit-down Dinner after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy Today. Adults: \$8.00 & Children 4 – 10: \$4.00.
- **Mon. June 26** Church Cleaning Party – 9:00 AM to Noon
- **Wed. July 5** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! and THANK YOU AGAIN!

We want to offer our “heartfelt thanks” to Ss. Peter and Paul Ladies Guild for the beautiful and comfortable chairs purchased for our Parish Social Hall. The Ladies Guild have worked very hard at their nut roll and Paska baking, as well as, other projects to raise the monies to benefit the parishioners of our parish family. They sponsor the Coffee & Donut socials once a month, prepare for and host the dinners held in honor of St. Peter and Paul & St. Nicholas, as well as doing our annual Parish Picnic...plus countless other things. God Bless them in abundance!

97TH BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY . . .

Thursday July 27, 2017 at Kennywood Park. We can order the discount tickets from the parish office. *Park ticket prices* are: \$24.00 (ages 3 to 54); \$14.00 (age 55+); and **\$9.99 for Super Senior Fun Day Tickets (age 70+)**. *Luncheon tickets* are \$15.00 (ages 11+) and \$8.00 (ages 3 to 10). Deadline for park tickets and luncheon orders is July 5, 2015. These must be pre-paid – and in our Parish Office by Friday July 7, 2017. This is a nice way to spend quality family time, see old friends and make new ones. Bus transportation from Youngstown is available for a minimal fee.

2017 PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS: (taken from *The Worldwide Prayer Network*). **June Intention: “For our Nation’s Leaders”** and for the leaders of all countries that we may live in peace and harmony.

25 JUNE 2017

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	25 June	<i>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Postfestive Day of the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. The Holy Venerable Martyr Febronia.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy) (SM) (PP)	5:00 PM 8:30 AM 11:00 AM	+Carl Verney (40th day) – wife, Marialice & family Prayer Intention of the Rosary Society +Steve Zumerling – Anthony & Lucy Manno
Monday,	26 June	<i>Venerable Father David of Thessalonica.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, (Chapel)	27 June 8:30 AM	<i>Venerable Father Sampson the Hospitaller.</i> +John & +Josephine Wargo – Elizabeth Cantelmo
Wednesday, (SM)	28 June 6:00 PM	<i>Translation of the Relics of the Holy Unmercenary Physicians Cyrus and John. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Martyr Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukachevo.</i> +Edward Brienz, Sr. – Rick & Sue Trope
Thursday, (PP)	29 June 6:00 PM	<i>THE HOLY, GLORIOUS AND ILLUSTRIOUS PRE-EMINENT APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL. (Holy Day of Obligation!) (pages 338 – 340).</i> +Theodore A. Falatic (40th day) – Ron Mosko
Friday,	30 June	<i>Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday, (PP)	1 July 5:00 PM	<i>The Holy Unmercenary Healers and Wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian.</i> +Mildred Syrko (40th day) – family

Sunday, 2 July *FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Deposition of the Venerable Robes of our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos at Blachernae.*
(SM) 8:30 AM +Theodore Falatic – Greg & Cathie Lazor
(PP) 11:00 AM +Patricia Harper – sister, Jinny Mirabelli



Attentive to the Word
Third Sunday after Pentecost

Mt. 6: 22 – 34

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St. John the Baptist – Page 334

It takes just a bit of imagination to be with the Lord Jesus on the hillside at the time when the anemones and scarlet poppies, here called *lilies of the field*, burst into an array of exciting colors. They last but for a few days, then dry up, and they were gathered by the women to heat up their ovens. Why then bother to offer the world such beauty if but for a few days? It remains a sublime mystery. Some are curious, others don't care. For those, however, who do see the loving Creator in nature, it's proof if evidence is needed that He is responsible for it all. Whether noticed in a rose, a newborn kitten or from the vantage of a space ship orbiting the earth, one finds it difficult to refute Sachmo Armstrong's gravel lyric: "*It's a wonderful world.*"

On a given day we may pass by dozens of persons. Most will ignore us and go on their way. We hardly remember their faces, nevertheless, now and then one will perform an act of kindness that makes the day worthwhile, causing us to be glad we were in a position to touch that soul with warmth, and giving God the glory for creating us for the capacity to care about one another.

These are examples of ways that God abides within us. Nature with its beauty, order and majesty is for those with eyes to see, the most self-evident proof. Those whom the Master calls our brothers and sisters every now and then prove by their kindness and affection that He lives in them as well as in us. The third place we find Him is within ourselves. Perhaps the third location is most difficult of all, especially in these days when so much of society is constantly calling attention to what's happening outside, training us to be bored with silence, carrying cell phones because we can't wait to talk on those connected to walls, urging us to pay attention to the trivialities and nonsense that take up much of television. Despite that, we can, if we train ourselves to cherish our souls and flee from noise and distractions, nourish the bond with the Holy Spirit within our souls.

Finally but first and most precious is our life in Christ. Read slowly the Sermon on the Mount and ponder on who but He could conceive of such a program for spiritual perfection. Granted, for the cynic it may be absurd, but for those who are serious about salvation, it lays out the only way to the Kingdom. Then read the last chapters of any or all the gospels and ask who but He would do that for the life of the world? He, Jesus Christ, is the greatest proof for the existence of God, Himself being of the same nature and essence of the Father Whom He presents to the world.

By Fr. Vladimir Berzonsky

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul came to be observed early in the history of the Church. Although they died at different times and places, their commemoration has universally been kept on the same day to highlight the central role they had in the foundation of the early Church. It is for the same reason that they are called the "Leaders of the Apostles" in the Liturgy.

St. Peter, whose original name was Simon, was a fisherman in Galilee when Jesus called him to be a Disciple. "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." (Mt. 4: 19) After Jesus' Ascension, Peter was the spokesman of the Apostles, and a witness of Christ's divinity. He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first Gentiles into the Church. From Jerusalem He went to preach the Gospel in Asia at Antioch (Gal. 2: 11), then to Cappadocia, Galatia, Pontus, and finally Rome. He was crucified, head downward, at his own request, most probably in 67 A.D.

St. Paul, known as Saul before his conversion, was born at Tarsus in the Roman province of Cilicia. As a youth, he went to Jerusalem to receive his education in Judaism from the celebrated rabbi, Gamaliel (Acts 22: 3). At the time of Jesus' ministry he had already left Jerusalem. Saul did not see the Lord during His earthly ministry. By the grace of God, Saul was miraculously converted on the way to Damascus around the year 34 A.D. After receiving baptism, Paul left for a long retreat in Arabia to prepare himself for his future mission. He was most zealous to preach the gospel of Christ to the world. He established many churches and visited many other churches. To these he wrote numerous letters which form a significant part of the New Testament canonical writings.

The icon of Peter and Paul is simple and direct, striving only to present the holiness and wisdom of the two Apostles whose lives were totally devoted to witnessing the Good News of Jesus Christ and our salvation. They stand majestically, Peter with the keys, and Paul with the Scriptures, as pillars of the Church and teachers of the Lord Jesus.

The Liturgy hails the chief Apostles with beautifully composed hymns. Peter is called the "rock of faith" and Paul "pride of the universe." Together they are celebrated as "luminaries of those in darkness, two rays of the sun, pillars of divine doctrines, and friends of Christ." (Matins Hymn)

TROPARION - O Leaders of the Apostles and Teachers of the World, pray to the Master of All to grant peace to the world and abundant mercy to our souls.