

## 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.

## PILGRIM VOCATION PROGRAM – (participation by both parishes together)

*Today we begin our Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program.* This program is beginning today is every Byzantine Catholic Parish in the United States. Vocations are the result of the Christian Community actively engaged in prayer that *“the master of the harvest will send out laborers for his harvest.”* ***One way we can all be involved in vocation ministry is through prayer.*** Everyone in the Parish invited to pray for and encourage others within the Church that they might respond generously to God's call in their lives. We need generous men and women to minister among us as priests, deacons, monastics and sisters. We need people like you to pray for and encourage them. ***Please sign up today to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon in your home. You will be greatly blessed. Please sign up on the sheet that is posted on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. (St. Michael's, please sign-up for the month of November.)***

## BYZANTINE SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

... is being held at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, PA on Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The Title is: *The Diversity of God's Blessings.* Registration is required and is \$35.00 per person (includes lunch). If we have 5 registrations that are sent in together, then our cost is \$25.00. Registration brochures are on the Belvedere side next to the bulletins. Deadline is Oct.22, 2017. An excellent opportunity for spiritual enrichment!

## 27<sup>th</sup> TRUMBULL COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

October 1st the pro-life gathering of local churches will take place along Elm Road between Warren Plaza and Harding High School at 2:30 PM. You are encouraged to take part in this one hour prayer demonstration against abortion.



### (PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 17 September:

5:00 PM: 67; 11:00 AM: 83

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross: 15

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$2,830.75**

### (SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 17 September:

17 from St. Michael; 7 from St. Peter & Paul

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross: 4 from St. Michael; 3 from St. Peter & Paul

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$273.00**



- **Sun. Sept. 24** ECF Classes begin today – 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM. – for students in K thru 12.
- **Weekend of Sept. 24** Special Collection for Hurricane Victims.
- **Sun. Oct. 1** Bingo/ Card Party – 1:00 PM in the Social Hall. *Don't forget to buy you entry ticket and raffle tickets.* It's a great afternoon of fun! (not to mention the lunch which is included).



### HURRICANE RELIEF

*There will be a special collection this weekend for the Harvey and Irma Hurricane Victims.* We have been blessed with very decent weather in this area, while others have lost homes and even lives. Let us thank God for our blessings and open up our hearts to help those less fortunate. A collection basket will be on the Tetrapod (icon table) for your donations. *If you are donating by check, make it payable to SS. Peter and Paul Church, but please write "Hurricane" in the memo.*



### \$200.00 RAFFLE – to benefit the Ladies Guild

**1st Prize: Lottery Pumpkin      2nd Prize: \$100.00 Cash**

Raffle Tickets will be sold after all the Divine Liturgies, from September 3rd thru October 1, 2017. The drawing will be held at the Ladies Guild Bingo/Card Party, October 1, 2017. **Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.** Winner need not be present.

### BINGO & CARD PARTY TICKETS

Ladies Guild members will be selling Bingo & Card Party tickets before and after all Liturgies. **Tickets are \$6.00.** Ticket purchase includes eligibility for the door prize, other drawings and a box lunch with beverage. *Please support the Ladies Guild activities as they host the various functions for our Parish Family.*

24 SEPTEMBER 2017

### SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	24 September	<i>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Martyr, First among Women, and Equal to the Apostles, Thecla.</i> <b>+Elizabeth Petrigalla – Betty &amp; Macala Blake</b> <b>Prayer Intention of the Rosary Society</b> <b>+Fio Nuzzi – Janice &amp; Mike</b>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	
(SM)	8:30 AM	
(PP)	11:00 AM	
Monday,	25 September	<i>Venerable Mother Euphrosyna. Synaxis of the Holy Fathers of the Pecherskaya Lavra who repose near Venerable Anthony.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday,	26 September	<i>Falling asleep of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian. Blessed Father Paul VI, Pope of Rome.</i> <b>+Bill Maddox – Flask family</b>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	
Wednesday,	27 September	<i>Holy Martyr Callistratus and his Companions. Venerable Father Nilus, Founder and Hegumen of the Grottaferata Monastery. Holy Father Vincent de Paul.</i> <b>+Ronald Grkman – Benedictine Sisters</b>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	
Thursday	28 September	<i>(Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton. Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs. Holy Prophet Baruch. Passing of our Blessed Father and Confessor Bishop Nicetas Budka (1949).</i> <b>+George, +Mary &amp; +David Krupsa – Cathy Eddy</b>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	
Friday,	29 September	<i>Venerable Cyriacus the Anchorite.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday,	30 September	<i>Holy Martyr Gregory, Bishop of Armenia.</i> <b>+Barbara Ann Myers – John &amp; Dianna Koza</b>
(PP)	5:00 PM	
Sunday,	1 October	<i>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. THE PROTECTION OF OUR MOST BLESSED LADY, THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY. Holy Apostle Ananias. Venerable Father Romanos, the Hymnographer.</i> <b>Intention of Cheryl Simon – Marjorie &amp; Paul</b> <b>+John &amp; +Pauline Kostraba – daughter, Jinny Mirabelli</b>
(SM)	8:30 AM	
(PP)	11:00 AM	



Attentive to the Word  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lk. 5: 1 – 11

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In this world each one of us is like a puzzle piece in a divinely planned jigsaw puzzle. The master designer, the Lord God, has a special place for each and every one of us. When we pray the Lord's prayer and say, "Thy will be done," we are telling God to put us in the place where He wants us to be. That is why we must constantly pray and discern God's will in our lives. Sometimes it is apparent to us and other times it's hard to discern God's will.

St. Peter learned that lesson in today's Gospel. I love the stories about St. Peter in the Bible because he is presented as being so human and so much like us. He really loves the Lord, tries hard but often ends up with his foot in his mouth. Today's Gospel is just one more example. Peter is dog-tired, worked hard fishing all night, caught nothing and Jesus tells him to go out and cast his nets. Now think about this. Peter is the season professional fisherman. Jesus, the non-fisherman, the non-pro, is telling him to go out for a catch. Well in modern America this could be a setup for a TV sit-com. Peter thinks, "OK Jesus, I'll humor you. This will teach you a lesson." We know from the story that the whole lesson gets reversed and the laugh is on Peter. They caught so many fish Peter was stunned and humbled. "Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Even though Peter thought he knew better, Jesus had to teach him that as a puzzle piece in the divine plan, Peter was not yet in the right place. Jesus was setting him and the others, to be the apostles, the ones to whom Jesus would entrust His Church after His death and resurrection. Peter never planned this, God did! Our Lord's ministry on earth was to complete the part of the puzzle that would lead us to salvation. He did this voluntarily and lovingly for us.

Each of us is called to know, love and serve God. Each day He allows us to turn in different directions to see how we fit in His divine puzzle along with others as part of His master plan. First of all we need to discern God's call and design for

our lives. We call this our "vocation." It's sad that in modern English "vocation" usually means priests, nuns, deacons or other clergy. As wonderful as that is, those are not the only vocations. Some are called to be clergy. Some are called to marriage. Some are called to remain single. All of these are vocations and calls to holiness of life.

Once we discern our call, we need to lovingly pursue God's will in that specific spot – for our own good and the benefit of the whole puzzle board. This must be done in God's way and not ours. A person in the wrong place, not being the person God has designed for him or her – this person is usually miserable, unhappy and feels out of place. These people, many times, make others unhappy too. That is why we need to pray each day to do God's will. We must open our hearts to the presence of the Holy Spirit – not pressing for my will, but really being open to God's will.

The right person, in the right place, *doing God's will*, is a joy not only to God but to others. They are in the place the Divine Puzzle-maker wants them and they link well with the pieces around them. Peter learned this lesson in a dramatic way. Let us pray that we will learn it in the subtle, gentle ways, as well as the hard ways, the Lord puts into our lives.

By Fr. Michael Hayduk,

### COMPLAINTS FROM GOD

You call Me Master  
and do not obey Me.

You call Me Light  
and do not see Me.

You call Me the Way  
and do not follow Me.

You call Me Life  
and do not desire Me.

You call Me wise  
and do not listen to Me.

You call Me beautiful  
and do not love Me.

You call Me rich  
and do not ask Me.

You call Me eternal  
and do not seek Me.

You call Me all good  
and do not trust Me.

You call Me noble  
and do not serve Me.

You call Me God  
and do not fear Me.

If you lose your soul  
do not blame Me.