

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.

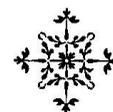
Rectory Office Hours: Sister Barbara is in the Parish office from 10 AM – 2 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.



Please pray for those who are ill or infirm – that they may regain their strength and health and hold fast to their faith in the goodness of God. They are also a part of our parish family, so when you are able, send them a card, give them a call, or pay them a visit. Our shut-ins are so appreciative of your caring acts of kindness. Special thanks to

Mary Beth Byers & Loretta Greskovich for sending parish bulletins and cards monthly to the sick of our Parish.

ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the souls of Your servant +**Ann Simko** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

PARISH PICNIC



Please mark your calendars for the afternoon of Sunday, **August 19th at our Social Hall and grounds after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy.** Keep the date open and plan to have a fun afternoon with your fellow parishioners. Last year we had a wonderful time! We hope to see all of you there! More details will be coming soon!



DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 25 – 29 St. Demetrios Greek Festival. See Bulletin board for details.

August 9 – 12 Warren Italian Heritage Festival.

Visit www.warrenitalianfestival.com for schedules and more information.

August 19 – Our Parish Picnic at SS. Peter & Paul Social Hall & grounds.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 15 July:

5:00 PM: 53; 9:00 AM: 44 11:00 AM: 69

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,735.11



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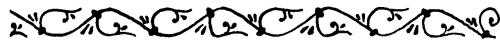
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Mon. July 23** Church Cleaning Party 9AM – Noon
- **Thurs. July 26** Byzantine Catholic Family Day at Kennywood Park.
- **Wed. Aug. 1** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Help in summertime is sparse. If you can lend a helping hand, it would be appreciated.
- **Wed. Aug. 1** Beginning of the Dormition Fast – Aug. 1 – 14.
- **Mon. Aug. 13** *Ladies Guild Meeting – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.* Please note: Meeting was changed to Mon. due to the Liturgy schedule.



A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE (Last day to notify the office)

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 2018. **Please inform the Parish Office by 22 July 2018 if you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries so that your names can be submitted to Chancery.** The Archieparchial celebration will take place at St. Elias Church, Murrells Run, PA, September 2018 at 3:00 PM. Certificates are sent to all couples, whether they are able to attend or not. Please call the church office or drop you name and current phone number in the collection basket and we will call you. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.



LIFE IS GREAT

I am a “Seenager” (Senior teenager).

I have everything that I wanted as a Teenager, only 60 years later. I don’t have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don’t have a curfew. I have a driver’s license and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant and they do not use drugs. And I don’t have acne. *Life is Great!*

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| Sunday | 22 July | <i>NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Myrrhbearer Mary Magdalene, Equal to the Apostles. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Bishop-martyr Phocus.</i> |
| (Sun. Vigil) | 5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM | +George Teringo, Sr. – Eleanor Hovotny +Harry Reynolds – Jim & Barbara Hash +Margaret Gnat – Grandchildren |
| Monday | 23 July | <i>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> No Divine Liturgy |
| Tuesday | 24 July | <i>Holy Great Martyr Christine. Holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb, baptized Roman and David.</i> |
| (Chapel) | 8:30 AM | +Lucy Prokop – Mark & Nancy Schmidt |
| Wednesday | 25 July | <i>Dormition of St. Anna, Mother of the Theotokos. Memory of the Holy Women Olymiada and Euphraxia.</i> |
| (Chapel) | 8:30 AM | +Dorothy Byers – Theresa Corso |
| Thursday | 26 July | <i>Holy Priest-martyr Hermolaus and his Companions. Our Venerable Martyr Paraskevia. Venerable Father Moses the Carpathian of the Monastery of the Caves.</i> |
| (Chapel) | 6:00 PM | +Sr. Therese Misencik – Benedictine Sisters |
| Friday | 27 July | <i>Holy Great Martyr Panteleimon. Holy Father Clement, the Wonder-worker, Archbishop of Ohrid.</i> No Divine Liturgy |
| Saturday | 28 July | <i>Holy Apostles and Deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas.</i> |
| (Sun. Vigil) | 5:00 PM | +Tom James – wife, Patricia & family |
| Sunday | 29 July | <i>TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Martyr Calinicus.</i> |
| | 9:00 AM 11:00 AM | +Carl Verney – John & Irene Chekan +Gerald Lickwar – Family |



Attentive to the Word
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Mt. 14:22-34
Res. Tone 8 Pages 161 - 163

In the story of creation found in the Book of Genesis, we read where Adam and Eve had partaken of the forbidden fruit, something which had been specifically denied them. Knowing that God is searching for them, they attempt to hide. It is a scene perhaps reminiscent of many of our childhoods when we had done something that we were not supposed to and we literally hid from our searching parents. Finally God finds them, as we know that He will, for, after all, where can we go to hide from God? God asks them why they are hiding. Do you remember the response that Adam gave: "Because, I was afraid."

I think this very poignant story reminds us that fear is so basic to who we are as humans, it goes all the way back to the beginning of time. To be human is to experience fear. There seems to be no limit to our fears. In a peanuts cartoon strip Charlie Brown goes to Lucy for a nickels worth of psychiatric help. She proceeds to pinpoint his particular fear'. Perhaps, she says, you have ypengyophobia, which is the fear of responsibility. Charlie Brown says no. Well, perhaps you have ailurophobia, which is the fear of cats. No. No. Exasperated, Lucy says well, maybe you have pantophobia, which is the fear of everything. Yes, says Charles, that is the one!

Sometimes we feel like we are afraid of everything. We are afraid of ourselves. We are afraid of people. We are afraid of the future. We are afraid of the past. We are afraid of life. We are afraid of death. Every person, every Christian, must fight their own fears. Even Paul, the sturdy Christian warrior, had to do so. Paul had fallen flat on his face in Athens. He did exactly what he intended not to do, and in his own eyes he had failed. He wrote of his arrival in Corinth: "For when we came into Macedonia we had not rest, but we were

troubled on every side; without were fightings; within were fears." Paul was full of fears, just like you and me--the fear of inadequacy, the fear of failing.

But perhaps the most surprising fear of many people, and one that we do not like to address is the fear of God. It is the fear that God is not really on our side. It is the fear that God will put us out on a limb and leave us.

It is not a new idea. One of the great fears of the ancient people was that God would fall asleep. Can you imagine such a thing? When the prophets of Baal could not get their Gods to rain down fire on the top of Mt. Carmel, Elijah taunted them: Maybe your God is asleep, he said.

On the other hand, the Jews took great comfort in the fact that the God of Israel neither slumbered nor slept. Over and over again the message of the Bible is fear not. When Abram took his family to the Promised Land he feared that he was turning his back on everything he knew, his security for the unknown. God spoke to him: Fear not Abram, I am your shield and your reward will be great.

When the Jews stood at the Red Sea and could see Pharaoh's chariots coming on the horizon, they cried out that they would all be slaughtered. Moses said to them: Stand still, fear not, and see the salvation of the Lord.

When the angel of the Lord came to Mary and said that she would bear a child, she trembled with fear. What would become of her? Said the angel: Fear not Mary, for you have found favor with God.

Fear not! Fear Not! It is how we would like to live. How do you do it?

First, we must confront our fears.

Second, we must understand that too much doubt can sink us.

Third, we must remember that regardless of what happens, God will always be with us.

FEAR NOT!