

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.



MARIAPOCH PILGRIMAGE

The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma invites you to its annual eparchial pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch, 17486 Mumford Road, Burton, OH on Saturday 18 August and Sunday 19 August. See complete pilgrimage schedule at www.shrineofmariapoch.com.

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON

The 53rd annual pilgrimage will be held from Monday, 13 August through Wednesday 15 August. Bishop Milan Lach will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Tuesday at 7 PM. He will be joined by the Byzantine priests of the Parma Eparchy for the concelebrated Divine Liturgy. See the bulletin board in the Social Hall for further details and schedules.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 9 – 12 Warren Italian Heritage Festival. See Bulletin board for details.
August 19 – Our Parish Picnic at SS. Peter & Paul Social Hall & grounds.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 22 July:

5:00 PM: 58; 9:00 AM: 46 11:00 AM: 57

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,921.36



- **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** The Dormition Fast – Aug. 1 – 14 in preparation for the Feast of the Falling Asleep of Mary and her Assumption Body and Soul into Heaven.
- **Mon. Aug. 13** *Very Important Ladies Guild Meeting – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.* Please note: Meeting was changed to Mon. due to the Liturgy schedule.



PARISH PICNIC



Please mark your calendars for the afternoon of Sunday, August 19th at Ss. Peter and Paul Social Hall, following the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Once again, our parish will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. **You provide your “specialty” to share with everyone else. Please bring a serving utensil and don’t forget to mark your container and utensil.** If you plan on attending, please sign your name and the number attending to the sign-up sheet located in the social hall or at the Belvedere Avenue entrance, so that we can properly prepare. We hope to see all of you there!



WANTED!

One of the worst things for a child is to feel that he is unwanted and unloved. Eddie Cantor said once, “When I see the ‘Ten Most Wanted’ posters, I always have this thought, ‘If we had made them feel wanted earlier, they wouldn’t be wanted now.’” Through baptism God lets us know that he wants us and loves us more than we can ever imagine. “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased” are words that He speaks personally to us in baptism. Baptism is God’s love announcing, “You are mine, you belong to me forever!”

29 JULY 2018

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	29 July	<i>TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Martyr Calinicus.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Tom James – wife, Patricia & family +Carl Verney – John & Irene Chekan +Gerald Lickwar – Family
Monday	30 July	<i>Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanua and Their Compnaions.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	31 July	<i>Prefestive Day of the Procession of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross. Holy and Righteous Eudocimus. Venerable Father Ignatius of Loyola.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Michael Ivan – wife, Patricia.
Wednesday	1 August	<i>Procession of the Wood of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross. Holy Seven Maccabees, their Mother Solomone and the Elder Eleazar.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	2 August	<i>Translation of the Relics of the Holy Proto-martyr and Arch-deacon Stephen. Our Venerable Father Basil, Fool for Christ.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Sandra Slyk – Dom Marchese family
Friday	3 August	<i>Our Venerable Fathers Isaac, Dalmatus and Faustus.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	4 August	<i>Holy Seven Children of Ephesus. Holy Venerable Martyr Eudoxia.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Kenny Tisher – Ron Mosko
Sunday	5 August	<i>ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Prefestice Day of Transfiguration. Holy Martyr Eusignius.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Anne Evans (40th day) – Marjorie Reynolds Health/Welfare of Ann McGrath – Ron Mosko



Attentive to the Word
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Mt. 17:14-23

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The famous story of the Old Testament involving a small, shepherd boy by the name of David and a towering giant by the name of Goliath is well-known. The Israelites were fighting a losing battle against their enemies, the Philistines. The Jews were overwhelmed by the size of this towering enemy warrior. When they saw him, they reacted by noticing only how big he was. But David saw how much smaller he was than God.

In today's gospel (Matt. 17:14-23) Jesus helps us put into perspective the giants that intimidate and try to control our lives. He tells His disciples and us, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there', and it will move, and nothing will be impossible to you."

The gospel is telling us that there is no difficulty bigger than God. He is bigger than any temptation, any sin, any failure, any problem. When we place our lives in His hands, through a personal act of faith, He gives us the power to become bigger than we ever dreamed we could be – bigger than an illness, bigger than our weaknesses, bigger than our hatred, bigger than our prejudices, bigger than our defeats. With Christ we can have a giant within us. Saint John writes in his first epistle: "He who is in you (that is Christ) is greater than he who is in the world (that is Satan)" (1 John 4:4).

In today's gospel, Jesus Himself restores a boy to his right mind after His own disciples fail because they doubted the powers He had given them. In those disciples we easily see ourselves when we confront the giants and mountains of life. The secret to understanding and undoing them is to believe that no person, no situation, no set of circumstances is bigger than God. A man whose life was guided by that kind of belief was Saint Paul. He was afflicted with a serious physical infirmity which he talks about in his second letter to the Corinthians. He calls it his "thorn in the flesh". Even though he prayed to be delivered from it, God instead gave Him the power to

live with it. That thorn in the flesh did not make Paul an invalid; it drove him to greater dependence on Christ and to greater power.

Today's gospel helps us to face the mountains in our own lives, the conviction that faith can and will move them.

by Rev. John T. Sekellick, J.C.L.



THE DORMITION FAST

During the first fourteen days of August each year, the Byzantine Church enters into a fast period in honor of the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary. Our Church has the highest regard for the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, for her special role in the salvation of mankind. We call the Virgin Mary "Theotokos", from the Greek, which means "The Birth-Giver or the Bearer of God." This is the highest title that can be bestowed upon any member of the human race.

Knowing that she holds such a high place in the Kingdom of Heaven and that she is eternally present at the throne of God interceding for us, we should pray for her love, guidance, and protection.

Every year the Byzantine Church sets aside the first fourteen days of August in honor of the Virgin Mary. This fast period is climaxed on August 15th, when the Church gathers to celebrate the Great Feast of the Dormition (Falling-Asleep) of the Theotokos. During this fourteen day fast period, the Church encourages that we pray the Paraklis Service in honor of the Mother of God.

The word "paraklis" has two different meanings: the first is "consolation," from which the Holy Spirit is called the "Paraclete," or "Consoler"; the second is "supplication" or "petition". The Service of the Paraklis to the Theotokos consists of hymns of supplication to obtain consolation and courage. It should be prayed in times of temptation, discouragement or sickness. It is used more particularly during the two weeks before the Dormition of the Theotokos, from August 1 to August 14. The theme of the Paraklis Service centers around the petition. . "Most Holy Mother of God, save us."