

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 souls of Your servants +**William Shuttic** and +**Emory Holowatch** who have recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

TRASH TO TREASURE SALE

Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 8 AM – 3 PM in the Social Hall and Parking Lot. You are invited to rent table spaces at \$20.00 or parking lot spaces at \$10.00 to sell your superfluous items. **Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. These must be returned w/payment by 2 June 2018.** Spaces are limited and registrations will be filled on a “first come, first serve” basis, so get your reservations in early.



**VENDOR SETUP – Friday, June 8th
Noon – 2:30 PM & 6:30 – 8:30 PM**



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!



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 27 May:

5:00 PM: 68; 9:00 AM: 33 11:00 AM: 67

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,951.71



3 JUNE 2018

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Mon. May 28** Beginning of Apostle's Fast in preparation for the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul...Apostle's Fast ends June 28th.
- **Wed. June 6** St. Vincent de Paul Meal's Program – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
We can use your help!
- **Sat. June 9** Trash to Treasure Sale 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Social Hall.
- **Tues. June 12** Ladies Guild Meeting – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.



APOSTLE'S FAST: May 28 thru June 28

We recommend meatless Wed. & Fri. & be kinder to each other.



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| Sunday | 3 June | <i>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Lucillian and His Companions.</i> |
| (Sun. Vigil) | 5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM | +Frank Hoso, Jr. – Hoso family +Theodore Falatic – Greg & Cathie Lazor +Brian Koehn – Mom & Mike |
| Monday | 4 June | <i>Our Venerable Father Metrophanes, Patriarch of Constantinople. Holy Myrrh-bearers Martha and Mary.</i> No Divine Services |
| Tuesday | 5 June | <i>Holy Martyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre. Holy Martyr Cosmas, an Armenian Priest.</i> |
| (Chapel) | 8:30 AM | +Sister Judith Konkus – Benedictine Sisters |
| Wednesday | 6 June | <i>Venerable Father Bessarion the Wonder-worker. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Hilarion the Younger, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery.</i> No Divine Services |
| Thursday | 7 June | <i>Holy Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra. Holy Martyrs Cyriaca, Valeria and Maria.</i> |
| (Chapel) | 8:30 AM | +John & +Josephine Wargo – daughter, Elizabeth |
| Friday | 8 June | <i>Translation of the Relics of the Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit.</i> No Divine Liturgy |
| Saturday | 9 June | <i>Our Holy Father Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria.</i> |
| (Sun. Vigil) | 5:00 PM | +Mildred Syrko – Steve & Betty Zombar |
| Sunday | 10 June | <i>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Timothy, Bishop of Prusa.</i> |
| | 9:00 AM 11:00 AM | +Harry Reynolds – Mike & Rosanne Dando +Helen Nuzzi – Janice & Mike |

FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Please remember the following at our Parish's Father's Day Remembrance

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| _____ | Living | Deceased |
| _____ | Living | Deceased |
| _____ | Living | Deceased |

Please circle Saturday, 5:00 PM Sunday, 9:00 AM Sunday, 11:00 AM
Liturgy time:

Requested by:

Please print each name and circle the correct notation
Donation for each name is \$5.00

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS SUNDAY, 10 JUNE 2018



Attentive to the Word
Second Sunday After Pentecost

Mt: 4: 18 - 23

Tone 1 Pgs. 125 - 127

COME, FOLLOW ME



If you are like me, you probably admire and respect people who can speak other languages. Saint John Paul II amazed me about how many languages he spoke. He spent hours every day in language study. He did this especially before he visited various countries. It is amazing to watch those large Wednesday afternoon audiences with the late Pope where he greeted visitors from around the world in their native language.

However, if you or I want to learn another language first of all we have to study what grammar calls the different parts of speech. That means learning, nouns, pronouns, adjectives, verbs, etc. Verbs, those action words, are the hardest part in language study. Without verbs, without action, no language will come together or mean anything.

Jesus uses one word or one phrase in today's Gospel, "Come, follow me." This verb is a command it is an imperative. He is calling Peter, Andrew, James and John, simple fishermen, to come and follow him. He says, "I will make you fishers of men."

When someone says, "Follow me," we usually know where they are going. If a famous baseball player would say "Follow me," we would presume it would be to the game, to the stadium or the training field. Jesus knows Who He is and what's He's about. I will go to the Father, I will send you the Spirit, I will give you forgiveness, grace and salvation. The response is up to you.

BUT and there is a big "but" in this sentence – there is a world of difference between BELIEVING Jesus and FOLLOWING Jesus. Godparents make promises at a Baptism ceremony and a profession of faith. That is one thing. Will the baptized person follow Jesus is another thing. In every Liturgy we say "I believe" in the Creed and "I believe" when we say the prayer before communion. That part may almost be habit by this point. BUT after those professions of faith and receiving the Holy Eucharist, do we FOLLOW Jesus?

In one prokimen from the psalms we say, "Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them." Live up to the profession of faith in your life.

This phrase "Follow me" not only applies to priests, nuns, monks and seminarians. We are all called to follow Christ. The first apostles abandoned their nets to follow Him. It is a challenge. It might cost me something in my lifestyle or my way of doing things. Self-examination can be disturbing but needs to be done if we are to follow Christ or make any spiritual growth.

Another thing that is implied in the phrase "Follow me," is to go in the same direction as the one who is calling. In another Gospel Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Who shows the way in your life? Pride wants things done my way and following my own way. Today's Gospel means swallowing our pride and examining our lives to follow Jesus. He will not let us walk in darkness but will give us the light of life. "Come follow me" is a challenge. Sometimes it can leave a lump in our throats.

Mother Theresa called this an age of challenge to follow Christ in the lowly and suffering people of the world. She heard the call and met the challenge to "Come, follow me" by trying to take care of them.

A.C. Green, the famous basketball player, gives a challenge to teens to remain pure and remain virgins until marriage. That is a radical approach in this day and age but this is his way of hearing today's Gospel, "Come, follow me." Is it popular? No! Is it easy? No! Is it the right thing to do according to the Bible? Yes. "Come Follow me," can take on different forms. However, if we are walking with and following Christ, we must do it with the faith that we "will not walk in darkness but follow Christ our true light."

(by Father Emil Masich)