

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.

HOW QUICKLY WE FORGET ...

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM UNNECESSARY AND LOUD TALKING BEFORE, DURING AND ESPECIALLY AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY. DO YOUR VISITING IN THE SOCIAL HALL OR IN THE NARTHEX (VESTIBULE) OF THE CHURCH OR OUTSIDE.

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.



"A SLAVIC FEST"

... will be held at St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church – Hermitage, PA on Sunday, May 20, 2018 – from 11 AM to 6:00 PM. It will take place at St. Michael Social Center, 2140 Highland Road. There will be live Polka Bands, and plenty of Ethnic Slavic Foods to eat-in or take-out. \$1.00 Admission. Free admission for children 15 and under. Bring your family for dinner and give mom a day off from cooking. It will be a very pleasant way to spend the day.

MAY MEMORIAL DAY DINNER . . . May 20th, 2018 at Holy Resurrection Romanian Orthodox Church, located on North Road, NE, Warren, OH. Dinner begins at 12:15 PM. A \$10.00 donation is requested. Menu is a braised pork chop, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, apple sauce, Bread, butter, dessert & beverages.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 29 April:

5:00 PM: 53; 9:00 AM: 52 11:00 AM: 90

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$4,193.17



20 MAY 2018

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Tues. May 22** Due to the Holy day and Divine Liturgy on Monday, the Church Cleaning Party will be on Tuesday, from 9 AM to Noon
- **Sun. May 27** Memorial Services at SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery – 2:00 PM – weather permitting.
- **Mon. May 28** Memorial Services at “St. Michael’s” Cemetery at 10:00 AM – weather permitting.
- *See. Bulletin Board for info regarding events for Carpatho-Rusin Society*
- **Mon. May 28** Beginning of Apostle’s Fast in preparation for the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul...Apostle’s Fast ends June 28th.


THE WEEK AFTER PENTECOST IS A FAST FREE WEEK!


Sunday (Sun. Vigil)	20 May 5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<i>PENTECOST SUNDAY (Green or Flowery Sunday)</i> +Frank Hoso, Jr. – Hoso family +Mary Reese – John & Dianna Koza +Ann Closson – Sandy
Monday (Chapel)	21 May 8:30 AM	<i>PENTECOST MONDAY.</i> +Irene Frankos – John & Dianna Koza
Tuesday (Chapel)	22 May 8:30 AM	<i>Pentecost Tuesday. Holy Martyr Basiliscus. Holy and Righteous Melchisedek, King of Salem. Holy Emperor Constantine and His Mother Helen.</i> +Sister Helen Labosh – Benedictine Sisters
Wednesday (Chapel)	23 May 8:30 AM	<i>Pentecost Wednesday. Venerable Father and Confessor Michael, Bishop of Synnada. Venerable Euphrosyne, Hegumana of the Monastery of Holy Savior in Polotsk.</i> +Lucy Prokop – Frances Rozzano
Thursday	24 May	<i>Pentecost Thursday. Venerable Father Simeon of the Wondrous Mountain. Venerable Father Nicetas the Stylite.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday	25 May	<i>Pentecost Friday. Feast of the Third Finding of the Head of St. John the Baptist.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday (Sun. Vigil)	26 May 5:00 PM	<i>Leave-taking of Pentecost. Holy Apostle Carpus, One of the Seventy. Holy Father Augustine of Canterbury, Enlightener of England.</i> +Carl Verney – John & Jennifer Welch
Sunday	27 May 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<i>SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS. Holy Bishop-Martyr Therapont.</i> +Julia Pater (40th day) +Julia Pavis – Nancy Sernulka & family

FATHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE			
<i>Please remember the following at our Parish’s Father’s Day Remembrance</i>			
	Living	Deceased	
	Living	Deceased	
	Living	Deceased	
Please circle Liturgy time:	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 9:00 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM
<i>Requested by:</i>			
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
Pentecost Sunday
(Green or Flowery Sunday)*

Jn: 7:37 - 52 & 8:12

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Before His Ascension into heaven, our Lord promised to send the Holy Spirit Who would teach His followers all things (John 16: 13). Saint Luke records His words also in the Acts of the Apostles, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will bear witness for Me to the ends of the world" (Acts 1:4).

Today, through the liturgy of the Church, we celebrate the fulfillment of that promise:

Christ sends the Holy Spirit to do His work for the Church. We kneel on Pentecost Sunday and sing a

special prayer to implore the Holy Spirit, the "Treasury of Blessings," to use the power of His rich gifts on our behalf.

The Holy Spirit works in our souls to guide us in our association with others. But the Spirit is more than a guide; He is the Third Person of the Trinity, God Himself. His work is to strengthen and support us along the pathways of this life. To cultivate a deep spiritual relationship with the "Giver of life" we must place no obstacle to the movement of grace, God's divine energy, within us in order to adhere to the command of the Lord, that is, to love one another (John 15: 12). Saint John tells us in his first epistle, "He who loves 'God must also love his brother'" (21: 22).

Sometimes a great fault in our relationship with others is paying too much attention to living standards but neglecting Christian standards. How often do you hear the lament today that there is an acute shortage of kindness and consideration, and instead selfishness is found among people? Yet, we know it is only in the love of others that we can make visible the invisible Christ, Whose life we share so intimately through holy baptism.

The clearest description of the work of the Spirit is given by Saint Paul in the epistle to the Galatians: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal. 5:22). This list could be elongated by a description of the whole Christian life-situation: unobtrusive loyalty; self-forgetful kindness (such as in the tender care of the sick); duty done without fuss or bragging

(as by mothers and fathers raising a family); the sinner's unshakeable confidence that God's mercy is unfathomable; steadfastness in temptations (especially in alcoholic or chemical dependency); kindness and sympathy towards another in need; ardent perseverance in silent prayer; patience under suffering; the joy of a good conscience. This and much more is the work of the Spirit today.

If the Holy Spirit were withdrawn from the world, we should realize quite clearly what His presence means. The world would be like a land from which the water has vanished. Water is not very remarkable because it is so common, but once it is gone, everything changes. Green fields wither into desert.

Psalm 104: 29-30, metaphorically describes the life of natural things as the breath or spirit of God. All living beings exist through this spirit: "When You hide Your face, they are dismayed; when You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the earth."

Today the Church joyously celebrates its' birthday because it receives the supernatural life of the Spirit: "Behold, we celebrate today the Feast of Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit, the fulfillment of the Promise and the realization of Hope. How noble and awesome is this great mystery! Wherefore, O Lord and Creator of All, we cry out: 'Glory to You!' (*From the office of Vespers*)

Pentecost is the beginning of her mission to the world and the beginning of Christian unity within the diversity of nations, languages and cultures. We decorate our churches and homes with greenery as symbols of that new growth and new life. Jesus Christ has kept His promise, and the work of His Church and our salvation will continue and is secure!

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

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of Truth,

Give us the Courage to Proclaim Your Truth in our Daily lives,

by our Words and Actions. Amen.