

## 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.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION, RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS & SOLEMN COMMUNION

Today our parish family extends its prayerful best wishes to **Barbara Rose Begalla** who has come to the fullness of the Church through the celebration of the renewal of her Baptismal Vows, the Mystery of Reconciliation and her solemn Holy Communion. *May God grant to Barbara peace, health and happiness for many years!*

## CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

Our Parish Family extends its congratulations and prayerful best wishes to our high school graduates **Evan Bisel and Victoria Smolak**. Both Evan and Victoria have been very faithful in attending our ECF Program. We wish them well in their future endeavors and we hope they will always remember where they came from and where they belong – here at SS. Peter and Paul. *May God grant to Evan and Victoria peace, health and happiness for many years!*

## 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. More information is will be forthcoming. Registration forms will be available soon.

## “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.



## Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 29 April:

5:00 PM: 62; 9:00 AM: 33 11:00 AM: 70

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$2,613.30**



6 MAY 2018

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Tues. May 8** Ladies Guild Meeting – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall
- **Sat./Sun. May 12 & 13** Coffee & Donuts in honor of Mother’s Day
- See. Bulletin Board for info regarding events for Carpatho-Rusin Society

**THANK YOU - ONE AND ALL!**

A big “thank you” from the Ladies Guild for your support and help in making their Bingo/Card Party a big success! Special thanks go to some of our ECF students for their service to their church. They helped to set-up and clean-up and also helped with lunches and acted as “runners” – Thank you Macala Blake, Victoria Smolak, Anthony Elbon, and Alex Limber – you were a big help!

Winners of the 50/50 raffle, the Lottery Wreath and the \$100 raffle are:

- 50/50 Raffle: \$344.00** – Kathy Weirick
- 1<sup>st</sup> prize – Lottery Wreath:** Judie Hartley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$100.00 cash:** Sylvia Hosó

Sunday	6 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND. The Holy and Just Job the Long-suffering.</i>
<b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Frank Hosó, Jr. – Barbara Urchek</b> <b>+Sandra Kohut (40<sup>th</sup> day) – Patricia Bazar</b> <b>Int. of Barbara R. Begalla – First Solemn Communion</b>
Monday	7 May	<i>Appearance of the Sign of the Cross in the heavens in Jerusalem, before the Emperor Constantius. Holy Martyr Acacius.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	8 May	<i>Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian. Venerable Father Arsenius the Great!</i>
<b>(Chapel)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Dorothy Byers – St. Benedict’s Auxiliary</b>
Wednesday	9 May	<i>Leave-taking of Pascha. Holy Prophet Isaiah. Holy Martyr Christopher. Translation of the relics of our Holy Father Nicholas to Bari.</i>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>+Helen Sekula – Barbara Dufalla</b>
Thursday	10 May	<i>ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, AND GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. (Holy Day of Obligation).</i>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>+Elizabeth Zombar – George &amp; Joan Bernard</b>
Friday	11 May	<i>Postfestive Day of the Ascension. Holy Priest-Martyr Mocius. Our Holy Fathers Cyril and Methodius, Apostles of the Slavs. Holy Father Basil (Hopko), Bishop of Midila.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	12 May	<i>Postfestive Day of the Ascension. Holy Fathers Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus and Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople.</i>
<b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Mother’s Day Remembrance</b>
Sunday	13 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST NICEAN COUNCIL. Postfestive Day of the Ascension. Holy Martyr Glyceria.</i>
	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Mother’s Day Remembrance</b> <b>Mother’s Day Remembrance</b>

MOTHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE

*Please remember the following at our Parish’s Mother Day Remembrance*

_____	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, 6 MAY 2018\***



## *Attentive to the Word* *Sunday of the Man Born Blind*

*Jn: 9: 1 - 38*

*Pgs. 189 - 191*

### **BLINDNESS OF THE HEART**

A Fellow by the name of Tim Bruster tells a powerful story about a mom who took her children to a crowded restaurant one day. Her six-year-old son asked if he could say the grace. He prayed: "God is great and God is good, Let us thank him for the food, and God I would thank you even more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!" Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, the woman at the very next table growled loudly: "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. The very idea... asking God for ice cream! Why I never."

Hearing this, the little six-year-old boy burst into tears and he asked his mother: "Did I do it wrong? I'm sorry. Is God mad at me?" The little boy's mother pulled him over into her lap. She hugged him tightly and assured him that he had done a terrific job with his prayer and God was certainly not mad at him. Just then an elderly gentleman walked over to the table. He winked at the little boy and he said: "I know God really well. We visit every day and I happen to know that God loved your prayer. It may have been the best one He has heard all day." "Really?" the little boy asked.. "Cross my heart," said the man. Then he leaned over and whispered into the little boy's ear. Pointing at the woman at the next table who had made the remark that started the whole thing, he said: "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, the mom ordered ice cream for her kids at the end of the meal. The little six-year-old boy stared at his for a moment and then he did something that no one in that restaurant that day will ever forget. He picked up his sundae and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman at the next table. With a big smile he said to her: "Here, this

is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes and my soul is good already!' The people in the restaurant applauded and somewhere in heaven Jesus was smiling... because that little boy had already learned how to look at others with the eyes of sacrificial love. *Sight (true sight) is always a matter of the heart... not the eyes.*

Jesus cured the man of his blindness...He can cure us of the "blindness" of our hearts, if we let Him.



### **ASCENSION THURSDAY**



This holy day is celebrated on the fortieth day after the Resurrection of Christ, on the Thursday of the sixth week of Pascha.

The Church's celebration of the ascension, as all such festal celebrations, is not merely the remembrance of an event in Christ's life. Indeed, the ascension itself is not to be understood as though it were simply the supernatural event of a man floating up and away into the skies. The Holy Scripture stresses Christ's *physical departure* and His *glorification with God the Father*, together with the great joy which His disciples had as they received the *promise of the Holy Spirit* who was to come to assure the Lord's presence with them, enabling them to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. (Luke 24:48-53; Acts 1:8-11; Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:16-19)

In the Church the believers in Christ celebrate these very same realities with the conviction that it is for them and for all people that Christ's departure from this world has taken place. The Lord leaves in order to be glorified with God the Father and to glorify us with himself. He goes in order to "prepare a place" for us, and to take us also into the blessedness of God's presence. He goes in order to send the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father, to bear witness to Him and His gospel in the world, by making Him powerfully present in the lives of His disciples.