

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 11 AM – 2:30 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.

(continuation of Gospel reflection)

What is it that makes you blush and be ashamed? Is it the pornographic images in print and on screen, or the words of the Holy Book: *“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things”* (Phil. 4:8)?

What is it that makes you blush? Some of us in this perverted time find it impossible to blush or be ashamed at anything anymore except our faith. How about you? Would it make you blush if people found out you were a Christian? The people you work with, the people you party with, the people you go to school with? Would it embarrass you if people found out you were a follower of Jesus? *“If any man is ashamed of Me and my words in this adulterous generation, of him will the Son also be ashamed.”*

By Fr. John Duranko

E.C.F. BEGINNING CLASSES ...

Religion Classes for our young people will begin Sunday, September 23rd with a blessing of our children and Catechists. Classes for K through 12 will meet from 9:45 to 10:45 AM. *All Children, even if they attend a Catholic school, should be enrolled and attend classes here on Sunday mornings.* If you have not registered yet, please do so A.S.A.P. Extra registration forms are in the bulletin rack at the Belvedere entrance. The success of our program depends upon the cooperation and support of all of us. Our children are the future of our parish and our Church. We are looking forward to a good year, helping your children to grow in their faith.

TRUMBULL COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is a well-known pro-life prayer gathering of local churches held each year on the first Sunday in October. SS. Peter and Paul parish always takes part (on an individual basis) in this silent prayer gathering. The gathering takes place on Elm Road (exact location and time is posted on the bulletin board in the Social Hall).



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 9 September:

5:00 PM: **71**; 9:00 AM: **39**; 11:00 AM: **66**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,711.60



- **Sat. Sept. 15** Carpatho-Rusyn Vatra (Picnic) – Infant of Prague Church grounds – 7754 South Ave. Boardman, OH. Noon to ???
- **Sat. & Sun. Sept. 15 & 16** Coffee and Donuts after all the Divine Liturgies. Come and chat with your friends and meet new ones.
- **Mon. Sept. 17** Important Meeting of St. Benedict’s Auxiliary – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Paper nominations for board members. Dice Game – Bring a small wrapped gift(s) and invite a potential member.
- **Mon. Sept. 24** Church Cleaning Party – 9:00 Am to Noon.



BINGO CARD PARTY & RAFFLE (Sponsored by Ladies Guild)



You have been looking forward to this since last April!
 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Sunday, October 7, 2018.
 SS. Peter and Paul Social Hall
 \$6.00 donation (includes one bingo card, eligibility to win door prizes, a delicious box lunch and an afternoon of fun and camaraderie). Now where else can you get all of that for \$6.00???

RAFFLE: First Prize – 2 INSTANT LOTTERY SCARECROWS

(Fun with scratch-offs – Plus 2 house or yard decorations)

Second Prize - \$100.00 cash

Tickets will be sold this in the Social Hall after the Divine Liturgies, or you may call Eleanor at 330-856-4044. We have had to turn people away, so get your tickets early to ensure a seat!



ARCHEPARCHY OF PITTSBURGH ASSEMBLY 2018

Concern for our Future: Renew, Revitalize, Rejuvenate
 September 16 – 18, 2018

Each Parish in our Eparchy is to send 2 representatives to this Assembly. Our representatives are Mary Beth Byers and Tim Byers. Father Simeon will also attend. We would like them to take your concerns and ideas regarding the future of our Byzantine Church, in the 3 areas mentioned above. They will be discussing ways to renew, revitalize and rejuvenate through education, social ministry & outreach. They will report back to us with the plan of action arrived at, that we are to implement in the parishes.

16 SEPTEMBER 2018
 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	16 September	<i>SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. The Holy Great Martyr Euphemia.</i> (Vigil Liturgy) 5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM +John Prokop – sister, Kathleen Fetcenko +Harry Reynolds – M/M Michael Johnson +Margaret Gnat – Children of Margaret Gnat
Monday	17 September	<i>Postfestive Day of the Exaltation of the Cross. The Holy Martyr Sophia and her three children, Faith, Hope and Charity.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	18 September	<i>Postfestive Day of the Exaltation of the Cross. Venerable Father Eumenius the Wonder-worker, Bishop of Gortyna.</i> No Divine Liturgy – attending Assembly 2018
Wednesday	19 September	<i>Postfestive day of the Exaltation of the Cross. Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius and Dorymedont.</i> (Chapel) 8:30 AM +Lisa Yannucci – Benedictine Sister & Oblates
Thursday	20 September	<i>Postfestive Day of the Exaltation of the Cross. Holy Martyr Eustace and His Companions. Holy Martyrs and Confessors, the Great Prince Michael and his Counsellor Theodore, Wonder-workers of Chernigov.</i> (Chapel) 8:30 AM +James Danko (40th da.) – sisters Rosemary, Kathy & Judy
Friday	21 September	<i>Leave-taking of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Holy Apostle Codratus of Magnesia.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	22 September	<i>Holy Martyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope. Holy Prophet Jonah. Venerable Father Jonah the Priest, Father of Theophane the Artist.</i> 5:00 PM +Wilma Taylor (40th day) – Anthony Demaiolo
Sunday	16 September	<i>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Conception of the Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.</i> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Intention of the Rosary Society Members +Fio Nuzzi – Janice & Mike



Attentive to the Word
Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mk. 8: 34 – 9:1

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In the Gospel reading after the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross, Jesus said: “If any man is ashamed of Me and my works in this adulterous generation, of him will the Son also be ashamed...” (Mk. 8:38).

What it is that makes you blush? The answer for many of us is, “*Not very much anymore. We’ve seen it all. Nothing shocks us. Nothing seems to be hidden or forbidden or even looked down upon anymore.*” When Elvis first appeared on television on the Ed Sullivan show, the cameras would only show him from the shoulders up. Compare that with MTV, where little is left to the imagination. When Clark Gable uttered a mild oath in “Gone With the Wind,” it was a nationwide sensation. Today obscenities spew forth from our televisions. Little children use words that would make sailors blush. When film star Ingrid Bergman abandoned her husband to live with Roberto Rossellini, her film career in this country plummeted. *Today, such behavior would not cause a ripple.*

What is it that makes you blush? Part of the problem is that we no longer have models of morality to inspire us. The philosopher Frederick Nietzsche once summed up morals and ethics in the question *Who are your heroes?* There aren’t very many heroes of morality around anymore. As Mark Twain said, “*It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare.*”

“*That’s the media’s fault,*” you say, “*They take our heroes apart. They show them, warts and all. We no longer have fantasies about the existence of nearly perfect people. If our father and mother had known everything there was to know about their heroes, they would have been disillusioned, too.*” Well, yes and no.

Will Rogers, at one time, was the most popular and the highest paid entertainer in this country, perhaps in all the world. He was so popular that George M. Cohan produced a Broadway version of **Ah Wilderness**, a part was written just for Rogers - to take advantage of his popularity. The play was a smashing success. Mysteriously, though, in about the fifth week, the play suddenly closed down. Some faint excuse was given that Rogers was too busy with his film career and other responsibilities. Friends knew better. Rogers still had time for many other things that he wanted to do. Sometime later the truth came out about why **Ah Wilderness** closed that fifth week.

Will’s longtime friend Eddie Cantor explained what happened. He writes, “Will received a letter from a clergyman. Here is what the clergyman said: (Now remember that this is a **different** generation.) “Relying on you to give the public nothing that could bring the blush of shame to the cheeks of a Christian, I attended your performance with my 14-year daughter, but was deeply embarrassed when you did the scene in which the father lectures to son on the subject of his relations with an immoral woman. I took by daughter by the hand and we left the theater. I have not been able to look her in the eye since.”

Rogers saw nothing wrong with the part he was playing in **Ah Wilderness**. He never would have done the play if he’d seen something objectionable about it. But it bothered him deeply that a family could not sit through a performance of that play without embarrassment. And so Will Rogers closed down his very successful play rather than cause offense.

Certainly we live in a time of moral confusion. In the book “The Day America Told the Truth - What People Believe About Everything That Really Matters,” the authors did a survey in which they asked people about their real views on life. They discovered that in this time of moral uncertainty, people are fashioning their own moral codes.

For example, according to this survey only 13 percent of people today believe in **all** Ten Commandments. Nine out of ten people in this country **lie** regularly. One-third of all married Americans have been **unfaithful** to their spouses. One-fifth of American children have **lost** their virginity by the age of 13. Seven percent of Americans would **kill** a stranger, if enough money were offered! What are we to say about such a land?

There was an article recently about a very affluent stockbroker who was arrested in New York City for putting slugs in parking meters rather than coins. Perhaps it was his pitiful little rebellion against the straight life. Maybe it was a statement of arrogance. Maybe it was the conviction that he was above the law, that he had gotten so used to making his own rules that even when it didn’t matter, he cheated. What are we to say or do about such a society?

A group of mothers in Kenosha, Wisconsin, wrote an alternative health curriculum for their school stressing biblical morals. The plan calls marriage a real commitment. It urges youngsters to prepare to forgive daily and always to speak proudly and lovingly of their mate in public when they are married. The school board voted the curriculum down. What are we to say about such a society in which there are no longer any fixed and accepted rules?

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