

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.

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).

42nd ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION

Sunday, October 7th @ St Michael's Byzantine Catholic Center, 2140 Highland Road Hermitage, PA. Admission, lunch and free tear sheet - \$5.00. Doors open at 1:00 PM. Drawing starts @ 2:15 PM. Let's show our support for our Byzantine Catholic brothers & sisters at St Michael's, Hermitage, PA.

CONCERT – TODAY

The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir is celebrating their 20th anniversary with a concert at St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church, 463 Robinson Road, Campbell, OH. The concert will begin at 3:00 PM followed by refreshments. (A nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon!)

COVERED DISH & CRAFT AUCTION

St. Benedict's Auxiliary Covered Dish & Craft Auction, Monday, 15 October at 5:30 PM in the Social Hall. **Parishioners and friends are invited**, but *we do need reservations for the dinner*. **Please call 330-770-1100** with the number of people attending, **before Thursday, Oct 11th** ... a good opportunity to purchase beautiful gifts for Christmas or for your home.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 16 September:

5:00 PM: **61**; 9:00 AM: **44**; 11:00 AM: **75**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,921.00



- **Sun. Sept. 30** Classes for K through 12 will meet from 9:55 to 10:45 AM. *All Children, even if they attend a Catholic school, should be enrolled and attend classes here on Sunday mornings.* 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.
- **Wed. Oct. 3** St. Vincent de Paul Food Program – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



BINGO CARD PARTY & RAFFLE (Sponsored by Ladies Guild)

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Sunday, October 7, 2018.

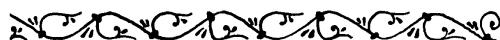
SS. Peter and Paul Social Hall

\$6.00 donation (includes one bingo card, eligibility to win door prizes, a delicious box lunch and an afternoon of fun).



RAFFLE: First Prize – 2 INSTANT LOTTERY SCARECROWS
Second Prize - \$100.00 cash

Tickets will be sold 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!



THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH & OUR CHURCH IS IN YOUR HANDS!!!

That is what the Assembly 2018 is about. Our Byzantine Church and our parish, in particular, are not going to survive unless we do something now. There is an important meeting in the Social Hall after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy today.

Mary Beth Byers and Tim Byers were the representatives at the Assembly 2018 for our Parish. They will share the input received from the parishes in our Eparchy, and present the Plan of Action prepared for our parish. If we are not interested in our future and choose to do nothing, the projection for our survival is about 12 to 15 years. **Please, at least come to the meeting, listen, pray and become involved in whatever way you are able.** Our future is in your hands!

30 SEPTEMBER 2018

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	30 September	<i>NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Gregory, Bishop of Armenia.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Mildred Syrko – St. Benedict’s Auxiliary +Gloria, +Joseph & +Michael Uhlin – Kim Uhlin +Patricia Harper – Paul J. Sutyak
Monday	1 October	<i>PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY. Holy Apostle Ananias. Venerable Father Romanos the Hymnographer.</i>
(PP)	6:00 PM	Intention of Sr. Marion Dobos – Benedictine Sisters
Tuesday	2 October	<i>Holy Bishop-Martyr Cyprian. Holy Martyr Justina. Holy Andrew, Fool for Christ.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+John & +Josephine Wargo – daughter, Elizabeth
Wednesday	3 October	<i>Holy Bishop and Martyr Denis the Areopagite.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	4 October	<i>Holy Martyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens. Venerable Father Francis of Assisi.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Mary Minarish – daughter, Karen Meehan
Friday	5 October	<i>The Holy Martyr Charitina.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	6 October	<i>The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas.</i>
	5:00 PM	Intention of Dianna Koza – John J. Koza, III
Sunday	7 October	<i>TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Ann Simko – Trudy Vasco +Julia Pater – George & Donna Bodajlo



Attentive to the Word Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lk. 6: 31 - 36

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One of the most fascinating churchman in recent times was the late Pope John XXIII. He was Pope from 1958 to 1963. He has recently been elevated to sainthood by the Catholic Church. He is probably best known as the Pope who called for the Second Vatican Council to take place. Some people see Vatican II as the ruination of the church with all of the changes in liturgy or policy. Others see it as the open window of the fresh air of the Holy Spirit in a rigid, closed church at the time. Regardless of how you see Vatican II, Saint John XIII was a colorful, pastoral and holy man.

He had a marvelous quick wit and a sense of humor. He was the first pope to consent to a modern television interview. The television interviewer went to Vatican City and was so taken back about the size of St. Peter's Basilica, the various congregations, buildings, gardens and the sprawling expanse of Vatican City State he asked the Pope, "Holy Father with all of this at that Vatican how many people work here?" He paused a minute and with a big smile replied, "About half of them."

A great book to give you an insight into the heart and mind of this man is, "*Journal of a Soul*." Saint John XXIII said that the two greatest gifts God gave to us are our heads and our hearts. With our heads we learn; with our hearts, we love. He begged us to learn and to love to the utmost of our ability. Both are important. He said that people of this world need all the love we can give them.

Saint John XXIII was known for his love. He loved not only Catholics but all the peoples of the world. He turned former antagonists of the Church into friends. He did this with love and respect. He opened our hearts and minds to have an ecumenical spirit with those who do not believe the same way as we do.

Today's Gospel tells us the love we should have - not only for friends who love us - but even for our enemies. We can turn enemies into friends with genuine love. Our Lord said: "To you who hear Me, I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you -

Do to others what you would have them do to you. "If Christians would live according to these words of Christ, the world would be a much better place in which to live. We need to build bridges between people instead of walls. Bridges of love,

understanding, and good will join people. Hatred, anger, revenge, any prejudice build walls that destroy friendship and understanding.

No one who bears the name of Christian can deny that the essence of Christianity and the teaching of Christ is his law of love. It must be love in practice... not just theory. Some people are like the child who prayed: "O Lord. I give you all that I am and all that I have." He read this out of his prayer book. Then, realizing what this meant, he hurriedly added: "...that is, all except my little white rabbit." We all have little white rabbits in some way stashed away in our minds and hearts. We love, but up to a point. When it means to sacrifice... like loving those who do not love us or those who are downright mean... the little white rabbit comes in,... "all except..." and we fill in the blank.

But Jesus made no exception. He loved everyone --- the old, young, poor, rich, sinner, saint, friends, different races and even enemies of his people. We must learn from Him and make no exceptions in our lives.



OCTOBER 1 - THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS



From time immemorial, the Church has celebrated the Most-holy Theotokos as the patroness and protectress of the Christian people, who, by her intercessory prayers, implores God's mercy for us sinners.

The Mother of God appeared several times after she left this earth. One of these times occurred in the 10th century in the Blachernae Church in Constantinople, in which were preserved her robe, veil and part of her belt. During the Vigil at 4 a.m., the Saints Andrew and Epiphanius saw a majestic woman walking toward the ambo (the area before the altar). She was not alone. St. John the Baptist, St. John the Theologian, and other saints and choirs of angels were escorting her. On reaching the center of the church, the Mother of God knelt down and prayed for a long time. She prayed so fervently that her face was bathed in tears. Then, she stood up and went before the altar table, where she again prayed. Then she removed the veil over her head. It shone like lightning. She held it high, stretched over her arms, in a gesture of prayer of intercession for those present in the church and on us.

As a result, this commemoration on October 1 was instituted to remind us both of this event, and of the Mother of God's constant protection, whenever we prayerfully seek that protection, that shelter, in distress.