

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

*Thank  
You*

...to parishioner, Ron Mosko, who very generously contributed towards our new hymn booklets. Thank you Ron!

## WORDS OF WISDOM

EVERY JOB IS A SELF-PORTRAIT OF THE PERSON WHO DOES IT.

AUTOGRAPH YOUR WORK WITH EXCELLENCE.

(“Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all.”)

Proverbs 31:29

THE ART OF BEING WISE IS THE ART OF KNOWING WHAT TO OVERLOOK.

(“A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.”)

Proverbs 19:11

THE MOST WASTED OF ALL DAYS IS THAT ON WHICH ONE HAS NOT LAUGHED.

(“A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.”)

Proverbs 15:13

## 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 Aug. 3:**

5:00 PM: **78**; 9:00 AM: **42** 11:00 AM: **51**

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . \$3,274.60**



- **Tues. Aug. 13** Important Parish Guild Mtg. in Social Hall at 7:00 PM.
- **Thurs. Aug. 15 Holy Day of Obligation.** Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. Blessing of flowers at the Vigil Liturgy and on the Feast Day.
- **Sun. Aug. 18** Parish Picnic in Social Hall after 11:00 Liturgy. More information later.



The Feast of the Dormition (falling asleep) of the Blessed Mother and her Assumption body and soul into heaven is celebrated on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The Dormition Fast, to help us prepare for this Feast, is from August 1 – 14. Our Church recommends abstinence from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays during this period of preparation.



#### PARISH PICNIC

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Our Annual Parish Picnic is **Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** approximately **12:15 PM in the Social Hall**. You know the procedure! *The Parish provides the meats and beverages. You bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share with your parish family.* Plan to have a fun afternoon with your fellow parishioners. Last year we had a wonderful time! We hope to see all of you there! **Please put your name on the list if you plan to attend, so that we can plan for the purchase of food and supplies.**

P.S. Don't forget your quarters! "The wheel" is waiting!  
And...please **remember to sign up!**

#### SUMMER FESTIVAL:

**35<sup>th</sup> Warren Italian Heritage Festival – August 8 – 11**  
**Courthouse Square – Downtown Warren**

Entertainment, Exhibits, Games, Pageants, Wine-tasting Competition, Contests, Parade, Fireworks and much more. Italian Outdoor Mass – 9:30 AM August 11<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.warrenitalianfestival.com](http://www.warrenitalianfestival.com) for schedules and more information.

#### AUGUST 11, 2019 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	11 August	<i>NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Postfestive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr Euplus.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Lucy Prokop – Sylvia Hoso &amp; Family</b> <b>Prayer Intention of Rosary Society Members</b> <b>+Helen Sekula – M/M Michael Rubesich</b>
Monday	12 August	<i>The Holy Martyrs Photius and Anicetus.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	13 August	<i>Leave-Taking of the Feast of the Transfiguration. Our Venerable Father Maximos the Confessor.</i>
(Chapel)	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Sandra Slyk – Austintown Glenwood Cycle</b>
Wednesday	14 August	<i>Prefestive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Prophet Micah. Translation of the Relics of our Father Theodosius, Hegumen of the Pecherskaja Lavra.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>+Dorothy Byers – Paul &amp; Nancy Danko</b>
Thursday	15 August	<i>THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY, THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.</i>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>+Frank Hoso, Jr. – Wiley Byers</b>
Friday	16 August	<i>Postfestive Day of the Dormition. Translation of the Icon of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, the icon not made by human hands, from Edessa to Constantinople (944). The Holy Martyr Diomedes.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	17 August	<i>Postfestive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Myron.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Mildred Syrko - Family</b>
Sunday	18 August	<i>TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Postfestive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyrs Florus and Laurus.</i>
	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Andrew Greskovich, Sr. – Bill &amp; Judy Danko</b> <b>+Ken &amp; +Ann Tisher – Ron Mosko</b>



## Attentive to the Word

### NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Matt. 14: 22 – 34*

*All from Feast of Transfiguration Pgs. 346 – 351 except  
for Troparion from Tone 8 Pg. 161*



We all have natural reflexes. We jump when we are startled. We try to grab onto something if we are falling, or duck out of the way when something is flying toward us. Without stopping and thinking about it, we just do it.

What about inner reflexes? When suddenly faced with a tough situation, what's your first reaction? Is it to turn inward and panic? Or is it to run to the Lord for help and wisdom? Moses was faced with the Israelites' complaints as they grew tired of their daily supply of manna. Moses' frustration was quite understandable. Here God was providing for them miraculously, and they still weren't satisfied. So what was Moses' reflex action? To turn to the Lord for help.

In a similar way, when Peter stepped out of the boat and began walking toward Jesus, he was faced with swirling, violent waters. Beginning to sink, he immediately cried to Jesus for help – and he was saved. How are your spiritual reflexes? Do you call out: "Lord, save me!" when a storm hits? Or do you focus all your attention on the problem and try to fix everything yourself?

Jesus wants us to get in the habit of turning to him first so that he can calm the storm swirling within us before we address whatever storms are swirling around us. Sometimes it may seem illogical. Sometimes it may feel as if we're going against our gut instincts. But in many situations, the best thing we can do first is calm down, pray, and seek his presence.

Jesus wants to save us in every situation. When you struggle with a relationship, you can turn to him for the compassion you need. When you are deciding which course of action to pursue, you can ask him for perspective. When you are facing an illness or physical limitation, you can seek his healing power even as you pursue medical treatment. Jesus is ready to meet you anytime, anywhere, about anything you face. "Lord, I trust in your unfailing love. Teach me to run to you first and foremost."

## DORMITION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY

The celebration of Mary's passage into heaven at the end of her life has been celebrated in the Church of Rome since the 7th century, and in the Eastern Churches even before that! There is no direct Biblical description of this event, and the imagery we use is taken from one of the apocryphal gospels. These sources describe the event this way. Before Mary's death, by God's miraculous intervention, the Apostles were all gathered to her bedside, except Thomas. After her burial, near the Mt. of Olives, Thomas finally arrived. He asked to see her mortal remains. Upon opening the tomb they found a profusion of flowers inside and the body gone. As they returned to Jerusalem, the story says they heard singing and – looking back over their shoulders – they saw her in the sky being lifted up into heaven.

The story is theologically rich, and says more about the Church perhaps than it does about Saint Mary herself. If we celebrate Pentecost as the birthday of the Church, this present festival tells us about the "ascension" of the Church, how it moves in each of us – you and me – into the realm of heaven. The presence of the twelve apostles and their involvement in the funeral of the Virgin is symbolic of the ministry of the Church in ferrying her children from this world to the next. The understanding of an event, which must have happened in the personal life of Saint Mary (that she passed away!) has become a way of understanding the destiny of the Church and each of its members. In the Byzantine Church we bless flowers on this festival, not simply because they were found in the tomb of the Virgin, but because they are the seeds of next year's plantings. What we see in any bloom now is the seed of another one to come, and therefore a strong symbol of resurrection.

Excerpted from Msgr. George Appleyard

## BLESSING OF FLOWERS



**The Feast of Dormition of the Mother of God is a Major Feast in our Church.** On this Feast, we bless flowers to offer thanks for God's gifts and to see that, in their fullness, all these gifts offer newness of life. These blessed flowers are then taken home, to remind us of the constant presence of God in our lives. Don't forget to bring some flowers/herbs for blessing, when you come for Divine Liturgy.