

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.

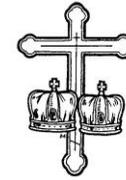
Parish Membership: We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish. Only those who are registered are considered members of the Parish. When one registers to become a parish member they assume the responsibility of rendering stewardship of time, talent and treasure to this parish 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.



CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES



Our Parish Family extends its congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Lisa James and Jeremy Shane**, who were united in Holy Matrimony on May 10th. *May God grant Lisa and Jeremy peace, health and happiness for many years!*

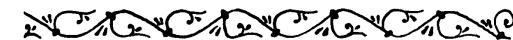


REMEMBERING THE HOMEBOUND:

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!

JUST A REMINDER:

Please help us to keep our church clean and in good order by not leaving bulletins or song sheets on the pews themselves. You are encouraged to take the Sunday bulletin home with you and/or share it with someone else. If you are not going to take the bulletins with you, kindly return them to the racks from which you picked them up.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of May 12:

5:00 PM: 77; 9:00 AM: 45; 11:00 AM: 60

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,416.70



- **Sun. May 19** Meeting of Oblates of St. Benedict - 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Monastery. Please ring #301.
- **Mon. May 20** Church Cleaning Party 9:00 AM - Noon. We can use your help!
- **Thurs. May 30** Major Holy Day - Ascension of our Lord.
- **Wed. June 5** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.



TRASH TO TREASURE SALE

Saturday, June 8, 2019, from 8 AM – 3 PM in SS. Peter & Paul Social Hall and Parking Lot. You are invited to rent table spaces at \$20.00 per table or parking lot spaces at \$10.00 per space to sell your superfluous items. You are responsible for the set-up, pricing, sale and removal of your items. Doors will be open Friday, June 7, from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM and from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM to enable you to “Set-up.” All vendors are expected to be at their tables or outdoor spaces by 7:45 AM on Saturday, June 8, and remain open for business until 3:00 PM (unless you are “sold out”). Registration blanks are available in the Social Hall.

Please call Elaine at 330-770-1100 if you need clarification or have any further questions. **Remember: Spaces are limited and are reserved on a first come – first serve basis. So, get your reservations and payment in early! Deadline is Sunday, June 2.**



Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

MAY 19, 2019

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	19 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN. Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Martyr Patrick, Bishop of Prusa and His Companions.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Frank Hoso, Jr. – Hoso Family +Harry Reynolds – Mr. & Mrs. Mick Johnson +Brian Koehn – Mom & Mike
Monday	20 May	<i>Postfestive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Martyr Thaleleus.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	21 May	<i>Postfestive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Emperor Constantine and His Mother Helen, Equals to the Apostles.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	22 May	<i>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Martyr Basiliscus. The Holy and Righteous Melchisedek, King of Salem. Commemoration of the Second Ecumenical Council of Constantinople, 381. Our Holy Mother Rita of Cascia.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	23 May	<i>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Michael, Bishop of Synnada. The Venerable Euphrosyne, Hegumena of the Monastery of our Holy Savior in Polotsk.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday	24 May	<i>Our Venerable Father Simeon of the Wondrous Mountain. Our Venerable Father Nicetas the Stylite, Wonder-worker of Perejaslav.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday (Vigil Liturgy)	25 May 5:00 PM	<i>Feast of the Third Finding of the Head of St. John the Baptist.</i> +Wilma Taylor – Duane & Janet Ulery
Sunday	26 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND. The Holy Apostle Carpus, One of the Seventy. Our Holy Father Augustine of Canterbury, Enlightener of England.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Emory Holowatch – Anne Myers +Ann Closson – daughter, Sandy



Attentive to the Word
SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN
John 4: 5 – 42
Follow Directions on Pages 186 – 188

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In the Eastern Catholic Church we are already at the 5th Sunday of Easter, the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. We continue our Readings from Acts (11:19-30) for our first Scripture Reading during the Liturgy.

The spread of Christianity to the entire world followed three progressive steps. First, Philip preached the Good News to the Samaritans, who were considered “half Jews.” Next, Peter preached to a Roman household to which he had been invited. Finally, Christians in Antioch took the initiative and reached out directly to the Gentiles in the city. So, Antioch became the place where Jesus’ followers not only received the name “Christian” but also launched their missionary outreach to the entire world.

How comfortable are we bearing witness to Christianity in the presence of nonbelievers? How comfortable are we, for example, to tell (verbally or by our vote) a politician who changes from a pro-life position to a pro-choice/death position to be “politically correct” that this is wrong? How comfortable are we in defending the good name of another person when everyone is tearing it down? These things are not easy but the example of the early Church in Acts shows us that because of our Baptism we are called to proclaim Jesus everywhere!

The Gospel from St. John (4:5-42) is the classic encounter of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman. When He asked her for a drink of water, a remarkable dialogue began. Jesus assured the woman that He could give a water that banished thirst forever. Intrigued, she asked for some of it, and learned that He, Jesus, was the Living Water that springs up to eternal life.

Since the beginning of time, people have experienced a thirst for God. The great St. Augustine explained it this way: “*Our hearts are made for God, and they will not rest, until they rest in God.*” The sad thing about our life today is that we are trying to satisfy our spiritual thirst with something other than God. Just look over the advertisements in our newspapers and see what we “need” to survive on a daily basis - from the right kind of cologne, stylish shoes, attractive shirt, correct car to taking the best cruise ship!

Our society is trying to satisfy spiritual thirst with material things and it is like trying to satisfy a physical thirst with salt water! The more we drink, the thirstier we get. The reality is that it does not work this way. There is a restlessness in our lives that only Jesus can satisfy.

Jesus, and Jesus alone, can satisfy the thirst in our hearts. Jesus, and Jesus alone, can fill the void in our lives. Jesus, and Jesus alone, can calm the restlessness in our lives. Yet, why do we keep on trying other persons and things? “*Our hearts are made for God, and they will not rest, until they rest in God.*”



LORD, bless all the members of our Parish family
Help us bring together the wisdom of age – the
Enthusiasm of youth – the suffering of our sick – the
Talents of all to continue the work of the Church
And lead us all to eternal happiness. Amen.

