

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.

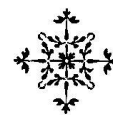
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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.

ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servant +**Harry Bobco, Jr.** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



BINGO PARTY & RAFFLE (Sponsored by Parish Guild)



You have been looking forward to this since last April!

Sunday, September 29, 2019.

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

SS. Peter and Paul Social Hall

\$8.00 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 \$8.00???

RAFFLE: First Prize – FALL LOTTERY DISPLAY

(\$100 worth of Scratch-Offs)

Second Prize - \$100 CASH

Tickets will be sold this weekend. Get your tickets early to ensure a seat!

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 **Sunday, October 6th, from 2:30 – 3:30 PM**. It will be held on the sidewalk along Elm Road between Warren Plaza and Harding High School. "Let us invest one hour to save a lifetime."

ST JOHN'S FEST – (2220 Reeves Rd. Warren, OH)

Saturday, September 21, 2019 – 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT; FOOD & BAKE SALE;

VENDORS & GIFTS; CHURCH TOURS

Free Parking & Admission

Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of Sept. 14:

5:00 PM: **73**; 9:00 AM: **38**; 11:00 AM: **57**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . \$2,999.00



SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Mon. Sept. 23** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. We can use your help!
- **Sun. Sept. 29** Bingo Party 1 PM – 4 PM in Social Hall. Hope to see all of you there! *Get your tickets early to insure a seat!*
- **Sun. Sept. 29** Documentary Film “The Resurrection of a Nation” – 1:30 PM at Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH. More information on bulletin board in Social Hall.
- **Weds. Oct. 2** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Tues. Oct. 8** Parish Guild Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall. Please bring a small wrapped gift for the “dice” game.



E.C.F. BEGINNING CLASSES ...

Religion Classes for our young people will begin Sunday, October 6th with a blessing of our children and Catechists. Classes for K through 12 will meet from 10:00 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.



43RD ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION

ST. MICHAEL’S CENTER

2140 Highland Road Hermitage, PA

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 6TH

ADMISSION - \$5.00 (includes lunch + 1 free tear sheet)

Tear Sheets – 7 for \$5.00

DOORS OPEN 1:00 PM DRAWING AT 2:15 PM

Sunday	22 September	<i>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope. The Holy Prophet Jonah.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Pauline & +Frank Hosos, Sr. – Raymond Bishop +Edward Miller – Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cabosky +Robert Shafer, Sr. – Hosos Family
Monday	23 September	<i>The Conception of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	24 September	<i>The Holy Martyr, First Among Women, and Equal to the Apostles, Thecla.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Bill Shuttic - Friends
Wednesday	25 September	<i>Our Venerable Mother Euphrosyna. Synaxis of the Holy Fathers of the Pecherskaya Lavra who repose near the Venerable Anthony.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Elizabeth Petrigalla – Betty & Macala Blake
Thursday	26 September	<i>The Falling Asleep of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian. Our Holy Father Paul VI, Pope of Rome.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday	27 September	<i>The Holy Martyr Callistratus and His Companions. Our Venerable Father Nilus, Founder and Hegumen of the Grottaferrata Monastery. Our Holy Father Vincent de Paul.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	28 September	<i>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton. Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs. The Holy Prophet Baruch. The Passing of our Blessed Father and Confessor Bishop Nicetas Budka (1949).</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Dorothy Byers – Hosos Family
Sunday	29 September	<i>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Millie Simko – Marjorie Reynolds +Fio Nuzzi – Janice & Mike



Attentive to the Word

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 5: 1 - 11

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Simon Peter turns from a hearer to a doer. Imagine his boat serving as a primitive church. He and his fellows had just returned from an exhausting night's fishing. They are not just weary; they are a bit discouraged. As he listens to Jesus explaining the wonders of God and a world that is hidden from ordinary eyes, suddenly the Lord turns to him and says that He would like Simon to go back out into the sea. There are fish out there that he missed catching. Was it a test? Quite! Impulsive Simon Peter must have thought: What can He teach me about fishing, I who had been doing this all my life? Besides, he wanted only to be lulled by comforting words about God, not ordered to return to the sea.

It explains something about Jesus. His sermon was a show and tell lesson. He told Simon what He expected, and when the disciple obeyed, then He showed him where the fish were. Our Lord is the God who acts, and He does so through us. True Christianity is not for spectators. The world is a field, we are in a contest, and every one of us is a player.

Then Simon Peter says: Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord! At another occasion he was not averse to rebuking Jesus (Matt. 16:23). Here he realizes that this Teacher is no ordinary human being. His Lord is of one essence with the Lord Almighty. Here is a moment in his lifetime that he will never forget. May each of us have some-thing similar happen to us in our days on this earth.

To understand what happened to Peter that day is to grasp the essential difference between true, or Byzantine Christianity and all other varieties. At first, Peter loved, honored, and was ready to obey Jesus. He saw Him as a special human being, which many Christians and even non-Christians would agree with.

But until the net of Christ's true nature caught him, recognizing God at work in Him, he was only an admirer. In time Peter would understand much more about Christ; but at the moment he saw God in Him. The Byzantine Church never tires of explaining the inexplicable mystery - Jesus Christ is the only-begotten, unique Son of God, true God of true God, as the Creed proclaims. God alone is capable of saving us from sin and death. Because Christ is God, it is not only possible. Salvation has become the supreme goal of our lives.

By Fr. Vladimir Berzonsky



If Christ stood in front of us offering His outstretched hands for us to take hold of, could we offer Him our own – palms upward and open – or would they be clutching tightly to whatever we can't leave? **THE CHOICE IS OURS.**

I counted all my dollars while God counted crosses;

I counted gains while he counted losses;

I counted my worth by the things gained in store,

But He sized me up by the scars that I bore.

I coveted honors and sought for degrees;

He wept as He counted the hours on my knees.

I never knew till one day by a grave

How vain are the things that we spend life to save.

I did not know till a friend went above

That richest is he who is rich in God's love.

Author unknown