

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.

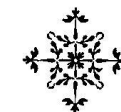
Parish Membership: We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of Saints Peter and Paul Parish. Only those who are registered are considered members of the Parish. When one registers to become a Parish Member, they assume the responsibility of rendering stewardship of time, talent and treasure to this 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 and Lisa Mosko are in the Parish office from 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PLEASE ENTER THE CENTER AISLE ONE ROW AT A TIME FROM EITHER SIDE. USE SOCIAL DISTANCING BY FORMING A SINGLE LINE WHERE THE "X'S" ARE MARKED. SEPARATE AT THE ICON TABLE TO FORM TWO LINES.



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servant +**Betty Vazur** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



- **Wed., Aug. 5** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- **Thurs., Aug. 6** Feast of Transfiguration of our Lord - 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy with Blessing of Fruit. Come and bring your fruit to be blessed.

PARISH PICNIC



Our Annual Parish Picnic is on **Sunday, August 16th**, approximately **12:15 PM in the Social Hall**. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, our usual picnic procedure will change. The picnic will be open to parishioners only. The parish will provide picnic foods for the picnic. **No other food may be brought in.** We will have both carry-out and dine-in as we did for our patronal feast. We will observe the mandates set by our governor for Trumbull County. Right now, masks and social distancing are mandatory. **Many games and the wheel will be eliminated due to necessary social distancing. However, we can play Bingo while social distancing, so you might want to come and try your luck. Please put your name on the list if you plan to attend, so that we can plan for the purchase of food and supplies. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Next year will be better!!!**



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of July 25:
5:00 PM: 45; 9:00 AM: 35; 11:00 AM: 31

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . \$2,387.25

A MEDICAL OPINION:

Germes and the Reception of Holy Communion...unto the Healing of soul and body

Contrary to popular opinion, wines and other beverages of antiquity produced through fermentation, were probably more important in providing disease-free drinking fluids than in their tendency to intoxicate. Ancient Greeks drank their water mixed with wine, and also used wine to cleanse wounds and soak dressings. More recently, military physicians of the last century observed that during epidemics of cholera, wine drinkers were relatively spared by the disease, and troops were advised to mix wine into the water.

Wine has been shown to be an effective antiseptic even when the alcohol is removed. In fact, 10% alcohol is a poor antiseptic, and alcohol only becomes optimally effective at concentrations of 70%. The antiseptic substances in wine are inactive in fresh grapes because these molecules are bound to complex sugars. During fermentation, these antiseptic substances are split off from the sugars and in this way become active. These molecules are polyphenol, a class of substances used in hospitals to disinfect surfaces and instruments. The polyphenol of wine has been shown to be some 33 times more powerful than the phenol used by Lister when he pioneered antiseptic surgery.

Same year wines can be diluted up to 10 times before beginning to show a decrease in their antiseptic effect. The better wines gradually improve with age over the first 10 years and can be diluted 20 times without a decrease of the antiseptic effect. This effect then remains more or less constant over the next 20 years and becomes equivalent to a new wine after another 25 years. (Modern antiseptics and antibiotics for disinfecting wounds have surpassed wine effectiveness because the active ingredients in wine are rapidly bound and inactivated by proteins in body tissues.)

In preparing communion, the hot water that is added to the wine will increase greatly the antiseptic effect of the polyphenol. Disinfection occurs more rapidly and more effectively at 45° centigrade than at room temperature (22-25°). Another contribution to the antiseptic effect comes from the silver, copper, and zinc that makes up the chalice itself, ensuring that microbes are unable to survive on its surface.

Throughout the centuries no disease has been transmitted by the taking of Holy Communion. Diseases, such as Influenza and Hepatitis B, known to be transmitted by shared eating utensils, have never been acquired from the communion spoon. HIV is known not to be transmitted through shared eating utensils and considering the antiseptic qualities of the Holy Communion received by the faithful, there is no likelihood of acquiring HIV infection through the Common Cup.

(By Edanual Kolyvas, M.D., Doctor of Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology)

AUGUST 2, 2020

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	2 Aug.	<i>NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Proto-Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen. Our Venerable Father Basil, Fool for Christ.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Sandra Bishop – Ken Bishop +Rose Bartek – Mr. & Mrs. James Hash +Steve Zumerling – Betty Ann Harris
Monday	3 Aug.	<i>Our Venerable Fathers Isaac, Dalmatus and Faustus.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	4 Aug.	<i>The Holy Seven Children of Ephesus. The Holy Venerable Martyr Eudoxia.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+Theodore Pawcio (40th day)
Wednesday	5 Aug.	<i>Prefestive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr Eusignius.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	6 Aug.	<i>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. (pgs. 346 – 350)</i>
(SPP)	6:00 PM	+Tom James – family
Friday	7 Aug.	<i>Postfestive Day of the Transfiguration. The Holy Venerable Martyr Dometius.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	8 Aug.	<i>Postfestive Day of the Transfiguration. The Holy Confessor Emilian, Bishop of Cyzice.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Charles Wilkes – Joe & Nancy Tomko
Sunday	9 Aug.	<i>TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Postfestive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Apostle Matthias.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+MaryAnn Yenchocic – Mr. and Mrs. Michael Johnson +Doris Mosko – Ron Mosko



Attentive to the Word

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 8 Matt. 14: 22 - 34

Pgs. 161 - 163

LORD, SAVE ME! (MATTHEW 14:30)



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."

THE TRANSFIGURATION



On Aug. 6th we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. The whole atmosphere on the Mountain of Transfiguration, as presented by the Evangelists is glory. Jesus' face shone like the sun, and His garments glistened and gleamed like the light.

Just prior to the Transfiguration, Our Lord spoke of His approaching passion and death. The Apostles undoubtedly must have been very hurt and disappointed to hear Jesus tell of His journey to Jerusalem and how he would be humiliated, treated like a criminal, suffer, be crucified and die. The Transfiguration was something which was intended to lift up their hearts. It was to enable them to look beyond the humiliation and shame of Good Friday and the death on the cross to the glorious

and glorious resurrection.

It is no wonder Peter wanted to build three tabernacles on the Mount and remain there. He wanted the great moment of glory to be prolonged. He did not want to go down to everyday things, especially not to face the events of Jesus' passion and death.

Similarly, we too wish to experience the intimacy of peace and joy and our nearness to God at all times. The Mountain of Transfiguration is always more enjoyable than common daily things. But the Transfiguration is intended to give to us, as to the apostles, hope and strength to walk the daily way of the cross and to see beyond this, to the glory of our own transfiguration.

BLESSING OF FRUIT



As is customary in the Eastern Church on the Feast of the Transfiguration, **GRAPES AND FRUITS** will be blessed following the Divine Liturgy. Grapes are indicative of wine which is "transfigured" into the Precious Blood of Christ during the Consecration of each Liturgy. The first fruits of summer are blessed to acknowledge our gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings of a new and abundant harvest received. Don't forget to

bring a basket of grapes and fruits to be blessed. Just as you share your blessings with others – so will God share His blessings with you.