

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.

MILK CHOCOLATE BYZANTINE CROSS SALE - 2020

Since our church was closed for all of the Easter season, I have about 50 extra milk chocolate Byzantine Crosses for sale @ \$6.00 each. If anyone is interested, please call Sister Barbara @ 330-240-2534.

MANY THANKS!

A Very Big "Thank-You" to Pat James and the volunteers of the Parish Guild and others who helped make our Parish Picnic a huge success in spite of the Coronavirus Pandemic. The rain held off until the "cooks" were done grilling the hamburgers and hotdogs. Again, we had a choice to "carry-out" or "dine-in".

Special thanks to Carol Lutz, who not only donated the freshly picked corn on the cob, but also husked it as well. Those who "dined-in" enjoyed playing Bingo. The cover-all was won by Lisa Mosko, who received all the remaining lottery scratch-offs. Everyone was well fed and an enjoyable time was had by all.

ROSES OF LIFE

I've prayed many prayers, when no answers came, though I waited patient and long.
But answers came to enough of my prayers to make me keep praying on.

I've trusted many a friend that failed and left me to weep alone.
But I've found enough of my friends true blue to make me keep trusting on.

I've sown many seeds that fell by the way for the birds to feed upon.
But I've held enough golden sheaves I my hands to make me keep sowing on.

I've drained the cup of disappointment and pain and gone many days without song.
But I've sipped enough nectar from the roses of life to make me want to live on.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of August 15:

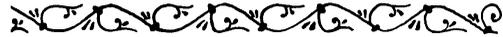
5:00 PM: 48; 9:00 AM: 33; 11:00 AM: 42

Dormition of the Theotokos: 32

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . \$2,728.00



- **Mon., Aug. 24** Church Cleaning Party 9:00 AM – Noon. We could use your help.
- **Weds., Sept. 2** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.



LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

When little Eloise went to visitation for her great aunt who had just passed on, she was startled to look in the casket and see the departed holding a Bible in her hands. “I knew Auntie prayed a lot and went to church all the time,” she commented to her mother, “but that’s really something that she was holding the Bible when she died!”

A minister is driving home one night when a police officer stops him for speeding. The officer smells alcohol on his breath, sees an empty wine bottle on the floor, and asks, “Sir, have you been drinking?” The minister replies, “Just water.” The officer asks, “Then why do I smell wine?” The minister looks at the bottle and exclaims, “Good Lord! He’s done it again!”

Don’t Worry About the Economy: Church is Still Prophet-able.

God looks out at the Pearly Gates and says, “Welcome to heaven. I want the women to go with St. Peter and the men to form two lines here. All men who think they were in charge of their relationship on earth stand here, and the men who believe their wife was in charge, stand here.” There’s much movement, but eventually the women are gone and there are two lines left. The line of the men who were not in charge is miles long. In the other line stands just one man. God turns to this man and says, “You’re the only one in this line. How did you manage this?” The man shrugs and says, “I don’t know; my wife told me to stand here.”

AUGUST 23, 2020 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	23 Aug.	<i>TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Leave-taking (Otdanije) of the Feast of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Lupus. The Holy Martyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Harry & +Ann Bobco – Anna Calderas Int. of John Welch, Seminarian – Jen, Steve & Betty +Dorothy Byers – husband, Wiley
Monday	24 Aug.	<i>The Holy Bishop-Martyr Eutyches, Disciple of St. John the Theologian. Our Blessed Confessor and Priest-Monk Dominic Methodius Trcka.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	25 Aug.	<i>Return of the Relics of the Holy Apostle Bartholomew. The Holy Apostle Titus.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+Sr. Julia Rohaly – Benedictine Sisters
Wednesday	26 Aug.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalia. Our Blessed Mother Mariam Bawadi .</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+John & +Josephine Wargo – Eliz. Cantelmo & family
Thursday	27 Aug.	<i>Our Venerable Father Pimen.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+George & +Mary Krupsa - daughter, Cathy Eddy
Friday	28 Aug.	<i>Our Venerable Father Moses the Ethiopian. Our Holy Father Augustine, Bishop of Hippo.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	29 Aug.	<i>THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Becky Kapusta – friend
Sunday	30 Aug.	<i>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Postfestive Day of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. Our Holy Fathers Alexander, John and Paul the Younger, Patriarchs of Constantinople.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Gloria Sipes (40th day) – Duane & Janet Ulery +Fio & +Helen Nuzzi – Janice & Mike



Attentive to the Word

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matt. 19: 16 - 26

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from Feast of the Dormition Pgs. 352 - 355*

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The smallest words can carry a mighty impact on an event or situation. In today's gospel story, the small word "*more*" underlies a young man's quest for a better spiritual life: "What *more* do I need to do?" Not content with only observing the Ten Commandments, this individual sought from Jesus the secret of becoming perfect, that is, the possession of eternal life. The answer greatly disappointed the young man because it required detachment and renunciation.

The masters of spiritual life state without exception that the test of true detachment is the willingness either to keep or to put away any object or creature to which a person has become unduly attached. Why? Detachment frees the soul from the love of earthly goods so that it may tend more freely to God. Because of his inordinate attachment to the goods he owned, this individual could not accept the challenge to sell and give to the poor all he had. His tragedy was that he loved things more than he loved people: he loved himself more than he loved others. Any person who puts things before people and self before others surely turns his back on Jesus Christ, and the spiritual life stagnates.

The compelling truth of this story lies in the way it explains the meaning of eternal life. Eternal life is such as God Himself lives, such as is characteristic of God. The great characteristic of God is that He loves and gives. The essence of eternal life for us is based on an attitude of loving and sacrificial generosity to our fellow man. This was the call of Jesus to the young man in today's gospel which records his reluctant and unfortunate reaction, "He went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth".

Jesus used the occasion of the departure of the rich young man to warn about the dangers of wealth in respect to the kingdom of God. For us, it is a clear admonition to place no obstacle to the impetus of grace and the invitation to eternal life by remaining inordinately attached to the things of the earth in detriment to the affairs of the spirit. We can all do *more* - a little word with

mighty ramifications. Indeed, we should often ask that intense question, "Lord, what *more* must I do?" and be willing to accept His call 'to progress and advance in spiritual life' by a solid attitude of detachment and renunciation in the hope of life eternal in heaven.



BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST



On August 29th we celebrate the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. He gave his life for the convictions of his faith. His holiness, loyalty and steadfastness make him a spiritual hero for all Christians.

To be a Christian means to be a witness to Christ in the world, that is, to reflect Jesus' own life by our thoughts and actions. It is not sufficient to profess to be Christian. Christianity must be a vital factor in our daily lives. Our faith must be at work. It must be lived.

The following example illustrates this perspective simply and clearly. A soap manufacturer, while walking and conversing with a priest said, "The Gospel you preach hasn't done much good, for there is still a lot of wickedness and wicked people." Shortly afterward, they came to a very dirty child making mud pies. The priest seized this opportunity to answer the manufacturer. "I see," he said, "soap has not done much good in the world, for there is still much dirt and dirty people." "Oh," replied the soap maker, "soap is useful only when it's applied." "Exactly," said the priest, "it is the same with the Gospel message."

Applied Christianity! A living faith! This is the example and lesson St. John's beheading teaches us. It also teaches us applying Christianity and living our faith means sacrifice. We are constantly called upon to make sacrifices — to give up one value in preference to another. Lack of self-denial, lack of sacrifice makes a weak and empty soul. Self-denial and sacrifice help to develop a mature Christian.

Human weakness often destroys faith. To reinforce our resolve to be holy, loyal and steadfast as was St. John the Baptist, let us remember the words of our Lord: "Whoever disowns me before men, I in turn will disown him before My Father in heaven...."