

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.

PRAYER FOR HELP IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Lord, life's trials sometimes feel as though they are more than I can possibly bear. On those days when I feel completely over-burdened and overwhelmed, give me that added strength I need to get through the day with courage and honor. When I feel as though I am at wit's end, find a way to reassure me so I am able to endure for another day. When loved ones die and crushing trials come my way, show me how to carry on. Send someone to help lighten my heavy burden. When others take advantage of me, whisper some words of encouragement into my ear so I know You are at my side and that I do have the will and power to overcome the most impossible of trials. Lord, please assure me that I will never be given a burden heavier than I can carry. Amen.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of May 2:

5:00 PM: 0; 9:00 AM: 0; 11:00 AM: 0

Church closed due to virus.

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,695.00

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➤ All May events are cancelled at this time.



Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers!



MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS

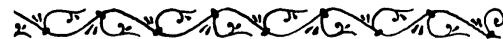
This year we are going to plant the flowers we ordered for Mother's Day around the church in remembrance of all mothers of our Parish Family. Begonias will be planted on May 18th, weather permitting.

FREE ADULT EDUCATION

Live webinars, free of charge. Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events. **Wednesday evenings 8 – 9 PM on May 13, and 20.** The presentation will be "Purification of the Heart – The First Stage of the Spiritual Life." The presenter is Rev. Deacon Thomas Moses. The purification of the heart is the first of three stages, the essential starting point of the Christian life. How do we identify the presence of the passions in our own lives, and what are the means, the medicine, that the Church gives us to overcome them? An excellent opportunity for adult education in our Byzantine Church.

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.



Dear Friends, This is a "goldmine" of a website for us at this very difficult time. We encourage you to tune in to the different services.

Once you open the website, click on "Eastern Catholic North America" to see Liturgy opportunities from all over the U.S. and Canada.

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MAY 10, 2020
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	10 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN. Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Apostle Simon the Zealot.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	No Divine Liturgy
	9:00 AM	No Divine Liturgy
	11:00 AM	No Divine Liturgy
Monday	11 May	<i>Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Priest-Martyr Mocius. Our Holy Fathers Cyril and Methodius, Apostles of the Slavs. The Holy Martyr Basil (Hopko), Bishop of Midila.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	12 May	<i>Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Our Holy Fathers Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus and Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	13 May	<i>Leave-taking of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Martyr Glyceria.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	14 May	<i>The Holy Martyr Isidore.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Friday	15 May	<i>Our Venerable Father Pachomius the Great. Our Venerable Father Isaiah the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	16 May	<i>Our Venerable Father Theodore the Consecrated, Disciple of St. Pachomius, Holy Martyrs Vitus, Modestus & Crescentia.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	No Divine Liturgy
Sunday	17 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND. The Holy Apostle Andronicus and His Companions.</i>
	9:00 AM	No Divine Liturgy
	11:00 AM	No Divine Liturgy

No Divine Liturgies due to the Coronavirus.





Attentive to the Word

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

John 4: 5 - 42

Follow Directions on Pages 186 - 188



The Gospel reading today takes place at the well. When you live in the desert, water is experienced as essential for life. It's simple, no water equals no life. The well is also the meeting place. It is the place of encounter and engagement. Jesus meets the woman at the well.

The woman at the well comes to draw water. Yet when she leaves, she leaves behind her water jar because she has found something more than water, more life giving; she has found the Source of life. When the people of the town come to Jesus at the well, they tell the woman (after they hear Jesus speak) – "No longer does our faith depend on your story. We have heard for ourselves and we know that this is really the Savior of the World!"

Jesus is the meeting place for Christians – He has established the New Covenant in His Body and His Blood. At the Last Supper, after He blessed the bread and wine, He said: "Take this and eat it. This is my Body. Drink of this all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant for the remission of sins. Do this in memory of me."

Jesus is the source of faith. He opens up for us and is the gift of Divine Life. It is around this that our faith, our worship, our community, our identity is made as Christians. The communion hymn for Mid-Pentecost says: He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood lives in Me and I live in him, says the Lord. Alleluia! Our Communion hymn for today says: Receive the Body of Christ! Drink the source of immortality. Alleluia!

Our Liturgy, our worship identifies Jesus as the *Well*, the Source of immortal life, the Source of divine life. Jesus is the one around whom we gather and offer ourselves with Him. Jesus is the one who leads us and teaches us, who meets us in the Divine Liturgy. Jesus is our source of faith and hope. At every Eucharist we receive Him into our lives. At every Eucharist we offer ourselves to Him as we receive our Lord and our Savior. At every Eucharist we are united to Christ and one another. *The Eucharist is the Source of immortality!*

Our Holy Father St. John Paul II, of blessed memory, teaches this faith that we hold as Catholics, that the Eucharistic Sacrifice is "the source and summit of the Christian life." It is the life giving well. *The Eucharist contains the church's entire spiritual wealth: Jesus Christ, who offers Himself to the Father for the redemption of the world.* Our Holy Father teaches "the Eucharist is the one sacrifice of the cross, which is represented until the end of time." The Eucharist fulfills Jesus' command at the Last Supper "Do this in remembrance of me."

So we too can say: We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is really the Savior of the World.

By Fr. John Zeyack



ONE DAY IS NOT ENOUGH



... the hidden person
of the heart with the
imperishable jewel
of a gentle and
quiet spirit,
which in
God's sight
is very
precious.
- 1 Peter 3:4

While it is wonderful that we set aside one day to especially honor mothers, let us reflect for a moment on all of the things mothers do for us. First of all, they bring us into the world through a biological miracle that is amazing, but certainly not easy. Then they spend the next two decades preparing meals, solving problems, kissing boo-boos, helping us learn everything from how to brush our teeth to how to navigate the difficulties of the "real world." They spend the rest of their lives fretting and worrying about us. They care for us in a way that is beyond words. They sacrifice for us in ways beyond words. Even after they have passed on, and Mother's Day can be especially difficult for those of us who have lost mothers, their influence is so powerful that it stays with us always. I propose that one day is not enough. One day is nice, but it is not enough.

So while we take this day to especially honor mothers, let us think of it as a planning day. How can we honor our mothers, grandmothers, mothers-in-law, and aunts each and every day? How can we recognize their special contributions to our lives every day? Let us take a moment to jot down five ways we can truly honor mothers, from our own mothers to the young mothers in this congregation, to the mothers who might be missing their grown up kids, to mothers who may have passed away. Now, let us make a commitment to honor these women every day of the year because one day is not enough!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!