

## 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 scriptio 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:** Lisa Mosko is 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.

## 87<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO MOUNT SAINT MACRINA

The Annual Pilgrimage in honor of our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held on Sunday, September 5, at Mount St. Macrina, 500 W. Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401. We encourage you to attend this pilgrimage. The Mount is a beautiful and holy place where you can encounter both God and old friends.

Since 1934, her Shrine at Mount St. Macrina has been a favored destination for the thousands of pilgrims who come to venerate her icon. Praying before this sacred image, they place all their needs, their hopes, their sorrows and their joys into her hands.

Throughout the entire pilgrimage, the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help holds a central place. It is carried in procession with love and devotion to each liturgical service. There it is placed before the altar, so that all may venerate this Beloved Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual.

## CLARIFICATION OF PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN FR. SIMEON'S ABSENCE:

Fr. Miron has been seeing to our Liturgical needs on weekends and on Holy Days while Fr. Simeon is recuperating. *Any other needs required by parishioners are to be arranged through the church office.*

If a priest is needed for emergency anointing of parishioners who are seriously ill, please call the office and we will do our best to take care of your request. If a parishioner is hospitalized at St. Joseph's, St. Elizabeth's or Trumbull Memorial, there is a Catholic Chaplain who is on call for emergency anointing, confession, "last rites," etc., and they will be able to take care of these needs at this time.

In case of the death of a parishioner, the Funeral Home will call the office and we will arrange for a priest to work with the funeral director and the family for the funeral service and burial.

**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of August 14:**

5:00 PM: **52**; 9:00 AM: **34**; 11:00 AM: **57**

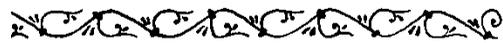
**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$3,140.00**



- **Mon., Aug. 23** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Wed., Sept. 1** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

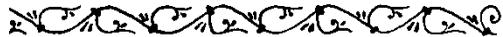
**MANY THANKS**

Our heartfelt thanks go out to John Welch for his assistance this summer at the Liturgies. We wish him well as he returns to the Seminary for his classes. We will have light refreshments after all the Divine Liturgies Sat. and Sun., August 21 and 22, in his honor.



**Rummage Sale**  
**Fri. and Sat., Sept. 24 & 25**  
**9 AM – 4 PM**

Get your “Good Superfluous Items” ready.  
Please call Elaine at 330-770-1100 for any questions.  
More information in the next bulletin!



**THANK YOU!**

A Very Big “Thank-You” to Pat James and all the volunteers of the Parish Guild and others who helped make our Parish Picnic a huge success. Special thanks to the cooks (Sudik family). The food was delicious.

We enjoyed playing Bingo and trying our luck on the “Wheel.” Everyone was well fed and an enjoyable time was had by all.

**LITURGY STIPENDS**

The Divine Liturgy Stipend has been increased to \$20 by the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh effective July 1, 2021.

AUGUST 22, 2021  
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	22 August	<i>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Post-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Agathonicus and His Companions. The Passing of the Blessed Confessor Simeon Lukac, secret Bishop (1964).</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Wilma Taylor – Albert &amp; Maria Butch</b> <b>Health of Father Simeon – Marjorie Reynolds</b> <b>+Fio &amp; +Helen Nuzzi – Janice &amp; Mike Clark</b>
Monday	23 August	<i>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of the Feast of the Dormition. The Holy Martyr Lupus. The Holy Martyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	24 August	<i>The Holy Bishop-Martyr Eutyches, Disciple of St. John the Theologian. Our Blessed Confessor and Priest-Monk Dominic Methodius Trcka.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Wednesday	25 August	<i>Return of the Relics of the Holy Apostle Bartholomew. The Holy Apostle Titus.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Thursday	26 August	<i>The Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalia. Our Blessed Mother Mariam Bawadi.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Friday	27 August	<i>Our Venerable Father Pimen.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	28 August	<i>Our Venerable Father Moses the Ethiopian. Our Holy Father Augustine, Bishop of Hippo. The Holy Martyr Gebre Michael, Priest of Ethiopia. The Passing of our Venerable Mother Laurentia Herasymiv (1952).</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Dianna Koza – Wiley Byers family</b>
Sunday	29 August	<i>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN.</i> <b>9:00 AM Intention of Rosary Society Members</b> <b>11:00 AM +Richard Sernulka – Ruth Ann Capito</b>



## Attentive to the Word

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Matt. 21: 33 - 42*

*Troparion Res. Tone 4 Pg. 141 & the rest  
from Feast of the Dormition Pgs. 352 - 355*



We as the Christian Church should receive this parable with fear and trembling. If the nation of Israel had been given great riches, what have we as Eastern Catholic Christians been given? We no longer wait for the Messiah, He has come. In fact, we're preparing even now to receive His body and blood in the Divine Liturgy. Man's salvation is no longer prophesied, but was fulfilled in Christ. We are no longer slaves of the law, but free in the love of Christ. And we, who are in possession of the fullness of this Mystery, are we caring for it any better than God's first chosen people?

The vineyard of the Church is planted. It is hedged from the world by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Our altar is the heavenly altar, and our worship takes place in the heavens. We have been given all we need for the bountiful harvest. But what will our Lord find when He returns? Will we be working diligently in the vineyard—both tilling the soil of our own hearts, as well as calling those outside the vineyard to enter into the joy of the Lord? Or will we just be living, taking advantage of what the Lord has given us, but not doing our part in return?

Christ makes it abundantly clear both in this morning's parable and in other places, if we don't use the gifts we've been given—both as a Church body, and as individual Christians—then the gifts will be taken away. And we'll be called to give an account for our failures. In response to the love and mercy of our Savior, let us strive to bring forth fruits worthy of the kingdom of Heaven. Fruits of love, mercy and compassion. Fruits of prayer, of a sinless life, and Christ-likeness. Fruits that we can give to our Master in return for all that He has given us.

## GIVING . . . .

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the **heart**: *love, kindness, joy, understanding, sympathy, tolerance, forgiveness.*

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the **mind**: *ideas, dreams, purposes, ideals, principles, plans, inventions, poetry.*

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of **words**: *encouragement, inspiration, guidance.*

Emerson said it well: "Rings and jewels are not gifts, but they are apologies for gifts. The only gifts – true gifts – are a portion of yourself." God has offered us the gift of becoming His sons and daughters through faith. This is the gift we have all received. This is the heart of our worship and celebration.

## PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love;

for it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.