

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.

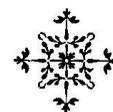
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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.

ETERNAL MEMORY



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

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS

Contribution envelopes will be in the Social Hall until Monday, January 18th. After that date, you will have to call the Parish office at 330-372-1875 to pick them up.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements will be ready for pick-up in the Social Hall on the weekend of January 30th.

FREE ADULT EDUCATION – JANUARY

Live webinars, free of charge. Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events.

Wednesday evenings 8:00 – 9:00 PM, January 13, 20, and 27.

**“PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE” – a Patristic Study of Deification –
by Rev. Nathan Adams.**

God has called his people to become partakers of His Divine Nature (2 Peter 1:4). Join us for this three-part series as we explore this process of participating in the Sacramental and moral life of Christ by which each individual and the whole Church are transformed into the mystical body of Christ.

JUST A REMINDER

With Covid-19 still on the scene, please do not congregate or visit in the Social Hall before and after the Divine Liturgies. Thank you for your cooperation!



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of January 9:

5:00 PM: **48**; 9:00 AM: **32**; 11:00 AM: **46**

Theophany: Tues.: 19; Wed.: 23

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$4,999.75



- **Sun. Jan. 17** ECF Classes meet promptly at 10 AM. Try to come a few minutes early so that we can get the temperatures taken in the Social Hall. Parents are asked to remain until after temperatures are taken.
- **Mon. Jan. 25** Church Cleaning Party – 9:00 – Noon. We could use your help!

NEWLY SANCTIFIED JORDAN WATER

On the Feast of Theophany we celebrated the Great Sanctification of Water. The dispenser containing the newly sanctified water is located by the Belvedere Ave. entrance. You are encouraged to take some water home for your sanctification. Small holy water bottles are available.

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE 2021

During our Liturgical Year our Byzantine Church remembers its faithful departed in a special way on 5 All Souls Saturdays. The first All Souls Saturday is **February 6th**. The others are on February 27th, March 6th, March 13th, and May 22nd. There is an envelope in your offertory box for these All Souls Remembrances. **If you wish to have your loved ones remembered by name on these special days, please submit the names, printed, with an offering in the envelope by January 31st** so that the names can be organized. *If you have submitted the names of your deceased family members previously, you do not need to resubmit them...just submit any additional names. If there are no additions, and you want your loved ones to be remembered by name, just write “NO CHANGES” on your envelope, put your offering in the envelope, and drop the envelope in the collection basket.* **Please help us by putting your name on the envelope.** Thank you for your prompt attention.

THANK YOU!

Sister Mary Martha and Sister Agnes send their greetings, gratitude and affection to the parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul for the many cards and phone calls they have received since their move to Villa Maria, PA. They miss all of you but are happy and well cared for in their new surroundings.

JANUARY 17, 2021

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	17 Jan.	<i>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS. Our Venerable Father Anthony the Great.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Betty Vazur – Patricia Sudik & family +Emory Holowatch – Anne Myers Health of Betty A. Bednarik – Wiley Byers
Monday	18 Jan.	<i>Our Holy Fathers Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday (SPP)	19 Jan. 8:30 AM	<i>Our Venerable Father Macarius of Egypt.</i> Welfare of our Country – Betty Blake
Wednesday	20 Jan.	<i>Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Euthymius the Great.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday (SPP)	21 Jan. 8:30 AM	<i>Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor. The Holy Martyr Neophyte. The Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian and Aquila. The Holy Virgin Martyr Agnes of Rome.</i> Intention of Sr. Agnes Knapik – Benedictine Sisters
Friday	22 Jan.	<i>The Holy Apostle Timothy. The Holy Venerable-Martyr Anastasius the Persian.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday (Vigil Liturgy)	23 Jan. 5:00 PM	<i>The Holy Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra. The Holy Martyr Agathangel. Commemoration of the Sixth Ecumenical Council.</i> +Nicholas Terbovich, Sr. (40th day)
Sunday	24 Jan.	<i>SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE. Our Venerable Mother Xenia of Rome.</i> 9:00 AM Intention of Rosary Society Members 11:00 AM +Brian Koehn – Mom & Mike

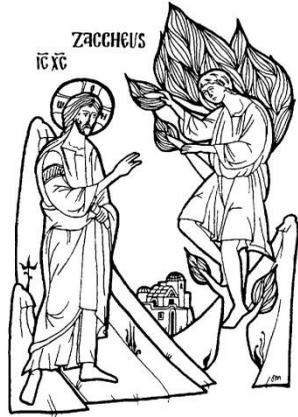


Attentive to the Word

33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

Luke 19: 1 - 10

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Although Great Lent is five weeks away, the Church begins to prepare us for the time of introspection and preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection by providing a period of gradual development, leading to a proper use the Lenten time. If we think of Lent as “the journey to the Resurrection,” we must prepare for the journey. These five weeks before Great Lent allow us to do just that; they give us time to think of the meaning and significance of Lent and why it precedes the Feast of the Resurrection.

The celebration of the Sunday of Zacchaeus is the first of the five Pre-Lenten Sundays. Each of the five consecutive Sundays is dedicated to some fundamental aspect of repentance. In the Gospel passages on Zacchaeus, we are given the very attitude of heart, mind and soul that must be found in every Christian – the desire of the human heart to truly know God.

Zacchaeus was such a man. He wanted a new perspective of God. When Jesus came through his little town, Zacchaeus wanted to see Him. Being a short man, however, he couldn't see over the crowd, so he climbed a tree to get a new perspective – to get the whole picture. And from the tree, he was able to see Jesus clearly.

Jesus saw Zacchaeus, and told him that He was to stay at his house. Zacchaeus opens his door with delight. Meeting Christ, his life was changed and he gained a new perspective: experiencing the love that only Christ can give, he became generous with his wealth, giving half of what he had to the poor, and vowing to repay anyone he had cheated four times over. By climbing a tree to stand above the crowds and by opening his door to Christ, Zacchaeus gained a new perspective, and found new meaning and purpose in his life.

A new perspective can do that. But it can also feel threatening. Look at some of the people in that scene: they could only criticize and condemn Jesus for His words and actions. They complained, “He has gone to stay at a sinner's house.” They didn't want to see the larger picture; they didn't want a new perspective; they preferred the familiarity of their narrow and self-interested ways of thinking. How often do we find ourselves so self-assured – so defensive that we are not open to a new perspective? How often are we satisfied with being lost among the faces of the crowd, rather than climbing to a vantage point that would give us a larger view? Reality is usually more complex than our limited view. The immensity and transcendence of God is certainly a reminder of how finite our perceptions and abilities are. Rigid ways of thinking tend to narrow our perspective. And the narrower the view, the less reflective it is of reality. Like the Pharisees, we resist a new perspective – and miss what God may be trying to teach us.



INSTRUMENTS OF GOD

Many years ago, there were three young boys who loved to sing. Two of them had very good voices, but the third boy had a voice that, in his own words, sounded like a “squeaking door hinge.” This made him very sad because although he loved to sing, he knew that his voice did not mix well with the voices of his two friends.

Instead of feeling sorry for himself, the young boy found another way to make music. His grandfather had given him a pocketknife and had taught him how to whittle and carve. The young boy carved a flute and learned how to play it. He also became skilled at carving other things. Soon, his skills came to one of the finest makers of musical instruments in the land who offered him a job as an apprentice. In time, the young boy became known around the world for the beauty and precision of his musical instruments, especially his violins. Today, the Stradivarius violin, made by Antonio Stradivari, is considered to be one of the most beautiful musical instruments on earth.

Each one of us is an instrument of God. That is, we are designed and handmade by God for a specific purpose and plan. We might want to sing, but God may intend for us to carve. Our task in life is to allow God to lead us to the path which is the right one for us. What is God's plan for you?