

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: 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.

LITURGY STIPENDS

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

LADY BUG BOX

CONGRATULATIONS TO ELEANOR CERBUS – THIS MONTH'S LUCKY WINNER!

You have to play to win! Tickets are being sold in the Social Hall for chances to win the contents of the Lady Bug Box. This box contains Instant Lottery Tickets and/or Gift Cards. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be going towards our 100th Anniversary Celebration. We would like to continue this fundraiser monthly with your support. Any donations of Instant Lottery Tickets and/or Gift Cards would be welcome and appreciated.

Next month's drawing will be held on Sunday, July 25th, after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy.

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Metropolitan William and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will honor all those couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversary of 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and every 5 years thereafter in this year of 2021.

Please inform the Parish Office by July 19, 2021 if you have celebrated or are going to celebrate one of these milestone anniversaries so that your names can be submitted to the Chancery. Although it is still uncertain if the actual celebration can be held, you will still be honored in some way. **The Archeparchial celebration will tentatively take place at St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 3:00 PM.** If there is a cancellation, you will be notified. Certificates are sent to all couples, whether they are able to attend or not. Please call the church office or drop your name and current phone number in the collection basket and we will call you. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of June 26:

5:00 PM: No Liturgy; 9:00 AM: 52; 11:00 AM: 46

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,609.00



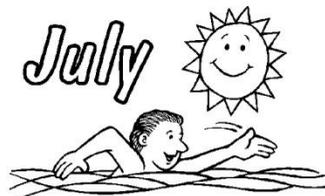
- **Wed., July 7** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Tues., July 13** Parish Guild Meeting at 7 PM in Social Hall.



GOD BLESS AMERICA!



AMERICA – BLESS GOD!



SUMMER IS HERE – and a time for Vacations – much needed vacations! A time to re-create and come back to the pilgrimage of life! It is a time of summer breezes, beautiful flowers, and many times – poor church attendance. We still have a need to gather as God’s people and to worship – even if we are on vacation or traveling, there are many opportunities to

give time to the Lord! As you leave, have a wonderful, safe and happy time! And when you return, know that you were missed and we are happy to see you back with us – with such renewed life.

MANY THANKS



- ...to all the wonderful parishioners who volunteered their time to make the Combined Dinner Celebration a huge success! We enjoyed a delicious dinner and a chance to socialize.
- ...to those who helped stock shelves at the new St. Vincent de Paul location.
- ...to those hard workers who cleaned the church this Monday.

We appreciate all of your efforts!

JULY 4, 2021

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	4 July	<i>SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Holy Father Andrew of Jerusalem, Archbishop of Crete. Our Venerable Mother Martha, Mother of St. Simeon the Venerable. Our Venerable Father Procopius of Sazava.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM +John J. Koza, III – wife, Dianna 9:00 AM +Steve Zombar – Raiti family 11:00 AM +Eugenia Vesa – Gary Sharon	
Monday	5 July	<i>Our Venerable Father Athanasius of Mt. Athos.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	6 July	<i>Our Venerable Father Sisoës the Great.</i> 8:30 AM +John & +Josephine Wargo – daughter, Elizabeth, & family
Wednesday	7 July	<i>Our Venerable Fathers Thomas of Maleum and Acacius, Mentioned in the Ladder.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	8 July	<i>The Holy Great Martyr Procopius.</i> 8:30 AM +Cora “Betty” Hall (40 th day)
Friday	9 July	<i>The Holy Martyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	10 July	<i>The Holy 45 Martyrs in Nicopolis in Armenia. Our Venerable Father Anthony of the Kiev Lavra. The three Maronite Franciscan brothers, Francis, Abd-el-Mooti and Raphael Massabki, and eight others with them, killed in Damascus in 1860.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Judy Dinko – Loretta Greskovich, mother
Sunday	11 July	<i>SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr the Illustrious Euphemia. The Passing of Olga, Princess of Kiev, baptized Helen. Repose of the Blessed Bishop Martyr Valeriu Traian Frentiu.</i>
	9:00 AM +John Winland, Sr. – wife, Dorothy 11:00 AM +Nancy Sernulka – JoAnn, Bernie & Joe Gnat	



Attentive to the Word SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 9: 1 – 8

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In the Epistle to the Romans (12:6-14), St. Paul's image of the Church as the Body of Christ is a classic one. With this image, there is a refusal to insist on a dead uniformity in Church membership. We all have gifts that can be used both to preach the Gospel in various ways to others, and to enhance the faith that people already possess. We all have abilities that can be used to deepen community spirit and the intensity of our common experience of the Lord.

St. Paul speaks of the gifts of prophecy, exhortation, teaching, administration and generosity - the ability to help with time or money. These differences make the Body of Christ a dynamic entity that is not static, but a growing, thriving community. All Christians are obliged to enable each other to realize that every person is an integral and important part of the Church. The different members of the Body are not to be ranked in order of importance but in order of function. We are all functionally interrelated. There are no super-Christians among us. We all contribute to the community Jesus founded. Are we doing our share? Are we offering our time and talents to the Church or is some other organization in town getting them?

All through Jesus' public life He was constantly looking for occasions to teach His message and mission to the human race. On many occasions He showed His divinity by manifesting His power over the ills of the body. But many times He also showed His power and His concern over the ills of the souls at the same time. Jesus used every opportunity to show His followers that He possessed divine power over sin. He wanted them to know that He could forgive sins on His own right.

One such occasion is recorded in the Gospel for this Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, taken from St. Matthew (9:1-8). A paralyzed man was brought to Him. Jesus saw the faith

of the man and of those who brought him, and immediately said, "Have courage, son, your sins are forgiven." At this the Scribes judged Jesus to be blaspheming. Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked them, "Why do you harbor evil thoughts? Which is less trouble to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Stand up! Roll up your mat and go home.'" Jesus shows them that if He has the divine power to heal the man instantly, he surely also has the power to forgive sins. Both require divine power.

It is certainly consoling to know that Christ has this power of forgiveness and that He gave this power to the Apostles and their successors on Easter Sunday. From that day on down to our day, the Church has exercised this wonderful power through her sacramental ministers in the Sacrament (Mystery) of Reconciliation.

We should ask ourselves if we really appreciate this great sacrament of forgiveness. Do we consider it another instance of Our Lord exercising His power of spiritual healing? Is a summer celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on our schedule? The opportunity is always provided. Let us avail ourselves of God's generosity and forgiveness.

By Fr. Gary Powell, OFM cap.



The gospels many times speak about paralysis. Being paralyzed is a very devastating situation. But in all these gospel stories we must look with spiritual eyes and listen with spiritual ears because many times the paralysis is more than physical. Spiritual paralysis due to sin or the inability to adjust to life's circumstances are also meant in biblical paralysis.

There are so many people in the world today who are sad, dejected, feel that they don't amount to much because of these negative feelings about themselves. They have such a poor image of themselves. Therefore, they become spiritually and emotionally paralyzed in their own lives. People lose their zest for living: have no goals, no future out-look. This is sad because it is not God's plan for any of us. Jesus said, "I have come to give life and to give it more abundantly."

Yet people ignore God acting in their lives with so many excuses. I'm too tired; I'm not smart enough; It will take too long; I'm too sick; I'm too old - and a whole long litany of negative attitudes. Never let these excuses stand in your way in accomplishing God's will in your life.