

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.

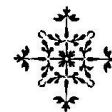
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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.

ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servant **+Dr. Domingo Palino Villareal**, who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. He and his wife, Mary, were good friends to this Parish. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



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.

FREE ADULT EDUCATION

Live webinars, free of charge. An excellent opportunity for adult education in our Byzantine Church. Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events.

Wednesday, June 30 @ 8 – 9 PM.

The presentation will be **“Unity is Not Uniformity: *The Development of the Apostolic Churches.*”** The presenter is Rev. Hezekias Carnazzo. Why are there so many divisions in the Church when Jesus prayed that we would be one? Join us as we explore the original Biblical concept of what it means to be a Church, as well as the history of the development of the apostolic churches and the unique theological concepts that make us different.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of June 12:

5:00 PM: **43**; 9:00 AM: **32**; 11:00 AM: **44**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,633.85



- **Sun., June 20** *HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! GOD BLESS YOU ALL!*
- **Wed., June 23** Volunteers to meet at 9:30 AM or later at St. Vincent DePaul's Thrift Store (see below for more information.)
- **Thurs., June 24** Solemn Holy Day – Birth of John the Baptist.
- **Mon., June 28** Church Cleaning Party – 9:00 AM – Noon. Come and lend a helping hand.



APOSTLE'S FAST: May 28 thru June 28

We recommend meatless Wed. & Fri. & be kinder to each other.



COMBINED CELEBRATION DINNER FOR:

- ❖ *Father Simeon's 40th Anniversary of Ordination*
- ❖ *Father's Day*
- ❖ *Belated Mother's Day*
- ❖ *Feast of Saints Peter & Paul*

This event will take place Sunday, June 20th, at DiLucia's on Elm Road after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Reservations only.

May God grant Father Simeon peace, health and happiness for many years!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - ST. VINCENT DEPAUL'S THRIFT STORE

A group of parishioners will be meeting on Wednesday, June 23rd, at 9:30 AM or later to help stock the shelves at the new St. Vincent DePaul's Thrift Store on 438 Main Ave., SW – just past Warren Flea Market - (old Union Auto Parts.) Please join us if you can.

For more information, please call Elaine Vislosky at 330-770-1100.

JUNE 20, 2021
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

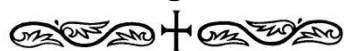
Sunday	20 June	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Wilma Taylor – Albert & Maria Butch
	9:00 AM	+Kenny Ferrance – Ron & Rosemarie Sciatro
	11:00 AM	+Health & Welfare of Dugan family – Ron Mosko
Monday	21 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	22 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	23 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Agrippina. Repose of the Blessed Bishop Martyr Ioan Suciu.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	24 June	<i>BIRTH OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN. (Pgs. 334 – 337)</i> 6:00 PM Health of Parishioners & Parish Guild – Raymond Bishop
Friday	25 June	<i>Postfestive Day of the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. The Holy Venerable Martyr Febronia.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+Eugenia Vesa – Mr. & Mrs. Michael Finnerty
Saturday	26 June	<i>Our Venerable Father David of Thessalonica. The Passing of the Blessed Martyr the Priest Nicholas Konrad and Blessed Martyr the Cantor Vladimir Pryjma (1941). The Passing of the Blessed Martyr the Priest Andrew Ishchak (1941).</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Carl & +Marialice Verney – daughters & family
Sunday	27 June	<i>FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Father Sampson the Hospitaller. Ukrainian Church: The Blessed Martyr Nicholas Charnetsky, Bishop of Volyn and Pidlashia (1959) and his twenty-four companions. The Blessed Martyr and Priest Emilian Kovch.</i>
	9:00 AM	Intention of Rosary Society Members
	11:00 AM	+Andrew & +Richard Susko – family



Attentive to the Word FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 8: 5 – 13

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This healing was unusual. The one who came seeking this miracle was not a Jew but a Gentile. He was, in fact, a centurion, an officer of the Roman army of occupation. Attractively uniformed and well paid, centurions were often given special assignments by the Roman governors, tasks ranging from controlling riots and conducting public executions to escorting visiting dignitaries. A centurion posted in Jerusalem might well be contemptuous of the local – and often rebellious – inhabitants who were so different from the citizens of Rome.

Yet this centurion, we are told, loved the Jewish people and had built a synagogue for them (Luke 7:5). In humility he went to Jesus seeking a favor. As a man who understood what it was like to exercise authority, he recognized even greater authority in Jesus. Awe-struck, he felt unworthy even to have Jesus enter his house, all the while affirming his faith that Jesus' authority was not constrained by distance.

Jesus pointed out to his disciples that many would come from the east and west (Gentiles) to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God, while many of the children of Israel would remain outside (Matthew 8:11-12). The centurion received much more than he had requested, as noted by St. John Chrysostom (c. 347-407) in a homily on this passage: "He came seeking health of body for his servant, but went away having received a kingdom. Do you see how the saying had already been fulfilled, 'Seek you the kingdom of heaven, and all these things shall be added unto you,' for, because he showed great faith, and lowliness of mind, he both gave him heaven and added unto him health."

Despite his great faith, the centurion saw himself as unworthy. In truth, none of us is worthy, but the Lord still desires to work in our lives. We are his people, and when we have the faith to ask, we will see him act. We need to approach Jesus with the same faith as the centurion.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



On June 24th we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, was a priest who belonged to the section of Abijah. His wife, Elizabeth, was a direct descendent of Aaron, the brother of Moses. Both "walked blamelessly in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord." Both were advanced in years and were childless. They dearly longed for a child.

While serving in the temple according to his lot, an angel of the Lord appeared to Zacharias and informed him that their prayers will be answered, and Elizabeth will conceive a son to be called John. Zacharias was unable to speak until the birth of the child because he did not believe the angel's words.

"When Elizabeth's time to bear the child was completed, she brought forth a son" (Luke 1:57). On the eighth day the boy was to be circumcised and given a name, usually that of the father. Asked for the name he desired to be given to the boy, Zacharias wrote on a writing tablet, "John is his name," at which time his tongue was loosed and he began to speak praising God.

Zacharias had a great vision for his son. He saw in his son the one who would prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. The beautiful words of Zacharias' joy are expressed in the Gospel of St. Luke (1:67-80).

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Today we salute fathers! Dads, we love you! The role of a Christian father is more important in today's world than ever before. It is a different roll than in earlier generations. In most households today, Dad is called upon to play more of a nurturing role in caring for children. If Mom works outside the home, Dad must take a more active role in doing household chores. Dad is no longer "lord of the castle." Hopefully, however, he has not been reduced to being another of the vassals.

Today's father needs to be nurturing of his children, supportive of his wife, and yet at the same time provide the spiritual leadership of the home that the Bible accords to fathers. It is a rare man, a special kind of man, who can combine all three of these qualities. Fathers play a critical role in the life of the family. Fathers will have a powerful impact upon their families if they connect in three crucial areas.

First, the role of the father is to connect with his God. Second, the role of a father is to connect with his family. Third, the role of the father is to connect with his church.

As we pay tribute to our fathers on Father's Day, we call to mind the example and instructions of our own earthly fathers as well as the teachings of our spiritual fathers. May God, our heavenly Father, abundantly bless our living fathers and grant blessed repose and eternal memory to the fathers He has called to Himself.