

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.

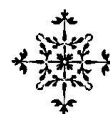
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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 souls of Your servants +**Dorothy Pehanich** and +**William Schoch** who have recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF THE LADY BUG BOX CONTENTS:

BILL ROSS

Next month's drawing will be held on Sunday, June 27th.

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.



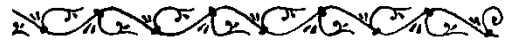
Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of May 29:

5:00 PM: **41**; 9:00 AM: **40**; 11:00 AM: **43**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,361.00

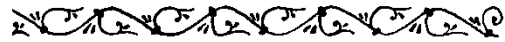


- **Tues., June 8** Parish Guild Meeting 7:00 PM in Social Hall. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.
- **Sun., June 20** Combined Celebration Dinner at DiLucia's after 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Sign-up sheet in Social Hall.



APOSTLE'S FAST: May 28 thru June 28

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



OUR PARISH'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SS. Peter & Paul Parish is looking forward to its 100th Anniversary. We were established as a church on January 7, 1925.

Even though we are looking ahead 4 years, we need to begin preparations now. Power Point presentations outlining what plans need to be made for this great milestone event will be scheduled. The first presentation will be on **Tuesday, June 8, at 7:00 PM** at the Parish Guild Meeting. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The participation of all parishioners is important in making this truly a Parish project and a successful 100th Anniversary Celebration!

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Our Parish is planning to host a combined Celebration honoring:

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

This event will take place at DiLucia's on Elm Road on **Father's Day - Sunday, June 20th, after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy**. All parishioners are invited to a complimentary dinner. If you have guests who would like to celebrate with us, the charge for each dinner is as follows: Adults - \$15.00; Children (10 & under) - \$8.00. You can pay at the door. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Social Hall. Dine-in only. **Reservation deadline is Sunday, June 13th.**

Father Simeon would like to thank you for your continued support. Hope you can join us for this special celebration!

JUNE 6, 2021

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	6 June	<i>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Father Bessarion the Wonder-worker. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Hilarion the Younger, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	Joe & Nancy Tomko (65th Wedding Anniversary)
	9:00 AM	+Stella & +Michael Stemock – son, Mark R. Stemock
	11:00 AM	+Charles “Buddy” Hite, Jr. – wife, Luanne & family
Monday	7 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra. The Holy Martyrs Cyriaca, Valeria and Maria.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	8 June	<i>Translation of the Relics of the Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+Sister Judith Konkus – Benedictine Sisters
Wednesday	9 June	<i>Our Holy Father Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	10 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Timothy, Bishop of Prusa.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+Joan Bernard - family
Friday	11 June	<i>The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	12 June	<i>Our Venerable Father Onufrius the Great. Our Venerable Father Peter of Mt. Athos.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Nicholas Terbovich, Sr. - family
Sunday	13 June	<i>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Aquilina. Our Holy Father Triphyllus, Bishop of Leucosia.</i>
	9:00 AM	+Millie Simko – Mr. & Mrs. Frank Arundel
	11:00 AM	+Helen Nuzzi – Janice & Mike Clark



Attentive to the Word SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 4: 18 – 23

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COME, FOLLOW ME



If you are like me, you probably admire and respect people who can speak other languages. Saint John Paul II amazed me about how many languages he spoke. He spent hours every day in language study. He did this especially before he visited various countries. It is amazing to watch those large Wednesday afternoon audiences with the late Pope where he greeted visitors from around the world in their native language.

However, if you or I want to learn another language, first of all we have to study what grammar calls the different parts of speech. That means learning nouns, pronouns, adjectives, verbs, etc. Verbs, those action words, are the hardest part in language study. Without verbs, without action, no language will come together or mean anything.

Jesus uses one word or one phrase in today's Gospel, "Come, follow me." This verb is a command - it is an imperative. He is calling Peter, Andrew, James and John, simple fishermen, to come and follow him. He says, "I will make you fishers of men."

When someone says, "Follow me," we usually know where they are going. If a famous baseball player would say "Follow me," we would presume it would be to the game, to the stadium or the training field. Jesus knows Who He is and what's He's about. I will go to the Father, I will send you the Spirit, I will give you forgiveness, grace and salvation. The response is up to you.

BUT and there is a big "but" in this sentence – there is a world of difference between BELIEVING Jesus and FOLLOWING Jesus. Godparents make promises at a Baptism ceremony and a profession of faith. That is one thing. Will the baptized person follow Jesus is another thing. In every Liturgy we say "I believe" in the Creed and "I believe" when we say the prayer before communion. That part may almost be habit by this point. BUT after those professions of faith and receiving the Holy Eucharist, do we FOLLOW Jesus?

In one prokimen from the psalms we say, "Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them." Live up to the profession of faith in your life.

This phrase "Follow me" not only applies to priests, nuns, monks and seminarians. We are all called to follow Christ. The first apostles abandoned their nets to follow Him. It is a challenge. It might cost me something in my lifestyle or my way of doing things. Self-examination can be disturbing but needs to be done if we are to follow Christ or make any spiritual growth.

Another thing that is implied in the phrase "Follow me," is to go in the same direction as the one who is calling. In another Gospel Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Who shows the way in your life? Pride wants things done my way and following my own way. Today's Gospel means swallowing our pride and examining our lives to follow Jesus. He will not let us walk in darkness but will give us the light of life. "Come follow me" is a challenge. Sometimes it can leave a lump in our throats.

Mother Theresa called this an age of challenge to follow Christ in the lowly and suffering people of the world. She heard the call and met the challenge to "Come, follow me" by trying to take care of them.

A.C. Green, the famous basketball player, gives a challenge to teens to remain pure and remain virgins until marriage. That is a radical approach in this day and age but this is his way of hearing today's Gospel, "Come, follow me." Is it popular? No! Is it easy? No! Is it the right thing to do according to the Bible? Yes. "Come Follow me," can take on different forms. However, if we are walking with and following Christ, we must do it with the faith that we "will not walk in darkness but follow Christ our true light."

(by Father Emil Masich)