

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 scription 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.

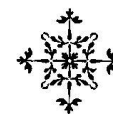
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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 +**Anna Shuluga** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

GCU FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SEMINARY IN PITTSBURGH

The GCU is holding a raffle in which *the winner will receive \$2,000 in Holiday Cash.* We only have 34 tickets to sell so it's first come, first serve. Tickets are \$10.00 each. The winning number is based on the PA Lottery Evening Pick 3 Number drawn on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7 PM. **Betty Zombar will be selling tickets after each Liturgy on October 2 and 3. It only takes one ticket to win.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO BETTY MILLER – 
THIS MONTH'S LUCKY WINNER OF THE LADY BUG BOX!

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. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, and can be purchased after each Liturgy.

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, October 31st, after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy.

HELP NEEDED

I need your help! When we moved to Infant of Prague Manor twelve years ago, we rented seven apartments. I am now the only Benedictine Sister living here and I must vacate 3 of the apartments by October 1st. (I will work on vacating 3 more later.) The parish rummage sale came at a good time, and was a big help...but I have a lot of furniture (beds, night stands, couches, easy chairs, electric and manual recliners, tables, chairs, desks, filing and storage cabinets, floor and desk lamps, hutch, TV's, DVD and Video players, bookcases, copier, printers) and much more. All are in very good condition and are reasonably priced. I also have to vacate our Library...*Books are free!* If you, or anyone you know is interested, please call Sr. Barbara at 330-240-2534 for an appointment. I would really appreciate any help you can give me. You are always in my prayers. Thank you and God Bless all of you!

Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of September 25:

5:00 PM: **54**; 9:00 AM: **32**; 11:00 AM: **50**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,917.25



- **Sun., Oct. 3** ECF Classes meet promptly at 10:00 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 the temperatures are taken. Parents may wait for their children in the Social Hall, but they are asked to practice social distancing and to wear a mask. **No one is permitted downstairs except teachers and students.**
- **Wed., Oct. 6** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Tues., Oct. 12** Parish Guild Meeting at 7 PM in Social Hall. All Parishioners are invited.

ECF CLASSES BEGIN TODAY...

We are pleased to celebrate an important event in our parish life as we begin our new catechetical year. The children and the adults who teach them will be blessed at the start of this new catechetical year. We ask God to enlighten the children to accept God’s message and make it part of their lives. We also ask God to shed His enlightenment on Mrs. Rosemary Finley, Mrs. Betty Blake, Miss Victoria Smolak, Mrs. Luanne Hite and Sister Barbara, who have accepted the responsibility to teach our children the Way of our Lord through lessons, activities and example. We ask God to grant to his servants, our students and our teachers “many happy and spiritually fruitful years.”

Our parents and all parishioners can also grow in their faith relationship with Our Lord. There are many free Eastern Churches’ webinars, books, videos, etc. available to us...Just Google “God With Us Publications” to get started.

KOLACHI TIME???

Fall is here and we are quickly approaching the time for our Annual Kolachi Baking.

With parishioners aging and Covid concerns, we are not sure if we will have the manpower to have this activity this year. Our younger parishioners who work during the day have commented that they would be glad to help if we baked on the weekend. We really are counting on this younger age group to help us continue this activity; therefore, if we have enough help, we are planning to bake on **Fri. and Sat., Nov. 5 and 6.** *You do not need to know how to bake kolachi.*

This activity will benefit not only our parishioners who traditionally look forward to kolachi for the holidays but also our 100th Anniversary Fund. Please help us keep this activity going. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Social Hall.

Any questions, please call Pat James at 330-507-6273.

LITURGY STIPENDS

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

OCTOBER 3, 2021

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	3 Oct.	<i>NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Bishop and Martyr Denis the Areopagite.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Edward Smith – mom, Dianna Koza
	9:00 AM	+Mary Butchko – Blake family
	11:00 AM	+Nancy Danko (40th day) – John & Kathy Shinosky
Monday	4 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens. Our Venerable Father Francis of Assisi.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	5 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyr Charitina.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	6 Oct.	<i>The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	7 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday	8 Oct.	<i>Our Venerable Mother Pelagia.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	9 Oct.	<i>The Holy Apostle James Alpheus. Our Venerable Father Andronicus and His Wife Athanasia. Our Righteous Forefather Abraham and his Nephew Lot. The Holy Martyr Denis, Bishop of Paris.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Msgr. Sylvester Hladky – Hosos family
Sunday	10 Oct.	<i>TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia.</i>
	9:00 AM	+Harry Reynolds – Marjorie Reynolds
	11:00 AM	+Micheline Hayda - family



Attentive to the Word
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 6: 31 – 36

Tone 2 – Pgs. 130 – 132



LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

One of the most fascinating churchmen in recent times was the late Pope John XXIII. He was Pope from 1958 to 1963. He has recently been elevated to sainthood by the Catholic Church. He is probably best known as the Pope who called for the Second Vatican Council to take place. Some people see Vatican II as the ruination of the church with all of the changes in liturgy or policy. Others see it as the open window of the fresh air of the Holy Spirit in a rigid, closed church at the time. Regardless of how you see Vatican II, Saint John XXIII was a colorful, pastoral and holy man.

He had a marvelous quick wit and a sense of humor. He was the first pope to consent to a modern television interview. The television interviewer went to Vatican City and was so taken back about the size of St. Peter's Basilica, the various congregations, buildings, gardens and the sprawling expanse of Vatican City State, he asked the Pope, "Holy Father with all of this at that Vatican how many people work here?" He paused a minute and with a big smile replied, "About half of them."

A great book to give you an insight into the heart and mind of this man is, "*A Journal of a Soul.*" I recommend it highly. Saint John XXIII said that the two greatest gifts God gave to us are our heads and our hearts. With our heads we learn; with our hearts, we love. He begged us to learn and to love to the utmost of our ability. Both are important. He said that people of this world need all the love we can give them.

Saint John XXIII was known for his love. He loved not only Catholics but all the peoples of the world. He turned former antagonists of the Church into friends. He did this with love and respect. He opened our hearts and minds to have an ecumenical spirit with those who do not believe the same way as we do.

Today's Gospel tells us the love we should have - not only for friends who love us - but even for our enemies. We can turn enemies into friends with genuine love. Our Lord said: "To you who hear Me, I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you – Do to others what you would have them do to you." If Christians would live according to these words of Christ, the world would be a much better place in which to live.

We need to build bridges between people instead of walls. Bridges of love, understanding, and good will join people. Hatred, anger, revenge, and any prejudice build walls that destroy friendship and understanding. Love can conquer all.

No one who bears the name of Christian can deny the essence of Christianity and the teaching of Christ is his law of love. It must be love in practice.... not just theory. Some people are like the child who prayed: "O Lord. I give you all that I am and all that I have." He read this out of his prayer book. Then, realizing what this meant, he hurriedly added: "...that is, all except my little white rabbit." We all have little white rabbits in some way stashed away in our minds and hearts. We love, but up to a point. When it means to sacrifice... like loving those who do not love us or those who or are downright mean.... the little white rabbit comes in.... "all except..." and we fill in the blank.

But Jesus made no exception. He loved everyone – the old, young, poor, rich, sinner, saint, friends, different races and even enemies of his people. We must learn from Him and make no exceptions in our lives.



**I SAID A PRAYER
FOR YOU TODAY**

I said a prayer for you today
and know God must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart
although He spoke not a word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind.)
I asked for priceless treasures rare
of a more lasting kind.
I prayed that He'd be near to you
at the start of each new day,
to grant you health and
blessings fair,
and friends to share your way.
I asked for happiness for you
in all things great and small,
but that you'd know his
loving care,
I prayed the most of all.