

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 Father Simeon to schedule.

Mystery of Crowning: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the Parish Family. Must meet with Father Simeon before setting date and reserving your banquet hall. Pre-Cana program is required and three sessions with Father 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 Father Simeon is notified. It especially is important that a family member contact Father Simeon whenever a loved one is hospitalized.

Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Father 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.

MOTHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Please remember the following at our Parish’s Mother’s Day Remembrance:

_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased

Please circle

Liturgy time: Saturday, 5:00 PM Sunday, 9:00 AM Sunday, 11:00 AM

Requested by:

Please print each name and circle the correct notation

Donation for each name is \$5.00

****DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022****

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU.....

..... to all who donated desserts for St. Vincent de Paul! It was certainly appreciated. We will continue to accept any donations of desserts.

..... to the Parish Guild and volunteers who helped out with the nutroll and paska baking!

..... to those who brought pussywillows, put the palms and pussywillows together, and those who delivered baskets to the shut-ins!

We also thank with all our hearts Father Simeon, the Cantors, the Lectors, and the Altar Servers for all their help during the Great Fast season and the Pascha services.

We are so blessed to have such dedicated and gifted parishioners!!



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of April 16:

8:00 PM: **63**; 9:00 AM: **62**; 11:00 AM: **50**

Good Friday: 64

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$10,400.90



APRIL 24, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Sun., April 24** Last ECF Class today 10 AM to 10:45 AM until September.
- **Wed., May 4** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Mon., May 16** 100th Anniversary Fundraiser @ Texas Roadhouse.
- **Fri. & Sat., May 20 & 21** Rummage Sale.

LADYBUG BOX 

This month's drawing is this Sunday, April 24th, after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Don't forget to buy your tickets!

YOU HAVE TO PLAY TO WIN! Will You Be The Next Lucky Winner????

RUMMAGE SALE – 100TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 20 & 21
9 AM – 4 PM IN SOCIAL HALL**

Drop-offs at the Social Hall before and after Liturgies:

Weekends of: April 30 – May 1
May 7 – 8
May 14 – 15

No clothes, shoes or large pieces of furniture.

Any questions, please call Patty James @ 330-507-6273.

SPRING LOTTERY WREATH

Lady Bug will be resting the month of May. The 100th Anniversary Fundraiser for May will be a Spring Lottery Wreath with \$100 worth of Instant Lottery Tickets. Tickets are \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5.

Tickets will be available after Liturgies in May and also at our Texas Roadhouse event May 16th.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE EVENT

On **Monday, May 16th, from 3 PM – 10 PM**, SS. Peter and Paul Church will be reimbursed 10% of sales to those presenting a church flier. The fliers will be available in the Social Hall.

Invite your family and friends! Anyone can use the flier.

Our Spring Lottery Wreath with \$100 of Instant Lottery Tickets will be available for ticket sales at the restaurant that evening.

Sunday (Sun. Vigil)	24 April 5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<i>THOMAS SUNDAY.</i> +John Hoson – Hoson family +Mary Ann Johnson – Mike & Sue Johnson +Betty Vazur – Patricia Sudik & family
Monday	25 April	<i>Thomas Week. The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Tuesday	26 April 8:30 AM	<i>Thomas Week. The Holy Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea.</i> +Sister Margaret Chuma – Benedictine Sisters
Wednesday	27 April	<i>Thomas Week. The Holy Bishop-Martyr Simeon, Cousin of our Lord. Our Venerable Father Stephen, Bishop of Vladimir in Volhynia.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Thursday	28 April 8:30 AM	<i>Thomas Week. The Holy Apostles Jason and Sosipater. The Holy Martyrs Dadas, Maximus and Quintillianus. Our Holy Father Cyril, Bishop of Turov.</i> Health of Christine Johnson Leon - family
Friday	29 April	<i>Thomas Week. The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice. Our Venerable Father Memnon the Wonderworker.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Saturday (Sun. Vigil)	30 April 5:00 PM	<i>Thomas Week. The Holy Apostle James, Brother of John the Theologian.</i> +Sister Agnes Knapik – Benedictine Sisters
Sunday	1 May 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<i>SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN. The Holy Prophet Jeremiah. The Passing of Blessed Clement Sheptyckyj (1951).</i> +Marilyn Machingo Egli – Eleanor & John Fetsko Intention of Rosary Society Members



Attentive to the Word

THOMAS SUNDAY

John 20: 19 – 31

Follow Directions on Pages 175 – 177

SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS



Jesus is understanding and sympathetic with Thomas, as our Lord would be with any one of us who has difficulty “seeing”. We live in darkness, and Faith is a struggle that is frequently a challenge for us. Sometimes, what we think is Faith is not much more than a token acknowledgement of the things we are told. Compare that with a deeper Faith that comes as a result of a genuine searching in mysteries and the challenges of the unknown. This is a growing Faith. As we grow in the knowledge of God, we will experience Him more...and in the end, say with St. Thomas, “**My Lord and My God.**”

THE CHOICE IS OURS! .

The mystery of returning can be very difficult for most, if not seemingly impossible for some. The process is individual, deeply personal and desperately needs the support and help of others – the church, our families and our friends. We often try to do it alone. We turn inward in unhealthy and destructive manners. There is no darkness like that of feeling all alone, but we do not have to stand alone. St. John Chrysostom encourages us, “the work of faith is not ours; it is the gift of God” (*Homilies on the Epistle to the Ephesians*). We have received the gift of faith in baptism. It is in the community of the church that it will be nurtured and developed.

Let us pray to St. Thomas to help us in our belief. “The disbelief of Thomas has done more for our faith than the faith of the other disciples” (Gregory the Great, *Homilies on Ezekiel*). “It is precisely our faith in Christ which gives us the strength to look trustingly to the future” (John Paul II - *Holy Thursday 2002*).

By Metropolitan Basil Schott

SUNDAYS OF PASCHA

Each of the weeks of the “Paschal Season” has a theme generated by the Gospel Readings of the Sundays. **Faith** is the great theme of the Resurrection, . . . as St. Paul says, “If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is void of content and our faith is empty too.”

St. Thomas Sunday for example suggests that our human, understandable and darkened “unbelief” (doubt) may have the search-for-God element characteristic of **Faith** itself.

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women has the experience of the first physical encounter with the Risen Christ, as the beginning of all encounters.

Sunday of the Paralytic Man compares the **Faith** inspired by physical cures with spiritual redemption.

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman wonderfully assures us that God sees beyond our complex appearances to the well of sincerity with its potential for great **Faith**.

Sunday of the Man Born Blind shows that just as by **Faith** such unimaginable vision is given to a man born blind, so also an unimaginable vision is in store for our souls by **Faith**.

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!