

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.

OUR THANKS TO YOU, FATHER SIMEON!

“For everything there is a season; a time for every purpose under heaven.” (Eccl. 3)

It is the first day of August and it is time to say goodbye and to wish you well in your well-deserved retirement. You have been a “good shepherd” to your “flock” at SS. Peter and Paul Church in Warren. We thank you for all you have done for us to continue to grow in our faith. Your celebration of the Divine Liturgy is so beautiful, and your homilies were always excellent.

We're happy that you are going to be living close by, so that you can join us in our Parish “festivities.”

Enjoy your retirement! Our love and our prayers go with you!



A RECIPE TO LIVE BY

Blend 1 cup of love and ½ cup of kindness. Add alternately in small portions 1 cup of appreciation and 3 cups of pleasant companionship into which has been sifted 3 *teaspoons of deserving praise.*

Flavor with 1 teaspoon of carefully chosen advice. Lightly fold in 1 cup of cheerfulness to which has been added a pinch of sorrow.

Pour with tender care into small clean hearts and let bake until well matured. Turn out on the surface of society, humbly invoke God's blessing, and it will serve all mankind.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of July 30:

5:00 PM: **48**; 10:00 AM: **70**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$1,818.00



- **Mon., Aug. 15 Holy Day of Obligation** – Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. Blessing of flowers on the Feast Day.
- **Mon., Aug. 22** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.



The Feast of the Dormition (falling asleep) of the Blessed Mother and her Assumption body and soul into heaven is celebrated on August 15th. The Dormition Fast, to help us prepare for this Feast, is from August 1 – 14. Our Church recommends abstinence from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays during this period of preparation.



PARISH GUILD/100TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

To be held on **Tuesday, August 9th, at 6:00 PM** in the Social Hall. Parish Picnic and Pasta Dinner will be discussed. Everyone is welcome.

PARISH PICNIC

When? Sunday, August 21 - 1:00 PM

Where? SS. Peter & Paul Social Hall and Grounds.

Who? YOU...Parishioners & Manor residents.



There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Come join the fun! More information to come.

LADY BUG BOX

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 Cash, Instant Lottery Tickets and/or Gift Cards would be welcome and greatly appreciated.

This month's drawing will be held on Sunday, August 28th, after the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Will You Be The Next Lucky Winner???????

AUGUST 7, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

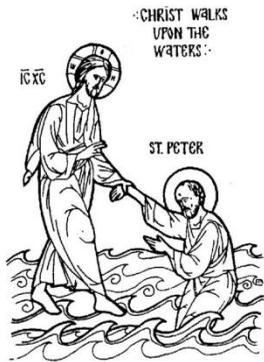
Sunday	7 Aug.	<i>NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Post-festive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Venerable Martyr Dometius.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Richard Prest (40th day)
	10:00 AM	+Fr. Robert Karl – Betty Zombar & John & Jen Welch
Monday	8 Aug.	<i>Post-festive Day of the Transfiguration. The Holy Confessor Emilian, Bishop of Cyzice.</i> No Divine Services
Tuesday	9 Aug.	<i>Post-festive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Apostle Matthias.</i> No Divine Services
Wednesday	10 Aug.	<i>Post-festive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence of Rome.</i> No Divine Services
Thursday	11 Aug.	<i>Post-festive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr Euplus.</i> No Divine Services
Friday	12 Aug.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Photius and Anicetus.</i> No Divine Services
Saturday	13 Aug.	<i>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of the Feast of the Transfiguration. Our Venerable Father Maximos the Confessor.</i>
(Vigil Lit.)	5:00 PM	+Charles “Buddy” Hite, Jr. – wife, Luanne, & family
Sunday	14 Aug.	<i>TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Pre-festive Day of the Dormition. The Holy Prophet Micah. Translation of the Relics of our Father Theodosius, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Caves.</i>
	10:00 AM	+John Koza, III – Bob & Marianne Cabosky



Attentive to the Word
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 8 Matt. 14: 22 – 34

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from Feast of Transfiguration Pgs. 346 – 350*



In the story of creation found in the Book of Genesis, we read where Adam and Eve had partaken of the forbidden fruit, something which had been specifically denied them. Knowing that God is searching for them, they attempt to hide. It is a scene perhaps reminiscent of many of our childhoods when we had done something that we were not supposed to and we literally hid from our searching parents. Finally God finds them, as we know that He will, for, after all, where can we go to hide from God? God asks them why they are hiding. Do you remember the response that Adam gave: "Because, I was afraid."

I think this very poignant story reminds us that fear is so basic to who we are as humans, it goes all the way back to the beginning of time. To be human is to experience fear. There seems to be no limit to our fears. In a Peanuts cartoon strip Charlie Brown goes to Lucy for a nickel's worth of psychiatric help. She proceeds to pinpoint his particular fear. Perhaps, she says, you have ypengyophobia, which is the fear of responsibility. Charlie Brown says no. Well, perhaps you have ailurophobia, which is the fear of cats. No. No. Exasperated, Lucy says well, maybe you have pantophobia, which is the fear of everything. Yes, says Charlie, that is the one!

Sometimes we feel like we are afraid of everything. We are afraid of ourselves. We are afraid of people. We are afraid of the future. We are afraid of the past. We are afraid of life. We are afraid of death. Every person, every Christian, must fight their own fears. Even Paul, the sturdy Christian warrior, had to do so. Paul had fallen flat on his face in Athens. He did exactly what he intended not to do, and in his own eyes he had failed. He wrote of his arrival in Corinth: "For when we came into Macedonia we had

not rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings; within were fears." Paul was full of fears, just like you and me – the fear of inadequacy, the fear of failing.

But perhaps the most surprising fear of many people, and one that we do not like to address is the fear of God. It is the fear that God is not really on our side. It is the fear that God will put us out on a limb and leave us.

It is not a new idea. One of the great fears of the ancient people was that God would fall asleep. Can you imagine such a thing? When the prophets of Baal could not get their Gods to rain down fire on the top of Mt. Carmel, Elijah taunted them: Maybe your God is asleep, he said.

On the other hand, the Jews took great comfort in the fact that the God of Israel neither slumbered nor slept. Over and over again the message of the Bible is fear not. When Abram took his family to the Promised Land he feared that he was turning his back on everything he knew, his security for the unknown. God spoke to him: Fear not Abram, I am your shield and your reward will be great.

When the Jews stood at the Red Sea and could see Pharaoh's chariots coming on the horizon, they cried out that they would all be slaughtered. Moses said to them: Stand still, fear not, and see the salvation of the Lord.

When the angel of the Lord came to Mary and said that she would bear a child, she trembled with fear. What would become of her? Said the angel: Fear not Mary, for you found favor with God.

Fear not! Fear Not! It is how we would like to live. How do you do it?

First, we must confront our fears.

Second, we must understand that too much doubt can sink us.

*Third, we must remember that regardless of what happens,
God will always be with us.*

FEAR NOT!