

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.

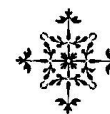
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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 +**Michael R. Mosko** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



OOPS!

We found extra nut Kolachi in Father's freezer. We will be selling them after each Liturgy until they are sold out.

LADY BUG BOX

Buy your tickets for a chance to win a \$50 Gift Card for White House Fruit Farm plus instant Lottery Tickets! 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 month's drawing will be held on Sunday, January 31st, after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Will You Be The Next Lucky Winner???????

FREE ADULT EDUCATION

Live webinars, free of charge. Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events.

Wednesdays, January 19 & 26, February 9 & 16.

8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**“ORTHODOXY & HETERODOXY”: The History of the Ecumenical Councils
by Rev. Christiaan Kappes, Ph.D., SLD**

Join us as Rev. Christiaan Kappes leads us through the breathtaking story of the battle of the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils to preserve the integrity of the faith against heresy in the decisive first centuries of Church history.

JUST A REMINDER....Please do not seal contribution envelopes with scotch tape or return labels. This makes it very difficult for the collection counters, who very generously give of their time. When envelopes are taped, it takes twice as long to complete the collection and make the deposits.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of January 8:

5:00 PM: 47; 9:00 AM: 33; 11:00 AM: 50

Theophany: Wed.: 26; Thurs.: 20

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,447.00
Total Christmas Collection 2021: \$19,143.00**



- **Sun., Jan. 16** ECF Classes today 10 AM to 10:45 AM.
- **Sun., Jan. 16** “Un-decorate” the Church – Noon.
- **Mon., Jan. 17** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Wed., Feb. 2** Meeting of our Lord with Simeon and Anna – Solemn Holy Day
- **Wed., Feb. 2** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Tues., Feb. 8** Parish Guild Meeting at 6 PM (new time). Light supper will be served to celebrate the Guild’s Anniversary. New members are welcome.



NEWLY SANCTIFIED JORDAN WATER

On the Feast of Theophany we celebrated the Great Sanctification of Water. The dispenser containing the newly sanctified water is located by the Belvedere Ave. entrance. You are encouraged to take some water home for your sanctification. Small holy water bottles are available.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Contribution envelopes will be in the Social Hall until **Monday, January 17th**. After that date, you will have to call the Parish office at 330-372-1875 to pick them up.

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE

During our Liturgical Year our Byzantine Church remembers its faithful departed in a special way on All Souls Saturdays. The first All Souls Saturday is *February 19th*. There is an envelope in your offertory box for these All Souls Remembrances. If you wish to have your loved ones remembered by name on these special days, please submit the names, **printed**, with an offering in the envelope by **February 6th** so that the names can be organized. *If you have submitted the names of your deceased family members previously, please do not rewrite them...just submit any additional names.* If there are no additions, and you want your loved ones to be remembered by name, just write “NO CHANGES” on your envelope, put your offering in the envelope, and drop the envelope in the collection basket. Thank you for your prompt attention.

LITURGY STIPENDS

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

JANUARY 16, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	16 Jan.	<i>THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Veneration of the Chains of the Holy, Glorious and Illustrious Apostle Peter.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Intention of Stephen & Theresa Sernulka - family +Marialice Verney – Irene & John Chekan +Bill Fusselman – Mary Anne Karchut & Bob Fejko
Monday	17 Jan.	<i>Our Venerable Father Anthony the Great.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday (SPP)	18 Jan. 8:30 AM	<i>Our Holy Fathers Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria.</i> +Mary Passek – Michael & Elizabeth Phipps
Wednesday	19 Jan.	<i>Our Venerable Father Macarius of Egypt.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday (SPP)	20 Jan. 8:30 AM	<i>Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Euthymius the Great.</i> +John & +Josephine Wargo – daughter, Eliz., & family
Friday	21 Jan.	<i>Our Venerable Father Maximus the Confessor. The Holy Martyr Neophyte. The Holy Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian and Aquila. The Holy Virgin Martyr Agnes of Rome.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday (Vigil Liturgy)	22 Jan. 5:00 PM	<i>The Holy Apostle Timothy. The Holy Venerable-Martyr Anastasius the Persian.</i> +Ronald Barrick – sisters, Eleanor Cerbus & Dolores Barrick
Sunday	23 Jan.	<i>THIRTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra. The Holy Martyr Agathangel. Commemoration of the Sixth Ecumenical Council.</i> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM
		+Betty Vazur – St. Benedict’s Auxiliary +Linda Mendenhall – sister, Lisa, & John Mosko



Attentive to the Word
34TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 18: 35 - 43

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The Wound Underneath (Luke 18:35)

When you hear a helicopter going over, you probably look up. I know I do. But it's probably not a major emotional experience for you. It is for Megan's dad. She told me she and her dad were outside recently when a chopper flew over. In her words, "My Dad suddenly hit the deck." In other words, he just instinctively fell to the ground. Now, you know you could look at that reaction and say, "Is he a little strange, or what?" No, he isn't strange. He's a Vietnam veteran. Obviously, Megan was really surprised by her father's unusual behavior – so she said, "What's wrong, Dad?" He said, "It's just part of post-Vietnam trauma. When I hear a chopper, it just triggers something inside. I'm suddenly in combat again." Now Megan understands!

Well, I want to have **A WORD WITH YOU** today about **The Wound Underneath**. That father's hard-to-explain behavior is because of some of the battles in his past. He's not the only one. It may be some past battles that help explain what's behind the actions and attitudes of someone you're having a hard time dealing with. Jesus, of course, knew that – and He had the wonderful ability to look beyond the deeds of a person to their needs. It's an outlook He wants you and me to have, too.

Now our word for today from the Word of God begins in *Luke 18:35*. "*As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' He called out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be*

brought to Him." What follows is the miraculous healing of this blind man. And Luke concludes, "*When all the people saw it, they also praised God.*"

Now to the folks in Jericho that day, this blind man was a noisy, stubborn nuisance. They want to make a good impression on Jesus, and here's this man screaming obnoxiously. The people see nuisance. Jesus sees need. He knows that behind those screams is a man with a desperate need. And the man everybody else is trying to shut up Jesus stops for, responds to, reaches out to.

When you try to see the need behind someone's deed, it changes the way you treat that person. Like Megan. She could understand, and even sympathize with, her Dad's dramatic reaction to the chopper overhead when she knew the pain in his past that made him react that way.

There's probably someone in your world who needs that kind of understanding from you right now. It may be someone who has hurt you deeply . . . mistreated you . . . used you . . . even attacked you. You may be increasingly annoyed or irritated or angry with someone whose attitude or actions or approach really rub you the wrong way. But there's a good chance there's pain underneath the way they are. Past battles that have almost programmed them to respond in a way that they think will protect them from more pain.

Sometimes when people are bleeding emotionally, they bleed on us. If that person was injured in front of your house and physically bleeding, you'd respond with compassion and you'd do all you could to stop the bleeding. I don't think you'd get angry with them for getting blood on you. Now it may be that they're bleeding emotionally from past wounds – and they don't need one more person who wounds them . . . even though their behavior seems to invite a pretty harsh response.

When you try to understand the needs behind their deeds, you can finally respond as Jesus told us to - "*Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you*" (*Luke 6:27, 28*). That person you struggle with doesn't need any more wounds . . . they need someone who will, in Jesus' love, help heal those wounds.

By Ron Hutchcraft