

## 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.



**HAPPY 99<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO  
OUR LONG-TIME PARISHIONER,  
HELEN KUHAR!!  
MAY GOD GRANT YOU  
GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS!**

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Father Ambrose, son of parishioners Andrew and Carol Nemeth, has been named Hegumen (Superior) of Holy Protection Monastery in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. May God grant him and his community many blessed years!

## LADY BUG BOX IS BACK IN JANUARY!!

*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???????**

## CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS

Please pick-up your 2022 Church Calendars and Contribution Envelopes in the Social Hall. *If there is any name or address correction, if you are unable to locate your envelopes, or if you wish a set of envelopes, please call the office, or drop a note in the collection basket. This year all envelope numbers were reassigned due to the number of deaths and relocation of former parishioners. Please discard your old envelopes at the end of 2021. If you want proper credit for your contributions, you must use the envelopes you were assigned for the year 2022.*

## FREE BOOKS AND TAPES

Please call Sister Barbara at 330-240-2534 for an appointment.



**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of December 25:**

9:00 AM: 41; 11:00 AM: 64

Christmas Attendance: 133

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: ..... \$2,129.30  
Christmas Offerings: ..... \$14,986.00**



- **Sun., Jan. 2** ECF Classes today 10 AM to 10:45 AM.
- **Wed., Jan. 5** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Thurs., Jan. 6** Theophany of our Lord – Holy Day of Obligation.
- **Sun., Jan. 9** “Un-decorate” the Church – Noon.

***NO FASTING FROM DECEMBER 25 THROUGH JANUARY 4.***

***JAN. 5 – DAY OF STRICT FAST (NO MEAT, EGGS, OR DAIRY PRODUCTS.)***

### THANK YOU

I would like to thank all who remembered me during this Holy Season of Christ’s birth with Christmas greetings and the generous gifts. Your thoughtfulness and generosity were greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless us throughout the New Year as we journey together as a family of faith.

*Father Simeon*

### NEWLY SANCTIFIED JORDAN WATER

On the Feast of Theophany we will celebrate the Great Sanctification of Water. The dispenser containing the newly sanctified water is located by the Belvedere Avenue entrance. You are encouraged to take some water home for your sanctification.

### CHRISTMAS ALMSGIVING – AKRON CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

**The deadline to donate is now January 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Please make a donation of either material items (table and list in Social Hall), gift cards, or monetary gifts.

Any checks should be made payable to: Saints Peter and Paul Church.

Please place monetary gifts and gift cards in the white envelopes found at the church entrances, and drop them into the collection baskets.

Thank you again for your generosity!

### MANY THANKS!

Thanks to all the volunteers who gave of their time to bake and/or tray their favorite holiday cookies! The proceeds of the sale will benefit our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

Also, thanks to all the faithful volunteers who decorated our Church so beautifully for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord!

God Bless You All!

### PARISH GUILD MEETING

There will be no Parish Guild Meeting in January.

JANUARY 2, 2022  
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	2 Jan.	<i>SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY. Pre-festive Day of Theophany. Our Holy Father Sylvester, Pope of Rome.</i>
<b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+John Koza, III &amp; +Edward Smith – Dianna Koza</b> <b>Intention of Rosary Society Members</b> <b>Health &amp; Int. of Helen Kuhar – Ruth Ann &amp; Gabriel Capito</b>
Monday	3 Jan.	<i>Pre-festive Day of Theophany. The Holy Prophet Malachi. The Holy Martyr Gordius. Venerable Genevieve of Paris.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	4 Jan.	<i>Pre-festive Day of Theophany. Synaxis of the Holy 70 Apostles. Our Venerable Father Theoctist, Hegumen at Cuomo in Sicily.</i>
<b>(SPP)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Judy Dinko – Mary Toumazos</b>
Wednesday	5 Jan.	<i>Vigil of the Theophany. The Holy Martyrs Theopempt and Theona. Our Venerable Mother Syncletica. The Holy Prophet Micah.</i>
<b>(Vigil Liturgy)</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>+Dr. Domingo Villareal – Sylvia Hoson</b>
Thursday	6 Jan.	<i>THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. (Pages 312 – 316)</i>
<b>(SPP)</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>+Harry Reynolds – Dolores Kennedy</b>
Friday	7 Jan.	<i>SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY FORERUNNER, PROPHET AND BAPTIST JOHN.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	8 Jan.	<i>Saturday after Theophany. Post-festive Day of Theophany. Our Venerable Father George the Chozebite. Our Venerable Mother Domenica. Our Holy Father and Confessor Emilian.</i>
<b>(Vigil Liturgy)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Intention of Wiley Byers – daughter, Dianna Koza</b>
Sunday	9 Jan.	<i>SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY. Post-festive Day of Theophany. The Holy Martyr Polyeuct.</i>
	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Nancy Fernandez – Estelle Wujick Liming</b> <b>+Brian “Fio” Koehn – Mom &amp; Mike</b>



Attentive to the Word  
SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Mark 1: 1 – 8

Tone 7 Pg. 156 and follow directions

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FEAST OF THEOPHANY

*“You have revealed Yourself to the world today, and Your Light, O Lord, has shined upon us . . . We recognize You and exclaim to You: You have come and revealed Yourself, O inaccessible Light.” (Kontakion – Theophany)*

The Sixth of January is the Feast of the Theophany. Originally it was the one Christian feast of the “Shining Forth” of God to the world in human form as Jesus. It included the celebration of Christ’s birth, the adoration of the Magi and all the childhood events such as the Circumcision, Presentation in the Temple, as well as His baptism by John in the Jordan.

Epiphany means “shining forth” or “manifestation”. The Feast, in our church, is more often and correctly called “Theophany”, which means the “manifestation of God”. Theophany is – after Easter and Pentecost – the greatest Feast of the Eastern Church: greater even than the Feast of the Nativity of Christ. It commemorates the baptism of Our Lord by John the Baptist, and the public manifestation of the incarnate Word to the world. At the River Jordan, God reveals Himself in the person of Jesus. He is the Word of God incarnate; on Him rests the Holy Spirit from all eternity; the Father witnesses to the divinity of Christ and proclaims Him to be His only Son . . . “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased . . .” On this day of Theophany, God reveals Himself fully: He is one in three Persons. This is the mystery which allows us to call on the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as one God. Nothing can be added to this vision or manifestation. We celebrate the baptism of Jesus Christ as a Theophany because the Holy Trinity was made manifest for the first time.

The blessing of the water on the feast shows that Jesus was baptized for us in the Jordan River, and has transformed and changed the waters and **ALL CREATION** by

His Presence. It is **NOW** the Kingdom of God presented and manifested to **us**. And as the water and all creation are transformed by Christ’s presence, so too, we are blessed to show that our entire lives have been transformed and brought into the presence of God through Christ!



**THE LORD’S THEOPHANY IN THE JORDAN**



Come, O faithful,  
Having enjoyed the Master’s hospitality,  
The Banquet of Immortality in the lowly manger,  
Let us run to the Jordan,  
There to see a strange mystery,  
Revealing the Light from on high.

The feast of Christ’s Birth has passed;  
It shone more brightly than the sun.  
The day of His Epiphany is coming;  
That day will be even more radiant.

There the shepherds gave glory with the angels,  
Worshipping God made man.  
Here John’s right hand will touch the Master  
As he cries out in fear:  
Sanctify both me and the waters,  
O Only Merciful One!

The feast which passed was radiant,  
But the coming one is even more glorious!  
There the Magi worshipped the Savior;  
Here the servant baptizes the Master.  
There the shepherds saw the Child and were amazed;  
Here the voice of the Father proclaims  
the only-begotten Son!