

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.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

If you need your contribution envelopes, please call the Parish office at 330-372-1875 to pick them up.

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???????

OOPS!

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

FREE ADULT EDUCATION

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

Wednesdays, January 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.

LITURGY STIPENDS

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



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of January 15:

5:00 PM: **47**; 9:00 AM: **41**; 11:00 AM: **50**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,943.00



- **Sun., Jan. 23** ECF Classes today 10 AM to 10:45 AM.
- **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. **Please sign up in the Social Hall.**

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.

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.

REMEMBERING THE HOMEBOUND

We pray to the Lord, the Giver of Life and all good gifts, for the health and blessings of those who are ill, homebound, in care facilities, and are unable to attend church. In our good fortune and many blessings from God, let us not forget those who are also part of our parish family – remember them with prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, etc. Let us share our blessings!

*The best way to forget your own problems is to help someone solve his.
Look not every man on his own things, but every man
also on the things of others.
Philippians 2:4*

JANUARY 23, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Ronald Barrick – sisters, Eleanor Cerbus/Dolores Barrick +Betty Vazur – St. Benedict’s Auxiliary +Linda Mendenhall – sister, Lisa, & John Mosko
Monday	24 Jan.	<i>Our Venerable Mother Xenia of Rome.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	25 Jan.	<i>Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+George Bernard - family
Wednesday	26 Jan.	<i>Our Venerable Father Xenophon and His Wife Mary. Our Holy Father Joseph, Archbishop of Thessalonica.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	27 Jan.	<i>Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father John Chrysostom.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+Mary Ann Johnson – The Leon & Jim Johnson families
Friday	28 Jan.	<i>Our Venerable Father Ephrem the Syrian, Bishop of Nineveh. Our Venerable Father Isaac the Syrian, Bishop of Nineveh. The Passing of our Venerable Mother Olympia Bida (1952).</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	29 Jan.	<i>Translation of the Relics of the Holly Bishop and Martyr Ignatius of Antioch.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Frank Hoson, Jr. – Monica Shaker
Sunday	30 Jan.	<i>THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS. FEAST OF THE THREE HOLY BISHOPS: BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM. The Holy Bishop Martyr.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Kenny Ferrance – Betty Lesho +John Koza, III – Gary & Julie Sharon



Attentive to the Word
35TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 15: 21 - 28

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REFLECTION:



The incident of Jesus calling the rich young ruler can have many applications. In the light of the growing concern for social justice and putting into practice the preferential option for the poor, what could this episode say about our contemporary situation? We recognize that there are vast differences between our 21st century society and Luke's first century Greco-Roman civilization. Then the population was small; there was little "social consciousness" with regard to the dignity of human beings. Most people saw the lot to which they were born as a matter handed out by the impersonal whims

of fate. Luke tried to raise the consciousness of his readers, so that those who were well to do would share their wealth by giving to the poor.

It would seem, in light of the tremendous complexities of our world's economic systems, that our almsgiving would not change things. We might find ourselves thinking, "Even if I sold everything I have, gave the money to the poor and followed Jesus, what would my personal charity really accomplish?" But to ask this question is to start at the wrong place—as if what counted was only that which would change the world. The most important aspect is the change that takes place in ourselves. The starting point for real change is the realization that following Jesus means personal conversion. Jesus was calling the rich ruler to personal conversion. Jesus' invitation to "come and follow me" is the key to the application of this passage to our lives. If we start at personal conversion, then the smallest step taken or the most insignificant contribution made is decisive.

It is self-defeating to hold that our giving accomplishes very little in the face of the great changes needed in our social structures. It is true that many of society's problems cannot be solved by merely increasing charitable contributions to the poor. But it is also true that other action can be taken. Individuals are not powerless; they can work at changing the social structures that keep people poor and oppressed. On the one hand the problems of bad housing, poverty, racial discrimination and depressed life-styles are problems that have to be worked on by those who experience them. On the other hand, the poor alone can never resolve the problems that bring misery to their lives. While our society and our government have a primary responsibility in the shaping of a just society, the poor need those who operate the soup kitchens as well as those who can help the poor organize themselves to change the systems so they serve human needs. Jesus' invitation to use one's time, talent and worldly goods to help the poor continues in our own day.



Sigmund Freud's favorite story was about the sailor shipwrecked on one of the south sea islands. He was seized by the natives, hoisted to their shoulders, carried to the village, and set on a rude throne. Little by little, he learned that it was their custom once each year to make some man a king, king for a year. He liked it until he began to wonder what happened to all the former kings. Soon he discovered that every year when his kingship was ended, the king was banished to an island, where he starved to death. The sailor did not like that, but he was smart and he was king, king for a year. So he put his carpenters to work making boats, his farmers to work transplanting fruit trees to the island, farmers growing crops, masons building houses. So when his kingship was over, he was banished, not to a barren island, but to an island of abundance. It is a good parable of life: We're all kings here, kings for a little while, able to choose what we shall do with the stuff of life. (see Matthew 6:19-20 "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth...")

James S. Hewett, *Illustrations Unlimited*, Wheaton: Tyndale, 1988, p. 339.