

## 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.

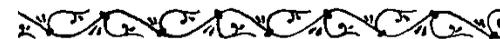
**Funerals:** Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Father Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BOB FEJKO –  
THIS MONTH'S LUCKY WINNER OF THE LADY BUG BOX!  
No Lady Bug in July.**



## **GCU BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY – 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!**

**Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA.**

**11:00 AM – 10:00 PM**

Park Ticket Prices are: \$25.00 (ages 4 – 64) and \$22.00 (ages 65+).

Luncheon Tickets are \$10.00 (ages 3 – 10) and \$17 (ages 11+).

**Deadline for ticket orders – Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.**

See Bulletin Board in Social Hall to order tickets.



## **SUMMER FESTIVALS:**

**St. Demetrios Greek Festival – July 20 – 24**

**Wednesday & Thursday – 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM**

**Friday & Saturday – 4:00 PM to 11 PM**

**Sunday – 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

Greek Dining and Greek Pastries; Greek Music; Greek dancers

Visit [www.warregreekfest.com](http://www.warregreekfest.com) for more information.

**37<sup>th</sup> Warren Italian Heritage Festival – August 11 – 14**

**Courthouse Square – Downtown Warren**

Entertainment, Exhibits, Games, Pageants, Wine-tasting Competition, Contests, Parade, Fireworks and much more. Italian Outdoor Mass 9:30 AM Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Visit [www.warrenitalianfestival.com](http://www.warrenitalianfestival.com) for more information.



## **PRAYERS**



*Please continue to pray for the health of Father Simeon.*



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

5:00 PM: 56; 10:00 AM: 75

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$2,317.50**



- **This weekend the 2021 Financial Statements are available alongside the bulletins.**
- **Wed., July 6** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.



**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

**AMERICA - BLESS GOD!**



**A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

Metropolitan William and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will honor all those couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversary of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or additional years that are multiples of five during this year of 2022. **Please inform the Parish Office by July 18, 2022 if you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries so that your names can be submitted to the Chancery.** The Archieparchial celebration will take place at St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 3:00 PM. Certificates are sent to all couples, whether they are able to attend or not. Please call the church office or drop your name and current phone number in the collection basket and we will call you. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.



**CHRISTMAS IN JULY!**

***Fun in the Social Hall after Liturgies in July!***

***Pick a Christmas Gift for \$5.00.***

***Win a Prize!***

***Prizes include Gift Cards, Lottery Tickets & Mystery Gifts.***

JULY 3, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	3 July	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Hyacinth.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 10:00 AM	<b>+Sister Judith Konkus – Benedictine Sisters</b> <b>+Angeline Lucia (40<sup>th</sup> day) – Kathy &amp; John Shinosky</b>
Monday	4 July	<i>Our Holy Father Andrew of Jerusalem, Archbishop of Crete. Our Venerable Mother Martha, Mother of St. Simeon the Venerable. Our Venerable Father Procopius of Sazava.</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Tuesday	5 July	<i>Our Venerable Father Athanasius of Mt. Athos.</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Wednesday	6 July	<i>Our Venerable Father Sisoës the Great.</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Thursday	7 July	<i>Our Venerable Fathers Thomas of Maleum and Acacius, Mentioned in the Ladder.</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Friday	8 July	<i>The Holy Great Martyr Procopius.</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Saturday (Vigil Lit.)	9 July 5:00 PM	<i>The Holy Martyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina.</i> <b>+Frank Hoso, Jr. – Hoso family</b>
Sunday	10 July	<i>FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy 45 Martyrs in Nicopolis in Armenia. Our Venerable Father Anthony of the Kiev Lavra. The three Maronite Franciscan brothers, Francis, Abd-el-Mooti and Raphael Massabki, and eight others with them, killed in Damascus in 1860.</i> 10:00 AM <b>Health of Fr. Simeon – Marjorie, Paul &amp; Cheryl Simon</b>



**Attentive to the Word**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Matt. 8: 5 – 13*

*Tone 3 Pages 135 – 137*

**COMPASSION – FAITH – HUMILITY**



Jesus gave a great compliment in today’s Gospel.

He said, “I have not found so great a faith in all Israel.” Where would you look for such a person? For those of you who served in the military, could you imagine finding such a person in the armed forces? But that is exactly where Christ found this man of great faith.

This soldier in today’s Gospel was a Roman centurion. This means that he was in charge of 100 soldiers in the pagan Roman army. This man of some social prominence had a servant whom he cared about deeply. That is why he went to Christ. This centurion gives us examples of three virtues in action – not just in theory – but in action.

First of all the centurion was a man of great compassion. Remember at the time of Our Lord the Romans practiced slavery and had a reputation for being cruel to slaves. In this culture a centurion could have easily let a servant die and buy another. After all they were ONLY property. However, he was concerned about his servant. This shows compassion.

One of the greatest tragedies of our times is that many people who bear the name of “Christian” rarely feel or show compassion. People become so wrapped up in themselves and in their own concerns that they don’t even take notice of others. They don’t take time for other people. There are so many lonely people, even members of this church, who are shut-ins at home, in nursing homes, VA centers and many of them will die before their time not because of their afflictions but from loneliness and the feeling that nobody cares. Of course the classic bible illustration of this is the parable of the Good Samaritan.

The second virtue we find in the centurion is his great faith. This was the virtue Jesus noticed up front. He said, “Speak only the word and my servant shall be healed.” The centurion was not even Jewish. He probably worshipped all the pagan Roman gods. He most probably didn’t know anything about Jewish faith and the longing for the Messiah and Savior. He probably didn’t believe in only one God. Also he was a man of social standing so for him to go to Jesus, this poor itinerant preacher of no social standing, was a tremendous act of faith. The third virtue is one of humility. This is not a popular virtue in

our day at all. In our “me first” generation, pride, stubbornness and selfishness are high on the list. Pride involves putting other things before God, his Church and others. Many people operate like this: “I’ll go to church ONLY if it fits my schedule; OR only if I don’t have a ball game, a trip or something “MORE” important.” Last week we heard the Gospel, “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.” Our commitment to Christ and His Church cannot be a hobby or a pastime. What is the first of the Ten Commandments? “I am the Lord Your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.” God wants first place or no place! The virtue of humility involves doing God’s will even when I feel like it or not or even when something else looks more exciting to do.

We can learn so many things from this centurion and this Gospel. Here is a sobering question as a fitting close to this message. Ask yourself this. If I were put in front of Christ today or encountered Him like the centurion did, what would He say? “I have never found such faith in all of Israel or America.” What would He say about me?



**GODLY LIVING IN AN UNGODLY AGE - Read Titus 1:1-16**

Our Founding Fathers created a governing framework based upon biblical principles. Slowly, we have changed from "one nation under God" to a group of people who no longer want Him to be involved. Tragically, we've become, in numerous ways, an ungodly nation: many are driven by materialism and power; immorality and rebellion are prevalent; empty philosophy and false doctrine are widely acceptable. Underlying it all is a vocal decision to take God out of the nation's "official business." Yet even in an unbelieving society, people can, as individuals, follow Jesus. But the world will continually disseminate faulty teachings, so believers must be discerning. Otherwise, erroneous messages can lead Christians to compromise their convictions. Then affections and priorities may change. Don't let the world’s clamor make the Spirit’s voice less audible. Without His guidance, our minds become vulnerable to lies. The Word of God is a compass that keeps us headed in the right direction—even in the midst of confusing messages all around. We need to be consistently filled with truth by reading, believing, meditating upon, and applying Scripture. God also tells us to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). If our minds are focused upon Him, unholy beliefs will not be able to take root. The Word is our guidebook. We will still face difficulty as we live in this imperfect world – it is a confusing, dark place that entices us but never fulfills our true longings. Yet God's truth will bring confidence and boldness, and His Spirit will direct and strengthen, enabling us to live victoriously.

*By Dr. Charles Stanley*

**July 4<sup>th</sup> - HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**