

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.



LORD, bless all the members of our Parish family
Help us bring together the wisdom of age – the
Enthusiasm of youth – the suffering of our sick – the
Talents of all to continue the work of the Church
And lead us all to eternal happiness. Amen.



PRAYER FOR LIFE

Lord, help us to value all human life, from the elderly
and those with disabilities to the unborn,
the unwanted and the outcast.
We are all Your children, with Your indelible image
imprinted upon our souls.
May we grow in respect for the miracle of life and
be open to creating the sacred bonds of family.
Forgive us for every offense that we have committed
against the dignity of the human person.
Guide us in our efforts to defend the sanctity of human life,
so that we might not sit in judgment upon others
but rather invite all people to partake more fully
in the beautiful way You intend for us to treat one another.
We ask this with confidence in Your divine providence,
knowing that every sorrow, every pain,
every wrong, can work towards
Your purpose of bringing us
all into a deeper appreciation
for the gifts of life and love. Amen.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of July 23:

5:00 PM: **48**; 10:00 AM: **94**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,849.00



- **Wed., Aug. 3** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Sat., Aug. 6** Solemn Holy Day - Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. Blessing of grapes and other fruits at the Feast Day Liturgy.
- **Sat., Aug. 13** Workshop for Catechists & Others – SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA – 9:15 AM – 3:00 PM – See brochures on bulletin board in Social Hall for more information.
- **Mon., Aug. 15** **Holy Day of Obligation** – Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. Blessing of flowers on the Feast Day.
- **Sun., Aug. 21** Church Picnic in Social Hall. More information to come later.



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.

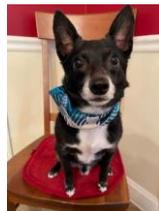


PARISH GUILD/100TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

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.

LADY BUG BOX 

Will be back in August. Any donations of Cash, Instant Lottery Tickets and/or Gift Cards would be welcome and greatly appreciated.



**Thank You for finding me a new home!
Gomez**

JULY 31, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	31 July	<i>EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Pre-festive Day of the Procession of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross. The Holy and Righteous Eudocimus. The Holy Joseph of Arimathea.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 10:00 AM	+Sr. M. Martha Kacmarek – Benedictine Sisters Health of Fr. Simeon – Marjorie, Paul & Cheryl Simon
Monday	1 Aug.	<i>The Procession of the Wood of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross. The Holy Seven Maccabees, their Mother Solomonia and the Elder Eleazar.</i> No Divine Services
Tuesday	2 Aug.	<i>Translation of the Relics of the Holy Proto-Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen. Our Venerable Father Basil, Fool for Christ.</i> No Divine Services
Wednesday	3 Aug.	<i>Our Venerable Fathers Isaac, Dalmatus and Faustus.</i> No Divine Services
Thursday	4 Aug.	<i>The Holy Seven Children of Ephesus. The Holy Venerable Martyr Eudoxia. Repose of the Blessed Bishop Martyr Ioan Bălan.</i> No Divine Services
Friday	5 Aug.	<i>Pre-festive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr Eusignius.</i> No Divine Services
Saturday	6 Aug.	<i>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.</i>
(Vigil Lit.)	5:00 PM	+Richard Prest (40th day)
Sunday	7 Aug.	<i>NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Post-festive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Venerable Martyr Dometius.</i>
	10:00 AM	+Fr. Robert Karl – Betty Zombar & John & Jen Welch



Attentive to the Word
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matt. 14: 14 – 22

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OUR CARING SHEPHERD

I want you to see something wonderful about Jesus Christ today. Jesus knows where you are and what you're going through, and *He cares*.



When this huge crowd gathered, Jesus looked out and saw broken people with broken lives. They had brought their sick and their lame, people with all manner of problems. And Jesus felt compassion for them. That tells us a lot about Jesus Christ, because it says that He is more than just a Person of power. He is One who cares. I'm here to tell you today that Jesus knows what you are going through. Jesus feels your pain. The beauty of the Incarnation is that when God became man, He could feel what we feel. We need a Person like that because we're like sheep. Mark says Jesus had compassion on the people because "they were like sheep without a shepherd." There are three things you need to know about sheep: they are dumb, defenseless, and directionless. It's not flattering, but it's true.

These people were groping for direction. They were defenseless, ripe for plucking. How many times have we been deceived into going to the wrong places, doing the wrong things, thinking the wrong thoughts, hanging out with the wrong people? We are defenseless and directionless. Jesus can do much more than just sympathize with you. His power can overrule your circumstances. His compassion can deal with your situation. *He healed the sick that day (Matthew 14:14), and He fed them too.*

I don't know what impossible situation you may be facing today, but when you bring Jesus Christ into the equation, you have someone who can surmount the insurmountable.

THE TRANSFIGURATION



On Aug. 6th we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. The whole atmosphere on the Mountain of Transfiguration, as presented by the Evangelists is glory. Jesus' face shone like the sun, and His garments glistened and gleamed like the light.

Just prior to the Transfiguration, Our Lord spoke of His approaching passion and death. The Apostles undoubtedly must have been very hurt and disappointed to hear Jesus tell of His journey to Jerusalem and how he would be humiliated, treated like a criminal, suffer, be crucified and die. The Transfiguration was something which was intended to lift up their hearts. It was to enable them to look beyond the humiliation and shame of Good Friday and the death on the cross to the glorious and crowning resurrection.

It is no wonder Peter wanted to build three tabernacles on the Mount and remain there. He wanted the great moment of glory to be prolonged. He did not want to go down to common everyday things, especially not to face the events of Jesus' passion and death.

Similarly, we too wish to experience the intimacy of peace and joy and our nearness to God at all times. The Mountain of Transfiguration is always more enjoyable than common daily things. But the Transfiguration is intended to give to us, as to the apostles, hope and strength to walk the daily way of the cross and to see beyond this, to the glory of our own transfiguration.

BLESSING OF FRUIT



As is customary in the Eastern Church on the Feast of the Transfiguration, **GRAPES AND FRUITS** will be blessed following the Divine Liturgy. Grapes are indicative of wine which is "transfigured" into the Precious Blood of Christ during the Consecration of each Liturgy. The first fruits of summer are blessed to acknowledge our gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings of a new and abundant harvest received. Don't forget to bring a basket of grapes and fruits to be blessed. Just as you share your blessings with others – so will God share His blessings with you.