

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.

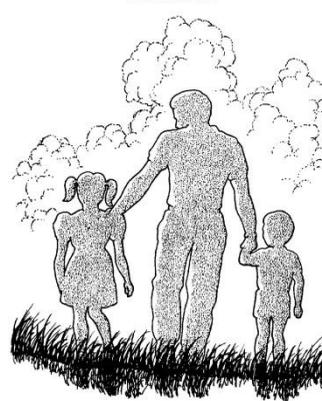
Rectory Office Hours: Lisa Mosko is in the Parish office from 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Dad's Greatest Job

"And I will be a father to you,
and you shall be my sons and daughters,"
says the Lord Almighty.

-2 Corinthians 6:18



I may never be as clever as my neighbors down the street,
I may never be as wealthy as some other men I meet;
I may never have the glory that some other men have had,
But I've got to be successful as a little fellow's dad.
There are certain dreams I cherish that I'd like to see come true.
There are things I would accomplish when my working time is through;
But the task my heart is set on is to guide a little lad,
And to make myself successful as that little fellow's dad.
I may never get earth's glory; I may never gather gold;
Men may count me as a failure when my business life is told;
But if he who follows after is a Christian, I'll be glad,
For I'll know I've been successful as a little fellow's dad.

LADY BUG BOX

Tickets are being sold in the Social Hall for chances to win the contents of the Lady Bug Box. This box contains Instant Lottery Tickets and/or Gift Cards. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be going towards our 100th Anniversary Celebration. We would like to continue this fundraiser monthly with your support. Any donations of Cash, Instant Lottery Tickets and/or Gift Cards would be welcome and greatly appreciated.

This month's drawing will be held on Sunday, June 26th, after the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy.

Will You Be The Next Lucky Winner???????

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- **When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.**
- **Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace.**



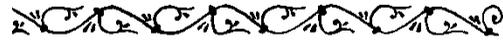
Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of June 11:

5:00 PM: 53; 10:00 AM: 59

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,956.00

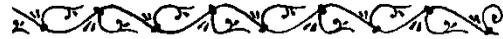


- **HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!** PLEASE PICK UP YOUR “GIFT” AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY.
- **Mon., June 27** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Wed., June 29** **SS. Peter and Paul Feast Day. Holy Day of Obligation.**
- **Wed., June 29** SS. Peter and Paul Feast Day Celebration. See information below.
- **Wed., July 6** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.



APOSTLE’S FAST: June 13 thru June 28

**We recommend meatless Wed. & Fri. & to be kinder to each other.
This is in preparation for the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul.**



**FEAST OF SS. PETER AND PAUL CELEBRATION
WED., JUNE 29 - LITURGY AT 5:00 PM FOLLOWED BY
DINNER AT DILUCIA’S AT 6:30 PM**

THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO SIGN UP!

- \$15.00 – includes Dinner and Entertainment for Parishioners (those registered with envelopes.);
- \$25.00 – includes Dinner and Entertainment for Non-Parishioners and Guests.
- \$10.00 – Children 12 and under.

Entertainment: The Comedy & Magic of Eric Thompson (See brochures in the Social Hall.)

PREPAYMENT IS REQUIRED. Payment will be accepted after each Liturgy in the Social Hall on the weekends of **June 18-19.**

PRAYERS



Please continue to keep Father Simeon in your prayers.

JUNE 19, 2022
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	19 June	<i>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	Remembrance of Fathers
	10:00 AM	Remembrance of Fathers
Monday	20 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara. Our Holy Father Nicholas Cabasilas.</i> No Divine Services
Tuesday	21 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus.</i> No Divine Services
Wednesday	22 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata.</i> No Divine Services
Thursday	23 June	<i>Our Holy Martyr Agrippina. Repose of the Blessed Bishop Martyr Ioan Suciu.</i> No Divine Services
Friday	24 June	<i>BIRTH OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN.</i> No Divine Services
Saturday	25 June	<i>Post-festive Day of the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. The Holy Venerable Martyr Febronia.</i>
(Vigil Lit.)	5:00 PM	+John Hosu – Hosu family
Sunday	26 June	<i>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Father David of Thessalonica. The Passing of the Blessed Martyr the Priest Nicholas Konrad and the Blessed Martyr the Cantor Vladimir Pryjma (1941). The Passing of the Blessed Martyr the Priest Andrew Ishchak (1941).</i>
	10:00 AM	+Eugenia Vesa & +Dr. Bohdan Czepak – Janet Turner



Attentive to the Word
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matt. 4: 18 – 23

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When Christ was choosing his Apostles, he did not make the choice by random selection. Rather, he chose specific men from various walks of life to bring his name to people all over the world. Neither does Christ address his invitations “to whom it may concern!” But he calls each one of us by our own name. The choosing of the Apostles varies from Gospel to Gospel and sometimes within the same Gospel there may be several accounts. These differences in the accounts are not important but rather the importance lies in the similarities between God’s choosing of the Apostles and His choosing of each one of us.

The four particular men in today’s Gospel message were ordinary fishermen involved with life and hard at work with their jobs. In fact, they were right in the middle of a very important part of their work. They were either busy casting their nets or trying to get their nets in order for a cast. Yet, the importance of Christ’s call was more important than anything else they were involved in. “Immediately they abandoned their nets and became his followers.”

At the time of our baptisms, we were each chosen by name to follow Christ; to lead a Christian life according to his example. No matter who we were or what we are now, we have been chosen by Christ to bring God’s love and his message of hope to those who are in our lives. We were chosen once and for all, but Christ continually calls us many times throughout each and every day of our life. We may be deeply involved in a very important part of our work and someone may interrupt us with a seemingly trivial matter or we may be relaxing during a much needed rest period and be aroused by an unsuspecting person. Yet, any interruption or distraction that may come our way is Christ’s way of reminding us that God’s love is more important than what we are involved in. Or he may be calling us to share God’s kindness and patience with someone near us. When distractions and

frustrations set in when nobody is around, then Christ may be calling us to a time of prayer or conversation with God.

If we feel that we are unworthy to proclaim the good news of the kingdom, then we are on the right track! Jesus did not choose perfect men to bring love to others. As God, He not only knows our present sins but also he knows our future faults. He not only calls us as we are, but more importantly he calls us for what we can become. He chose us! Now it is our chance to choose to follow him.

Following Christ does not necessarily mean that we have to perform some type of missionary work in uncharted territories. Rather, following Christ means making his calling an active part of our life; doing missionary work within our own hearts and being the message of Christ for those who he brings to us.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



On June 24th we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, was a priest who belonged to the section of Abijah. His wife, Elizabeth, was a direct descendent of Aaron, the brother of Moses. Both "walked blamelessly in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord." Both were advanced in years and were childless. They dearly longed for a child.

While serving in the temple according to his lot, an angel of the Lord appeared to Zacharias and informed him that their prayers will be answered, and Elizabeth will conceive a son to be called John. Zacharias was unable to speak until the birth of the child because he did not believe the angel's words.

"When Elizabeth's time to bear the child was completed, she brought forth a son" (Luke 1:57). On the eighth day the boy was to be circumcised and given a name, usually that of the father. Asked for the name he desired to be given to the boy, Zacharias wrote on a writing tablet, "John is his name," at which time his tongue was loosed and he began to speak praising God.

Zacharias had a great vision for his son. He saw in his son the one who would prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. The beautiful words of Zacharias' joy are expressed in the Gospel of St. Luke (1:67-80).