

## 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.

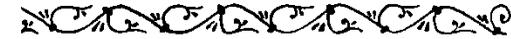
**Godparent/Sponsor Letters:** Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the Parish.

**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.



**PENTECOST SUNDAY/MEMORIAL SERVICES . . . .** *(weather permitting)*

**Pentecost Sunday, June 5 – 2:00 PM at SPP Cemetery**



## CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- Absolutely no shrubbery or bushes of any kind.
- Any shrubbery or bushes will be removed by the cemetery committee.
- Planting of flowers within 12" of front of monument only.
- No fencing or border is to be placed in front of monument or grave.
- All monuments must be approved by the pastor and cemetery committee. Crosses are permitted only until a monument is placed.
- Toys, balloons, stuffed animals, etc. are not permitted.
- General Cemetery Cleanup: May of each year.  
At this time, the previous year's décor and Christmas items are to be removed or they will be removed by the cemetery committee.

***CONGRATULATIONS: DARLA ARNOLD (daughter of Barbara Dufalla)***  
***THIS MONTH'S LUCKY WINNER OF THE SPRING LOTTERY WREATH!***



***LADY BUG IS BACK!*** 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Will You Be The Next Lucky Winner???????**

**Good Job!:** Thanks to our wonderful volunteers that made our rummage sale so successful! It takes lots of cooperation, time, hard work, and fun & camaraderie too!

**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of May 29:**  
5:00 PM: 33 ; 9:00 AM: 32 ; 11:00 AM: 50

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$2576.00**



**HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER!**

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR SUBMITTING THIS:**

<b>FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE</b>		
<i>Please remember the following at our Parish's Father's Day Remembrance</i>		
<b>Please print each name and circle the correct notation.</b>		
	Living	Deceased
	Living	Deceased
	Living	Deceased
<b><u>Please circle Liturgy time:</u></b>	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 10:00 AM
<i>Requested by:</i>		
Donation for each name is \$5.00		
<b>*DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022*</b>		

**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**

**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 4-5, 11-12, and 18-19.

JUNE 5, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday <b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>	5 June 5:00 pm 10:00 am	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY.</b> <b>Intention of Parish Family</b> <b>Intention of Parish Family</b>
Monday	6 June	<b>PENTECOST MONDAY.</b> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Tuesday	7 June	<i>Pentecost Tuesday. The Holy Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra. The Holy Martyrs Cyriaca, Valeria and Maria.</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Wednesday	8 June	<i>Pentecost Wednesday. Translation of the Relics of the Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit.</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Thursday	9 June	<i>Pentecost Thursday. Our Holy Father Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria.</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Friday	10 June	<i>Pentecost Friday. The Holy Martyr Timothy, Bishop of Prusa.</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Saturday <b>(Vigil Lit.)</b>	11 June 5:00 pm	<i>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of Pentecost. The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas.</i> <b>+Frank Hosoi, Jr. – Hosoi family</b>
Sunday	12 June 10:00 am	<b>SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS.</b> <i>Our Venerable Father Onuphry the Great. Our Venerable Father Peter of Mt. Athos.</i> <b>+Helen Nuzzi – Janice &amp; Mike Clark</b>



## Attentive to the Word PENTECOST SUNDAY (BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH)

*John 7: 37 - 52 & 8: 12*

*Pages 203 - 208*



Before His Ascension into heaven, our Lord promised to send the Holy Spirit Who would teach His followers all things (John 16: 13). Saint Luke records His words also in the Acts of the Apostles, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will bear witness for Me to the ends of the world" (Acts 1:4).

Today, through the liturgy of the Church, we celebrate the fulfillment of that promise:

Christ sends the Holy Spirit to do His work for the Church. We kneel on Pentecost Sunday and sing a special prayer to

implore the Holy Spirit, the "Treasury of Blessings," to use the power of His rich gifts on our behalf.

The Holy Spirit works in our souls to guide us in our association with others. But the Spirit is more than a guide; He is the Third Person of the Trinity, God Himself. His work is to strengthen and support us along the pathways of this life. To cultivate a deep spiritual relationship with the "Giver of life" we must place no obstacle to the movement of grace, God's divine energy, within us in order to adhere to the command of the Lord, that is, to love one another (John 15: 12). Saint John tells us in his first epistle, "He who loves God must also love his brother" (21: 22).

Sometimes a great fault in our relationship with others is paying too much attention to living standards but neglecting Christian standards. How often do you hear the lament today that there is an acute shortage of kindness and consideration, and instead selfishness is found among people? Yet, we know it is only in the love of others that we can make visible the invisible Christ, Whose life we share so intimately through Holy Baptism.

The clearest description of the work of the Spirit is given by Saint Paul in the epistle to the Galatians: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal. 5:22). This list could be elongated by a

description of the whole Christian life-situation: unobtrusive loyalty; self-forgetful kindness (such as in the tender care of the sick); duty done without fuss or bragging (as by mothers and fathers raising a family); the sinner's unshakeable confidence that God's mercy is unfathomable; steadfastness in temptations (especially in alcoholic or chemical dependency); kindness and sympathy towards another in need; ardent perseverance in silent prayer; patience under suffering; the joy of a good conscience. This and much more is the work of the Spirit today.

If the Holy Spirit were withdrawn from the world, we should realize quite clearly what His presence means. The world would be like a land from which the water has vanished. Water is not very remarkable because it is so common, but once it is gone, everything changes. Green fields wither into desert.

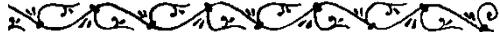
Psalms 104: 29-30, metaphorically describes the life of natural things as the breath or spirit of God. All living beings exist through this spirit: "When You hide Your face, they are dismayed; when You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the earth."

Today the Church joyously celebrates its birthday because it receives the supernatural life of the Spirit: "Behold, we celebrate today the Feast of Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit, the fulfillment of the Promise and the realization of Hope. How noble and awesome is this great mystery! Wherefore, O Lord and Creator of All, we cry out: 'Glory to You!'" (*From the office of Vespers*)

Pentecost is the beginning of her mission to the world and the beginning of Christian unity within the diversity of nations, languages and cultures. We decorate our churches and homes with greenery as symbols of that new growth and new life. Jesus Christ has kept His promise, and the work of His Church and our salvation will continue and is secure!

*By Rev. John T. Sekellick, J.C.L.*

*O Holy Spirit, Spirit of Truth,  
Give us the Courage to Proclaim Your Truth in our Daily Lives,  
by our Words and Actions. Amen.*

  
**THE WEEK AFTER PENTECOST IS A FAST FREE WEEK!**  
