

## 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 William Rupp to schedule.

**Mystery of Crowning:** Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the Parish Family. Must meet with Father William Rupp before setting date and reserving your banquet hall. Pre-Cana program is required and three sessions with Father William Rupp. 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 William Rupp is notified. It especially is important that a family member contact Father William Rupp whenever a loved one is hospitalized.

**Funerals:** Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Father William Rupp 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 William Rupp is available on other days and times by appointment.

(continuation of Gospel reflection)

What is it that makes you blush? Some of us in this perverted time find it impossible to blush or be ashamed at anything anymore except our faith. How about you? Would it make you blush if people found out you were a Christian? The people you work with, the people you party with, the people you go to school with? Would it embarrass you if people found out you were a follower of Jesus? *“If any man is ashamed of Me and my words in this adulterous generation, of him will the Son also be ashamed.”*

*By Fr. John Duranko*

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL WALK/RUN FUNDRAISER

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is hosting a WALK/RUN to raise awareness of the growing number of people living in poverty in our community. This event is to be held at Perkins Park on Saturday, September 24, at 11:00 AM.

Instead of asking parishioners to join the walk, we would like you to consider making a donation. They can be sent to: Friends of the Poor Walk – St. Vincent de Paul, 2431 Niles Road, S.E., Warren, Ohio 44484.

This request came from Shawn Littell, Executive Director, Trumbull County Thrift Store & Donation Center.

If you have any questions, please call Elaine at 330-770-1100.

Thank you for your support!

## A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, no.  
Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness. God said, no.  
I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain. God said, no.  
Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, no.  
You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, no.  
I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

## Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of September 10:

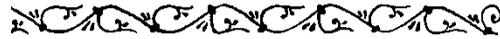
5:00 PM: 53; 10:00 AM: 73

Birth of the Theotokos: 32

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$2,568.75



- **Mon., Sept. 26** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Sun., Oct. 2** ECF Classes will begin. Classes for K through 12 will meet from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM in the Social Hall. Registration forms are in the bulletin rack at the Belvedere entrance.
- **Sun., Oct. 2** Pasta Dinner Fundraiser 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM in Social Hall.



**THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE IS**

**“GOING BANANAS”**



**After each of the Liturgies: September 17 – 18 & 24 – 25**, we will be selling a variety of Banana Breads. Each weekend 2 different flavors will be available. Breads cost \$6.00 each.

Please stop by the Social Hall and support this event. Enjoy some homemade Banana Bread!

P.S. – We will let the Lady Bug rest for this month.

**CHINESE AUCTION BASKETS**

Baskets are being made for a Chinese Auction Fundraiser to benefit our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Tickets will go on sale the weekend of **September 17<sup>th</sup>** after the Liturgies.

Please first call Ruth Ann Capito @ 330-398-0667 to donate or to help out.

**PASTA DINNER – 100<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Fundraiser**

Tickets are now being sold after each Liturgy for the Pasta Dinner to be held on **Sunday, October 2, from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM**. Tickets are \$12 and children under 10 are \$6.00. Although it is not open to the public, all parishioners are encouraged to purchase tickets for family, friends, and neighbors who would like to support our fundraiser.

Dinner includes: wedding soup, salad, pasta with or without meatballs, bread & butter, dessert, and beverage. There will also be a wine bar where you can buy by the glass or bottle. A Chinese Auction and 50/50 drawing will also take place. (Winner need not be present.)

We would also appreciate any donations of pies or cakes (homemade or store bought.) No cookies or puddings please.

A brief meeting will be held after the 10:00 Liturgy on Sunday, Sept. 18, in the Social Hall for anyone who would like to learn more about this event or sign-up to lend a helping hand.

Let’s make this Pasta Dinner a successful event!

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	18 Sept.	<i>SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS. Our Venerable Father Eumenius the Wonder-worker, Bishop of Gortyna.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>+Terri Yoder – Starr family</b> <b>+Bill Fusselman – Mary Ann Karchut &amp; Bob Fejko</b>
Monday	19 Sept.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius and Dorymedont.</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Tuesday	20 Sept.	<i>Post-festive Day of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Holy Martyr Eustace and His Companions. The Holy Martyrs and Confessors, The Great Prince Michael and His Counselor Theodore, Wonder-workers of Chernigov.</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Wednesday	21 Sept.	<i>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Holy Apostle Codratus of Magnesia</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Thursday	22 Sept.	<i>The Holy Martyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope. The Holy Prophet Jonah. Our Venerable Father Jonah the Priest, Father of Theophane the Hymnographer and Theodore the Artist.</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Friday	23 Sept.	<i>The Conception of Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Saturday	24 Sept.	<i>The Holy Martyr, First Among Women, and Equal to the Apostles, Thecla .</i>
(Vigil Lit.)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Elizabeth Petrigalla &amp; Mary Butchko – Betty Blake</b>
Sunday	25 Sept.	<i>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Mother Euphrosyna</i> <b>10:00 AM +Fio Nuzzi – Janice &amp; Mike Clark</b>



Attentive to the Word  
SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

*Mark 8: 34 – 9:1*

*Tone 6 – Troparion – Pg. 152 and  
follow directions on Pgs. 258 – 260*



In the Gospel reading after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Jesus said: “If any man is ashamed of Me and my works in this adulterous generation, of him will the Son also be ashamed...” (Mk. 8:38).

What is it that makes you blush? The answer for many of us is, “*Not very much anymore. We’ve seen it all. Nothing shocks us. Nothing seems to be hidden or forbidden or even looked down upon anymore.*” When Elvis first appeared on television on the Ed Sullivan show, the cameras would only show him from the shoulders up. Compare that with MTV, where little is left to the imagination. When Clark Gable uttered a mild oath in “Gone with the Wind,” it was a nationwide sensation. Today obscenities spew forth from our televisions. Little children use words that would make sailors blush. When film star Ingrid Bergman abandoned her husband to live with Roberto Rossellini, her film career in this country plummeted. *Today, such behavior would not cause a ripple.*

What is it that makes you blush? Part of the problem is that we no longer have models of morality to inspire us. The philosopher Frederick Nietzsche once summed up morals and ethics in the question, “*Who are your heroes?*” There aren’t very many heroes of morality around anymore. As Mark Twain said, “*It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare.*”

“*That’s the media’s fault,*” you say, “*They take our heroes apart. They show them, warts and all. We no longer have fantasies about the existence of nearly perfect people. If our father and mother had known everything there was to know about their heroes, they would have been disillusioned, too.*” Well, yes and no.

Will Rogers, at one time, was the most popular and the highest paid entertainer in this country, perhaps in all the world. He was so popular that George M. Cohan produced a Broadway version of **Ah Wilderness**, a part was written just for Rogers - to take advantage of his popularity. The play was a smashing success. Mysteriously, though, in about the fifth week, the play suddenly closed down. Some faint excuse was given that Rogers was too busy with his film career and other responsibilities. Friends knew better. Rogers still had time for many other things that he wanted to do. Sometime later the truth came out about why **Ah Wilderness** closed that fifth week.

Will’s longtime friend Eddie Cantor explained what happened. He writes, “Will received a letter from a clergyman. Here is what the clergyman said: (Now remember that this is a **different** generation.) “Relying on you to give the public nothing that could bring the blush of shame to the cheeks of a Christian, I attended your performance with my 14-year daughter, but was deeply embarrassed when you did the scene in which the father lectures to son on the subject of his relations with an immoral woman. I took my daughter by the hand and we left the theater. I have not been able to look her in the eye since.”

Rogers saw nothing wrong with the part he was playing in **Ah Wilderness**. He never would have done the play if he’d seen something objectionable about it. But it bothered him deeply that a family could not sit through a performance of that play without embarrassment. And so Will Rogers closed down his very successful play rather than cause offense.

Certainly we live in a time of moral confusion. In the book “The Day America Told the Truth - What People Believe about Everything That Really Matters,” the authors did a survey in which they asked people about their real views on life. They discovered that in this time of moral uncertainty, people are fashioning their own moral codes.

For example, according to this survey only 13 percent of people today believe in **all** Ten Commandments. Nine out of ten people in this country **lie** regularly. One-third of all married Americans have been **unfaithful** to their spouses. One-fifth of American children have **lost** their virginity by the age of 13. Seven percent of Americans would **kill** a stranger, if enough money were offered! What are we to say about such a land?

There was an article recently about a very affluent stockbroker who was arrested in New York City for putting slugs in parking meters rather than coins. Perhaps it was his pitiful little rebellion against the straight life. Maybe it was a statement of arrogance. Maybe it was the conviction that he was above the law, that he had gotten so used to making his own rules that even when it didn’t matter, he cheated. What are we to say or do about such a society?

A group of mothers in Kenosha, Wisconsin, wrote an alternative health curriculum for their school stressing biblical morals. The plan calls marriage a real commitment. It urges youngsters to prepare to forgive daily and always to speak proudly and lovingly of their mate in public when they are married. The school board voted the curriculum down. What are we to say about such a society in which there are no longer any fixed and accepted rules?

What is it that makes you blush and be ashamed? Is it the pornographic images in print and on screen, or the words of the Holy Book: “*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things*” (Phil. 4:8)?

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