

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 Fr. Simeon to schedule.

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

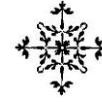
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

Parish Membership: We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of Sts. 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.

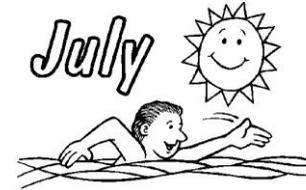
Rectory Office Hours: Sister Barbara is in the Parish office from 10 AM – 2 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.

ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of your servants +**Anna Marie Kissel** and +**Barbara Ballentine** who have recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

SUMMER IS HERE



– and a time for Vacations – much needed vacations! A time to re-create and come back to the pilgrimage of life! It is a time of summer breezes, beautiful flowers, and many times – poor church attendance. We still have a need to gather as God's people and to worship – even if we are on vacation or traveling, there are many opportunities to give time to the Lord! As you leave, have a wonderful, safe and happy time! And when you return, know that you were missed and we are happy to see you back with us – with such renewed life.

LIFE IS GREAT

I am a “Seenager” (Senior teenager).

I have everything that I wanted as a Teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant and they do not use drugs. And I don't have acne. *Life is Great!*



(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 3 July:

5:00 PM: 78 11:00 AM: 74

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,262.16

(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 26 June:

27 from St. Michael; 18 from St. Peter & Paul

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$1,070.00



- **Sun. July 10** YSU Arts Festival – Youngstown State Campus – a nice way to spend a family afternoon.
- **Mon. July 25** Church Cleaning Party – 9 AM to Noon.
- **Thurs. July 28** Byzantine Catholic Day – Kennywood Park

PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Parish Financial Statements are ready for both parishes. At SS. Peter & Paul, the statements are next to the bulletins on the Belvedere side entrance. At St. Michael's, the statements are next to the bulletins in the Nartex (vestibule).

ByzanTEEN RALLY

We are happy to announce that four of our Teenagers, Macala Blake, Evan Bisel, Blaze Miller, Victoria Smolak and Laura Henning, their Catechist instructor (chaperone) have attended the ByzanTEEN Youth Rally this week. They will be returning today. They worked hard at their fund raisers to enable them to attend this worthwhile event. The Rally enables them to meet and befriend other Byzantine Teenagers from all over the USA. This year, the Rally was held in Cleveland, Ohio. On Thursday, July 7th we sent them off with our blessing and good wishes for a safe and wonderful time.

WORDS OF WISDOM ON FRIENDSHIP

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or to be the mirror that reflects it.
Booker T. Washington

A true friend knows your weaknesses but shows you your strengths; feels your fears but fortifies your faith; sees your anxieties but frees your spirit; recognizes your disabilities but emphasizes your possibilities.

William Arthur Ward

True friends are those who really know you, but love you anyway.

Edna Buchanan

10 JULY 2016

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	10 July	<i>EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy 45 Martyrs in Nicopolis in Armenia. Venerable Father Anthony of the Kiev Lavra. Three Maronite Franciscan brothers, Francis, Abd-el-Mooti and Raphael Massabki, and eight others with them, killed in Damascus in 1860.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Sandra Bishop – husband, Ken
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Ronald Ferance – Cindy Babyak
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Pauline Koziel – Dave & Dan Volculko
Monday	11 July	<i>Holy Martyr the Illustrious Euphemia. The passing of Olga, Princess of Kiev, baptized Helen.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	12 July	<i>Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilarion. Venerable Father Michael of Malein.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Allen Helliman – Betty & Steve Zombar
Wednesday	13 July	<i>Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel. Venerable Father Stephen of the Monastery of St. Sabbas.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	14 July	<i>Holy Apostle Aquila.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+George Terringo, Sr. – Marjorie Camarata
Friday	15 July	<i>Holy Martyrs Cyricus nad Julitta. Holy Great Prince Vladimir, Equal to the apostles, who was baptized Basil.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	16 July	<i>Holy Martyrs Athenogenes, Bishop of Sebaste and His Ten Disciples.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	+Gregory Ross – M/M Peter Licavoli
Sunday	17 July	<i>NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS. Great Martyr Marina. Blessed Confessor Paul Gojdich, Bishop of Presov.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	+George Simko – wife, Millie
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Kenny Tisher – Ron Mosko



Attentive to the Word Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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The Epistle reading today is from St. Paul to the Corinthians. He right from the beginning states a problem that is taking place in the Church there. People are comparing [the leaders of the Church]. They are comparing and taking sides between Paul and Apollos. They are choosing between Paul and Cephas and the fourth says "I belong to Christ." Then Paul asks the questions: Has Christ been divided? Was it Paul who was crucified for you? Was it in Paul's name you were baptized?

The life of the Church, the life of our Parish, Christian life is about Christ living in us. That's what the Church is all about; that's what being a Christian is all about. It's about conforming our life to Christ! It's sharing in the life of the Son of God who has come to share and give us life, His Life.

We hear this in the Gospels and in the Scriptures we discover God's Plan of Salvation. Preaching is about what God has done and is doing in our lives. And that is Paul's point – preaching is not about the preacher. It's about the person preached to. It's about Jesus Christ, who died for us and is raised from the dead by the power of the Father. It's about eternal life coming to us, filling us with gratitude and praise.

In our worship we hear this mystery proclaimed. Listen carefully to the words of the Offering Prayer, the anaphora. After the priest says: "Let us lift up our hearts!" "Let us give thanks to the Lord!" That's what we hear over and over again [in the Liturgy] – everything that Christ has done for us – He gave us His Body and Blood, He died on the cross for us! He rose from the dead on the third day for us! He ascended into heaven and took us with Him and He will come again. That's what we offer back, that's what we come to hear, to offer, to receive, to live out in our day to day living of faith.

In the Gospel today, Jesus feeds and nourishes the people following Him. In the Liturgy today, Jesus feeds and nourishes us so we can continue on our journey, even in

the most desolate times in our lives. What we hear in the Scriptures becomes present for us in the Liturgy. It is God who is doing it, it is God who is saving us in His Son Jesus, and our response is: we praise you, we bless you, and we thank you O Lord!

It is because we remember and make present all that Jesus has done, we ask, pray and implore the Father to send down upon us the Gift of the Holy Spirit - Christ's gift to the world, His Spirit, His life filling ours. We taste immortal life because God is with us here and now.

Each time we receive the Precious Holy Body and Blood – remember all that Jesus is doing for you here and now. It is Jesus who is with us in our journey of life. The Church is about Jesus here and now leading us, directing us by His Spirit to know and love the Father and be filled with divine life.

Like Paul and with him I want to say: The message of the cross is complete absurdity to those who are headed for ruin, **but to us who are experiencing salvation it is the power of God.** And it's about this power of God that we know in Jesus Christ who died for us and is risen from the dead that is the source of strength and unity and power and holiness in the Church.

by Fr. John Zeyack



A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, no.
Patience is a by product 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.