

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.

FEAST OF THE PRIME APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL

On June 29 we celebrate the major feast of the Holy, Glorious and Prime Apostles Peter and Paul, who also are the patrons of our Parish Community. As we have in the past, we will have a Parish Feast Day Dinner. **It will be held on Sunday, 26 June after the 11 AM Divine Liturgy. If you plan to attend the Feast Day Dinner, please sign your name to the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.**

Because it is a catered dinner, we are asking for a donation of at least \$5.00 per person to help defray the cost of the dinner. A donation basket will be available at the dinner line.

96TH BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY . . .

There is bus transportation for Thursday July 28, 2016 to Kennywood Park. Deadline for bus reservation is July 10. We can order the discount park tickets from the parish office. *Discounted Park ticket prices* are: \$24.00 (ages 3 to 54) and \$14.00 (age 55+). *Luncheon tickets* are \$15.00 (ages 11+) and \$8.00 (ages 3 to 10). Deadline for park tickets and luncheon orders is July 3, 2016. These must be pre-paid – and in our Parish Office by July 3, 2015. This is a nice way to spend quality family time, see old friends and make new ones.

To request Park or Luncheon tickets – or to make bus reservations, Please call the Parish Office at 330-372-1875 or 330-240-2534.



(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 29 May:

5:00 PM: 71 11:00 AM: 72

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,537.35

(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 29 May:

27 from St. Michael; 9 from St. Peter & Paul

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$858.00



Tues. June 14 Ladies Guild Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall.



ATTENTION YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS: You have worked hard at your Fund Raisers to attend The “ByzanTEEN Rally 2016” In Cleveland July 7 – 10, 2016. You have raised the money to attend and we don’t want you to miss out on this wonderful opportunity because of missing the registration deadline. **Please return your completed application to the Parish Office by 8 June 2016.** Call 330-240-2534 if you misplaced your registration materials.

FATHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE

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| <i>Please remember following at our Parish’s Father Day Remembrance</i> | | |
| | Living | Deceased |
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| <p><u>Please Circle Liturgy time:</u> Saturday, 5 PM Sunday, 11 AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Requested by:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> | | |
| <p>Please print each name and circle the correct notation Donation for each name is \$5.00 *DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS SUNDAY, 12 JUNE 2016*</p> | | |

5 JUNE 2016

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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| Sunday | 5 June | <i>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre. The Holy Martyr Cosmas, an Armenian Priest.</i> +Mike Yurtin – Carl & Marialice Verney Prayer Intention of the Rosary Society +John & +Pauline Kostraba – daughter, Jinny |
| | (Vigil Liturgy) 5:00 PM (SM) 8:30 AM (PP) 11:00 AM | |
| Monday | 6 June | <i>Venerable Father Bessarion the Wonder-worker. Venerable Father and Confessor Hilarion the Younger, Hegumen of the Dalmation Monastery.</i> No Divine Liturgy |
| Tuesday | 7 June | <i>Holy Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra. Holy Martyrs Cyriaca, Valeria and Maria.</i> (Chapel) 8:30 AM +Albert & +Margaret Sibenik – Fr. Simeon |
| Wednesday | 8 June | <i>Translation of the Relics of the Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit.</i> (Chapel) 8:30 AM +Sister Judith Konkus – Benedictine Sisters |
| Thursday | 9 June | <i>Our Holy Father Cyril of Alexandria.</i> (Chapel) 8:30 AM +Andrew Susko – daughter, Suzanne |
| Friday | 10 June | <i>Holy Martyr Timothy, Bishop of Prussa.</i> No Divine Liturgy |
| Saturday | 11 June | <i>The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas.</i> (PP) 5:00 PM +Mary Reese – Irene & John Chekan |
| Sunday | 12 June | <i>FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Venerable Father Onufrius the Great. Venerable Father Peter of Mt. Athos.</i> (SM) 8:30 AM +Ron Ferance (49th day) – M/M Robert Cabosky (PP) 11:00 AM +Helen Nuzzi – Janice & Mike |



Attentive to the Word Third Sunday after Pentecost

Mt. 6:22 – 34

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It takes just a bit of imagination to be with the Lord Jesus on the hillside at the time when the anemones and scarlet poppies, here called *lilies of the field*, burst into an array of exciting colors. They last but for a few days, then dry up, and they were gathered by the women to heat up their ovens. Why then bother to offer the world such beauty if but for a few days? It remains a sublime mystery. Some are curious, others don't care. For those, however, who do see the loving Creator in nature, it's proof if evidence is needed that He is responsible for it all. Whether noticed in a rose, a newborn kitten or from the vantage of a space ship orbiting the earth, one finds it difficult to refute Sachmo Armstrong's gravel lyric: "*It's a wonderful world.*"

On a given day we may pass by dozens of persons. Most will ignore us and go on their way. We hardly remember their faces. Some may cut us off on the highways; nevertheless, now and then one will perform an act of kindness that makes the day worthwhile, causing us to be glad we were in a position to touch that soul with warmth, and giving God the glory for creating us for the capacity to care about one another.

We may perform the spiritual calisthenics of morning and evening prayer, reciting the terms we had learned from childhood when all of a sudden a word leaps up from the flow of phrases to illumine our hearts with a warmth that captures us in a thrill of meaning that we had not quite understood before. It may be that we had some experience that lighted the passage in a new way. When that happens we are aware that we had been touched by the Spirit, and we thank the Lord for coming to us in that epiphany of union even if it lasts but for an instant.

All of the above are ways that the spiritually astute will affirm not just God's existence, but ways that God abides within us. Nature with its beauty, order and majesty is for those with eyes to see, the most self-evident proof. Those whom the Master calls our brothers and sisters every now and then prove by their kindness and affection that He lives in them as well as in us. The third place we find Him is within ourselves. Perhaps the third location is most difficult of all, especially in these days when so much of society is constantly calling attention to what's happening outside, training us to be bored with silence, carrying cell phones because we can't wait to talk on those connected to walls, urging us to pay attention to the trivialities and nonsense that take up much of television. Despite that, we can, if we train ourselves to cherish our souls and flee from noise and distractions, nourish the bond with the Holy Spirit within our souls.

Finally but first and most precious is our life in Christ. Read slowly the Sermon on the Mount and ponder on who but He could conceive of such a program for spiritual perfection. Granted, for the cynic it may be absurd, but for those who are serious about salvation, it lays out the only way to the Kingdom. Then read the last chapters of any or all the gospels and ask who but He would do that for the life of the world? He, Jesus Christ, is the greatest proof for the existence of God, Himself being of the same nature and essence of the Father Whom He presents to the world.

By Fr. Vladimir Berzonsky



Rev. James Martin, S.J., a spiritual writer and lecturer, recently when he became 50 years of age came up with a list of 12 things he wished he had known at age 25. He says if he had put them into action, they would have made his life a lot easier. There is some good advice here.

1. First up: Stop worrying so much! It's useless. (Jesus is right; see today's Gospel)
2. Being a saint means being yourself. Stop trying to be someone else. Just be your best self. Saves you heartache.
3. There's no right way to pray, any more than there is a right way to be a friend. What's "best" is what works for you.
4. Remember 3 things and save yourself lots of unneeded heartache: You're not God. This ain't heaven. Don't act like a jerk.
5. Your most heartfelt desires are God's desires for you & vice versa. Listen & do.
6. Within you is the idea of your best self. Act as if you were that person and you will become that person, with God's grace.
7. Don't worry too much about the worst that can happen. Even if it happens, God is with you, and you can handle it. Really.
8. You can't force people to approve of you, agree with you, be impressed with you, love you or even like you. Stop trying.
9. When we compare, we are usually imagining someone else's life falsely. So our real-life loses out... Compare and despair.
10. Even when you finally realized the right thing, or the Christian thing to do, it can still be hard to do. Do it anyway.
11. Seven things to say often: I love you. Thank you. Thank you, God. Forgive me. I'm happy for you! Why not? Yes.
12. Peace & joy come after asking God to free you from anything that keeps you from being loving and compassionate.