

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. Andrew to schedule.

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

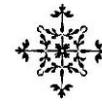
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Andrew before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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: The Parish office is open from 10 AM – 2 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Andrew is available on other days and times by appointment.

ETERNAL MEMORY



In blessed repose, grant rest to your departed priestly servant, +**Father Cuthbert Jack**, a bi-ritual Benedictine priest of St. Vincent Archabbey serving our Archeparchy, who has fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember him in your prayers.

MANY YEARS TO OUR 2015 GRADUATES

Our Parish Family extends its prayerful best wishes to **Kiersten Mosko** who graduated from John F. Kennedy and to **Justin Watson** who graduated from Newton Falls. *May God grant to His servants, Kiersten and Justin peace, health and happiness for many years!*

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, 28 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.

CHRIST THE BRIDEGROOM MONASTERY FUNDRAISER

“Mumford & Nuns” BBQ fundraiser will be held Saturday, 11 July 2015 at the monastery: 17485 Mumford Road, Burton, OH. BBQ cookout, live music, monastery tours, silent auction, raffles and more. Adults 21 and older. Tickets are \$60/person or \$110/couple. Please purchase tickets by 30 June, online at www.christthebridegroom.org. With ticket questions, please call Jacqui Fetsko at 440-428-4987. With other questions, please visit the website or call the monastery at 440-834-0290.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 31 May:

5:00 PM: 67; 11:00 AM: 125

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,115.56



- **June 1 thru 28** SS. Peter & Paul Voluntary Fast. Wed. & Fri. Meatless.
- **Tues. June 9** St. Vincent de Paul Pizza Day – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- **Tues. June 9** **LADIES GUILD MEETING CANCELLED THIS MONTH**
- **Sat. June 13** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We can use your help.



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The Father's Day Breakfast will be held after the 11:00 Liturgy on June 21. The cost of the breakfast will still be \$8, but the menu items will be different from what was served on Mother's Day. The youth would appreciate your continued support and generosity.

FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE		
<i>Please remember following at our Parish's Father Day Remembrance</i>		
	Living	Deceased
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	Living	Deceased
Circle Liturgy time: Saturday, 5 PM Sunday, 11 AM		
<i>Requested by:</i> _____		
Please print each name and circle the correct notation Donation for each name is \$5.00 *DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS SUNDAY, 14 JUNE 2015*		

7 JUNE 2015

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	7 June	<i>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra. Holy Martyrs Cyriaca, Valeria and Maria.</i> +Sophia Barran – Frank & Sylvia Hosok Prayer Intention of Rosary Society +Ann Tisher – Carmen & Ann DiDomenico
	(Vigil Liturgy) 5:00 PM (SM) 8:30 AM (PP) 11:00 AM	
Monday,	8 June	<i>Translation of the relics of the Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday,	9 June	<i>Our Holy Father Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday,	10 June	<i>Holy Martyr Timothy, Bishop of Prusa.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday,	11 June	<i>Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday,	12 June	<i>Our Venerable Father Onufrius the Great. Our Venerable Father Peter of Mt. Athos.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	13 June	<i>Holy Martyr Aquilina. Our Holy Father Triphyllus, Bishop of Leucosia.</i> (PP) 5:00 PM +John Enasko – Gloria Yokley & Tom Hasija
Sunday,	14 June	<i>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Prophet Eliseus. Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople.</i> (SM) 8:30 AM (PP) 11:00 AM +Virginia Stempak – Janice Bates +Sam Dann – Eugenia Vesa



Attentive to the Word

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Matthew 4: 18-23

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In this box there are three objects that represent attitudes found in our world today. This is a remote control for a television. It represents comfort. All of us desire comfort. One way to get it is not to have to get up from our chairs in order to change the channels, raise or lower the volume, shut it off or turn it on.

The next object in this box is a blank contract for a loan. The blank contract represents decision. Once we have decided what we want to buy we fill in the blanks of the contract for a house, a car, a boat or whatever. We fill in the amount of money we need and the interest we will pay in order

to use this money. Then, on the bottom we sign our names. Once our names are signed we have definitely reached a decision.

This is a tennis ball. It represents the competition that takes place in our world today. So, we use the contract to decide to buy a television with a remote control for comfort so we can watch the sports competition represented by this tennis ball.

Comfort. Decision. Competition. All three attitudes are found in our world today.

In Jesus' day there existed the same attitudes of comfort, decision and competition. The only difference was there were different objects representing these attitudes. If the fishing boats were moored by the side of the lake, the fishermen were taking some *comfort*. "Master, we have been hard at it all night long and have caught nothing," was Simon's response to Jesus' command to lower the nets for a catch. Simon and company had worked hard. *Decision* was represented by tossing the fishing nets into the lake. This was no easy task. It took quite a few men to properly lower the huge nets into the lake. Then it took almost twice that number of men to haul in the wet, heavy nets - whether they were full of fish or not. If there was a great catch, there was the danger of breaking the nets and losing both fish and nets. Also, after fishing, the nets had to be washed and dried. So, tossing the nets into the lake represented decision. There also was

competition present in the world of Jesus' time. Not only did fishermen go fishing for food but they were in competition with each other for a livelihood.

So, these attitudes were present in Jesus' world just as they are present in our world. *Comfort, decision and competition*, however, were given away. Once Simon, James and John decided to lower the nets and once they had finished hauling in the greatest catch of their lives, they "brought their boats to land, left everything," and became Jesus' followers. They abandoned comfort, decision and competition. They did not leave some of these attitudes behind and take some with them; they left every-thing!

Jesus invites us to leave everything behind - TV remote controls, contracts and tennis balls - and live His values. We have a very difficult time leaving everything in order to follow Jesus because we have so much to abandon. We are too comfortable. We have no will left to be uncomfortable. Jesus called Simon, James and John to put themselves in uncomfortable situations, and they left everything in order to do so. They willed discomfort in order to follow Jesus.

We are afraid to decide. It is easy to sign a contract for a loan for a new car; we know all the terms of the contract. It is not so easy to decide for Jesus; there are too many unknowns. It is much easier to have someone else decide for us. Then, if anything goes wrong, we have someone else to blame. So we ask someone: "What should I do? Go to Divine Liturgy on Sunday, put in my envelope, get to Confession a couple of times a year?" Jesus, however, wants all or nothing. He calls us to decide for Him, to be like Isaiah and say, "Here I am; send me!"

Also, in Jesus' no-comfort, you-make-your-own-decision call, He makes it clear that there is no room for competition. That's difficult be-cause we thrive on competition. We have to win; our kids have to win. Success is winning, getting ahead, no matter the cost. In competition there is no room for cooperation. It is only when the disciples decided to lower their nets and give up their comfort that they caught two boats full of fish. Cooperating with Jesus - not competing with Him - brought them results.

Jesus walks into our world and invites us to leave everything behind - comfort, decision and competition. The call He issues to us is identical to that issued to Simon, James and John. If we follow Him and leave everything behind, He promises us that we will catch people.

We are not invited to leave some comfort, some decision or some competition behind; we are invited to leave all of it, to leave everything and to become His followers. It is a radical call from Jesus. It implies a radical response, a radical change in attitude. Can we part with the attitudes that the remote control, the blank contract and the tennis ball represent? If we can, Jesus tells us not to be afraid for from now on we will catch others, just as He has caught us.

A SWEET LESSON IN HUMANITY AND HUMILITY

Years ago, a 10 year-old boy approached the counter of a soda shop and climbed onto a stool. “What does an ice cream soda cost?” he asked the waitress.

“Fifty cents,” she answered. The youngster reached deep in his pockets and pulled out an assortment of change, counting it carefully as the waitress grew impatient. After all, she had “bigger” customers to wait on.

“Well, how much would just *plain* ice cream be?” the boy asked. The waitress responded with noticeable irritation in her voice, “Thirty-five cents.” Again, the boy slowly counted his money. “May I have some plain ice cream then, please?” He gave the waitress the correct amount and she brought him the ice cream.

Later, the waitress returned to clear the boy’s dish and when she picked it up, she felt a lump in her throat. There on the counter the boy had left two nickels and five pennies. She realized that he had had enough money for the sundae, but he sacrificed it so that he could leave her a tip.

The Moral: *Before passing judgment, first treat others with courtesy, dignity, and respect.*

Adapted from A Lifetime of Success by Pat Williams