

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.

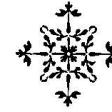
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Andrew before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the souls of your servants +**Mary Sohayda** and +**Mary Zentkovich** who have recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

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.

REMEMBERING THE HOMEBOUND

We pray to the Lord, the Giver of Life and all good gifts, for the health and blessings of those who are ill, homebound, in care facilities, and are unable to attend church. In our good fortune and many blessings from God, let us not forget those who are also part of our parish family – remember them with prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, etc. Let us share our blessings!

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 7 June:

5:00 PM: **78**; 11:00 AM: **105**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,618.12



- **June 1 thru 28** SS. Peter & Paul Voluntary Fast. Wed. & Fri. Meatless.
- **Sat. June 20** Simply Slavic Festival – Federal Street – Downtown Youngstown – 1 PM to ? Our Parish is not taking part in the festival this year, but it is a good opportunity for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.
- **JUST A REMINDER TO SIGN UP FOR OUR SS. PETER AND PAUL FEAST DAY DINNER...DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS SAT. JUNE 20TH**
- **Sun. June 21** Fathers’ Day Breakfast following 11 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Mon. June 22** Church Cleaning Party 9AM – Noon.



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.

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

14 JUNE 2015

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	14 June	<i>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Prophet Eliseus. Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+John Enasko – Gloria Yokley & Tom Hasija
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Virginia Stempak – Janice Bates
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Sam Dann – Eugenia Vesa
Monday,	15 June	<i>Holy Prophet Amos. Venerable Jerome, Priest of Stridon.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday,	16 June	<i>Our Holy Father and Wonderworker Tychon, Bishop of Amathis.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday,	17 June	<i>Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael. Venerable Father Hypatius, Hegumen of the Rufenianos Monastery.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday,	18 June	<i>Holy Martyr Leontius.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday,	19 June	<i>Holy Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	20 June	<i>Holy Martyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Fathers’ Day Intentions
Sunday,	21 June	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	Living and Deceased Fathers’ Day Intentions
(PP)	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Fathers’ Day Intentions



Attentive to the Word

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Matthew 6: 22-34

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SUMMERTIME



"Summertime... and the living is easy." That's how the song goes, anyway. Lemonade, the old fishing pole, picnics, the beach, or maybe rocking on the porch, it all fits into our summer fantasies. If you watch any television at all, visions of slow paced summer living are hard to miss. Where is that barbecue grill, anyway?

Part of our American birthright is the right to pursue happiness. But ask any American to define happiness, and the answer is often vague – more money would help, better health, stronger and more attractive bodies, a nicer house, a better job – the list is endless.

Despite our inability to define happiness with any precision, we kill ourselves in the pursuit of it. Convinced by the world that we must have Brand X to be happy, we work overtime for more money to be able to buy what we think we need, but then there is precious little time or energy left to enjoy Brand X. I don't know how long it will take us until we finally realize that the pursuit of happiness will never produce happiness. It only gives us the never ending pursuit of the unattainable.

Joy is birthright of the Christian. Happiness is a fleeting emotion, but *joy* is deep and everlasting. Jesus said, "I have said these things that my joy may be in you, that that your joy may be complete" (John 15). But, you may ask, how can I have joy when I am sick, poor, unattractive, alone, hassled, tired, overworked, underpaid, unappreciated, and so far from attaining any lasting measure of happiness?

The answer is not easy for us to hear.

"Blessed are the poor in Spirit... Blessed are those who mourn... Blessed are the meek... Blessed are they that hunger and thirst... blessed are the merciful... blessed are the pure in heart... blessed are the peacemakers... blessed are those who are persecuted... blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you... rejoice and be exceedingly glad" (St. Matthew 5).

The Lord once again sets the world on its head. Joy does not come from the pursuit of happiness or the good life. It comes from the pursuit of *holiness*, which is the pursuit of the Kingdom of heaven. Our joy comes because we obtain a mystery, a great treasure that neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor life, nor death can take from us. And the world, the flesh, and the devil will most certainly try to take it away. Guaranteed.

How powerful is this joy? "Let us lay aside every weight and sin that so easily besets us, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the sake of the joy set before him endured the cross... (Hebrews 12).

It was *joy* that carried Jesus through such agony. It was *joy* that propelled the disciples out into a world that would hate and persecute them. It was *joy* that caused the martyrs to face death singing and rejoicing and loving and hugging each other until it brought their pagan onlookers to amazement and admiration. *This was no mere emotion of fleeting happiness. It was joy, full and complete.*

Do a word search and Bible study on the word "joy" and you will be amazed at what you'll find. How can this joy be ours? It is a gift of the Spirit, but it requires our effort. "Seek first the Kingdom of God... go, and sell all that you have... strive to enter the narrow gate... keep My commandments... *in other words, pursue holiness and not happiness.* Then we will obtain a great pearl, a heavenly treasure that neither thieves, nor rust, nor moth can consume. We will obtain rest, peace, and JOY!



EXPECT A BLESSING

In reality, we learn more about God's love and care for us in times of heartache and pain than when everything is going fine and appears unruffled. God knows how to love us through turbulent times. He knows what we need, when we need it, and how to provide it for us.

You don't have to be concerned with running around and trying to live the life of Riley by striving for something that exists only on television. God has a life laid out for you, one that includes hope, blessings, and peace of mind.

Are you interested in discovering life at its best? Then set the course of your heart on the ways of God. Embrace His love and expect His blessings to be yours.