

## 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.

**JUNE 24**



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, was a priest who belonged to the section of Abijah. His wife, Elizabeth, was a direct descendent of Aaron, the brother of Moses. Both "walked blamelessly in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord." Both were advanced in years and were childless. They dearly longed for a child.

While serving in the temple according to his lot, an angel of the Lord appeared to Zacharias and informed him that their prayers will be answered and Elizabeth will conceive a son to be called John. Zacharias was unable to speak until the birth of the child because he did not believe the angel's words.

"When Elizabeth's time to bear the child was completed she brought forth a son" (Luke 1:57). On the eighth day the boy was to be circumcised and given a name, usually that of the father. Asked for the name he desired to be given to the boy, Zacharias wrote on a writing tablet, "John is his name," at which time his tongue was loosed and he began to speak praising God.

Zacharias had a great vision for his son. He saw in his son the one who would prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. The beautiful words of Zacharias' joy are expressed in the Gospel of St. Luke (1:67-80).



**(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 12 June:**

5:00 PM: 68 11:00 AM: 84

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$3,240.85**

**(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 12 June:**

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

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$773.00**



➤ **Mon. June 27** Church Cleaning Party – 9 AM to Noon. We can use your help!



**DINNER – FEAST OF SS. PETER AND PAUL**

**Please Note: Today is the last day to sign up for SS. Peter and Paul Dinner. The final numbers to the caterer are due this evening.** 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 passed at the dinner table.

**96<sup>TH</sup> 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.*

**JUST A REMINDER:**

Please pray for the sick and Shut-ins of our parish that the Lord grant them healing power of Christ! In addition, if you are able, please send them a card, pay them a visit, or give them a phone call. It will help their day to pass a little faster and to be a little more pleasant. They are so appreciative of the cards and bulletins they receive each month.

19 JUNE 2016

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	19 June	<i>FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Intention of our living and deceased Fathers</b>
(SM)	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Intention of our living and deceased Fathers</b>
(PP)	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Intention of our living and deceased Fathers</b>
Monday	20 June	<i>Holy Martyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara. Our Holy Father Nicholas Cabasilas.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	21 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Wednesday	22 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Thursday	23 June	<b>Vigil of The Birth of John the Baptist. The Holy Martyr Agrippina.</b>
(PP)	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>+Joseph Sarsany – Mike &amp; Donna Sherokee</b>
Friday	24 June	<i>BIRTH OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN. (page 334)</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	25 June	<i>Postfestive Day of the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. The Holy Venerable Martyr the Febronia.</i>
(PP)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+John Sovinsky – MariAnne &amp; Bill Denman</b>
Sunday	26 June	<i>SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Father David of Thessalonica. Passing of the Blessed Martyr, the Priest Nicholas Konrad and the Blessed Martyr, the Cantor Vladimir Pryjma (1941). Passing of the Blessed Martyr, the Priest Andrew Ishchak (1941).</i>
(SM)	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Helen Gurlea – Trudy Vasco</b>
(PP)	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Michael Vazur – John &amp; Betty Vazur</b>



**Attentive to the Word**  
***Fifth Sunday after Pentecost***

**Mt. 8:28 – 9: 3**

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**PEACE TO THE DISTURBED**

The persons involved in this story had a need for peace, and Jesus provided that peace. This dramatic incident is most revealing. It shows what Satan does for a man: robs him of sanity and self-control; fills him with fears; robs him of the joys of home and friends; and (if possible) condemns him to an eternity of judgment. It also reveals what society does for a man in need: restrains him, isolates him, threatens him, but society is unable to change him. See, then, what Jesus Christ can do for a man whose whole life-within and without-is bondage and battle. What Jesus did for these two demoniacs, He will do for anyone else who needs Him.

Christ came to them, and even braved a storm to do it. This is the grace of God! He delivered them by the power of His Word. He restored them to sanity, society, and service. The account in Mark 5:1-21 shows that one of the men asked to become a disciple of the Lord. But, instead of granting his request, Jesus sent him home to be a witness. Christian service must begin at home.

There are three prayers in this event: (1) the demons besought Jesus to send them into the swine; (2) the citizens besought Him to leave; and (3) the one man besought Him to let him follow (see Mark 5:18-20). Jesus answered the prayers of the demons and the citizens, but not the prayer of the healed man!

We can construct a "statement of faith" from the words of the demons. (Demons do have faith; see James 2:19.) They believed in the existence of God and the deity of Christ, as well as the reality of future judgment. They also believed in prayer. They knew Christ had the power to send them into the swine. The fact that the demons destroyed 2,000 pigs is nothing compared with the fact that Jesus delivered two men from the powers of Satan. God owns everything (Ps. 50:10-11) and can do with it as He pleases. Jesus values men more than pigs or sheep (Matt. 12:12). He brought peace to these men's lives and to the community where, for a long time, they had been causing trouble.

By Warren Wiersbe

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

"And I will be a father to you,  
and you shall be my sons and daughters,"  
says the Lord Almighty.

-2 Corinthians 6:18



Today we salute fathers. Dads, we love you. The role of a Christian father is more important in today's world than ever before. It is a different roll than in earlier generations. In most households today Dad is called upon to play more of a nurturing role in caring for children. If Mom works outside the home, Dad must take a more active role in doing household chores. Dad is no longer "lord of the castle." Hopefully, however, he has not been reduced to being another of the vassals.

Today's father needs to be nurturing of his children, supportive of his wife, and yet at the same time provide the spiritual leadership of the home that the Bible accords to fathers. It is a rare man, a special kind of man, who can combine all three of these qualities. Fathers play a critical role in the life of the family. Father's will have a powerful impact upon their families if they connect in three crucial areas.

First, the role of the father is to connect with his God. Second, the role of a father is to connect with his family. Third, the role of the father is to connect with his church.

As we pay tribute to our fathers on Father's Day, we call to mind the example and instructions of our own earthly fathers as well as the teachings of our spiritual fathers. May God, our heavenly Father, abundantly bless our living fathers and grant blessed repose and eternal memory to the fathers He has called to Him.

**To all of our Fathers who are living, may God grant to them peace, health and happiness for many years!**