

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.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR LADIES OF BOTH PARISHES:

It is with saddest heart that I have to pass on the following. I hope this does not hinder the **joy of baking** this season. Please join me in remembering a great "icon". **The Pillsbury Doughboy** died yesterday of a severe **yeast** infection and complications from repeated pokes to the belly. He was seventy-one. Doughboy was buried in a **slightly greased** coffin. **Dozens** of celebrities **turned out, including Mrs. Butterworth, the California Raisins, Hungry Jack, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, Captain Crunch, Snap, Crackle and Pop,** and many others. The graveside was piled high with **flours**, as longtime friend, **Aunt Jemima** delivered the eulogy. She described **Doughboy** as a man who "never knew how much he was **kneaded**". Doughboy **rose** quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with many **turnovers**. He was not considered a **smart cookie**, wasting much of his **dough** on **half-baked** schemes. Despite being a **crusty** old man, or being a **little flaky** at times, he was considered to be a **roll** model for millions. Toward the end, it was hoped that he would **rise** again, but he was no **pop tart**. **Doughboy** is survived by his second wife, **Play Dough**. They have two **gingerbread** children, and one in the **oven**. The funeral was held at **350** for **about twenty minutes**.

Julia Childs and Martha Stewart

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.



(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 19 June:

5:00 PM: 74 11:00 AM: 102

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,453.10

(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 19 June:

20 from St. Michael; 5 from St. Peter & Paul

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$348.00



- **Sun. June 26** Thank you to all who signed up to attend the SS. Peter & Paul Feast Day Dinner in the Social Hall after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy. It will be a wonderful celebration of good food and fellowship.
- **Mon. June 27** Church Cleaning Party – 9 AM to Noon. We can use your help!
- **Wed. June 29** **Feast of SS. Peter and Paul. Holy Day of Obligation.**
(PP) –Vigil Liturgy, Tues. 28th– 6 PM and (SM) – Wed. at 6 PM
- **Sun. July 3** Last day for discount tickets for Kennywood. Call the Office Monday morning or drop a note in the collection basket if you plan to attend. Bus transportation is available for a nominal fee.
- **Wed. July 6** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9 AM to 2 PM. Summertime help is usually sparse, so we can use your help, even for a couple of hours.
- **Thurs. July 7** Advisory Council Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall.

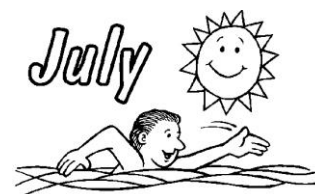


96TH BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY . . . Last Day to order tickets.

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). These must be pre-paid.

To request Park or Luncheon tickets – or to make bus reservations, Please call the Parish Office at 330-372-1875 or 330-240-2534 by Monday morning, June 27, 2016.

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.

26 JUNE 2016

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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).</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+John Slovinsky – MariAnne & Bill Denman
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Helen Gurlea – Trudy Vasco
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Michael Vazur – John & Betty Vazur
Monday	27 June	<i>Venerable Sampson the Hospitaller.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	28 June	<i>Translation of the Relics of the Unmercenary Physicians Cyrus and John. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Martyr Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukacevo..</i>
(PP)	6:00 PM	Intention of our Parish Family
Wednesday	29 June	<i>HOLY, GLORIOUS AND ILLUSTRIOUS PRE-EMINENT APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL. (Pages 338 – 340)</i>
(SM)	6:00 PM	Prayer Intention of the Rosary Society
Thursday (Chapel)	30 June 8:30 AM	<i>Synaxia of the Twelve Apostles.</i> +John Balogh – wife, Barbara & Slyk Family
Friday	1 July	<i>Holy Unmercenary Healers and Wonderworkers Cosmas and Damian</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	2 July	<i>Deposition of the Venerable Robes of our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God at Blachernae.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	+William Day – wife Ellen Day
Sunday	3 July	<i>SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Martyr Hyacinth. .</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Neal Verity – Sue & Mick Johnson
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Todd Zumerling – mother, Bernadette



Attentive to the Word Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Mt. 9:1 – 8

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SS. PETER AND PAUL



The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul came to be observed early in the history of the Church. Although they died at different times and places, their commemoration has universally been kept on the same day to highlight the central role they had in the foundation of the early Church. It is for the same reason that they are called the "Leaders of the Apostles" in the Liturgy.

St. Peter, whose original name was Simon, was a fisherman in Galilee when Jesus called him to be a Disciple. "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." (Mt. 4: 19) After Jesus' Ascension, Peter was the spokesman of the Apostles, and a witness of Christ's divinity. He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first Gentiles into the Church. From Jerusalem He went to preach the Gospel in Asia at Antioch, then to Cappadocia, Galatia, Pontus, and finally Rome. In Rome probably in 67 A.D. Saint Peter asked to be crucified with his head downward when he was told he was to be put to death, because he felt unworthy to be crucified in the same way as our Lord.

St. Paul, known as Saul before his conversion, was born at Tarsus in the Roman province of Cilicia. As a youth, he went to Jerusalem to receive his education in Judaism from the celebrated rabbi, Gamaliel. At the time of Jesus' ministry he had already left Jerusalem. Saul did not see the Lord during His earthly ministry. By the grace of God, Saul was miraculously converted on the way to Damascus around the year 34 A. D. After receiving baptism, Paul left for a long retreat in Arabia to prepare himself for his future mission. He was most zealous to preach the gospel of Christ to the world. He established many churches and visited many other churches. To these he wrote numerous letters which form a significant part of the New Testament

canonical writings. In 65 A.D. Saint Paul was beheaded because he was a Roman citizen and could not be crucified.

The Icon of Peter and Paul is simple and direct, striving only to present the holiness and wisdom of the two Apostles whose lives were totally devoted to witnessing the Good News of Jesus Christ and our salvation. They stand majestically, Peter with the keys, and Paul with the Scriptures, as pillars of the Church and teachers of the Lord Jesus. The Liturgy hails the chief Apostles with beautifully composed hymns. Peter is called the "rock of faith" and Paul "pride of the universe." Together they are celebrated as "luminaries of those in darkness, two rays of the sun, pillars of divine doctrines, and friends of Christ." (Matins Hymn)

TROPARION - O Leaders of the Apostles and Teachers of the World, pray to the Master of All to grant peace to the world and abundant mercy to our souls.



PEACE IN THE CONSCIENCE



The Lord had shown Himself powerful over sickness and storms, but what could He do about *sin*? Palsy was a gradual paralysis. This man was unable to help himself, but fortunately he had four friends with love, faith, and hope. They brought him to Jesus and permitted nothing to stand in their way. Was the man's physical condition the result of his sin? We do not know. But we do know that Jesus dealt with the sin problem first, for this is always the greatest need.

We must not conclude from this miracle that all sickness is caused by sin, or that forgiveness automatically means physical healing. More important than the healing of this man's body was the cleansing of his heart. He went home with both a sound body and a heart at peace with God. "There is no peace," says my God, "to the wicked" (Isa. 57:21).

By Warren Weirsbe