

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.

EIGHT WAYS TO LIVE A MERCIFUL LIFE ... JESUS IS OUR MODEL

6. CULTIVATE LITTLE KINDNESSES. Small chances for kindness arise every day. No opportunity for mercy is ever insignificant. Allowing another car to merge into your lane, calling a grieving friend, checking on an elderly neighbor, helping a co-worker, and holding the door for someone are just a few examples. Sometimes, a smile or a just a word of encouragement can change a person's whole outlook.

What are some of the small acts of mercy that you can do every day?

7. ACCEPT MERCY FROM OTHERS. It takes humility to admit that we, too, are in need of mercy. When you allow others to be merciful to you, you give them the opportunity to reach outside of themselves and enter into your pain. When that happens, they become instruments of God's love to heal and comfort you.

In what ways have you accepted mercy from other people?



ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

The annual St. Nicholas Celebration will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year. The annual dinner, which is held for the benefit of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS. Cyril & Methodius, will take place on Sunday, December 4th at St. John Cathedral & Center in Munkall, PA. This year a special blessing will be given to all those in attendance with oil from the grave of St. Nicholas in Bari, Italy. Tickets are priced at \$40 per adult and \$18 per child 12 and under. If you are interested in attending, please call the office by Wednesday, November 9th, so we can get the tickets ordered for you.



(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 30 October:

5:00 PM: 63 11:00 AM: 77

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,864.55

(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 30 October:

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

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$798.00



- **Sun. Nov. 6** ECF Classes – 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM. Parents, attendance has not been good so far. Your child’s religious education is very important. They cannot come if you don’t bring them. Please try to be faithful in getting your child to ECF classes and to the Divine Liturgy.
- **Sun. Nov. 6** Bible Study at 4 PM in the social hall – Session 8
- **Tues. Nov. 8** Ladies Guild Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall.
- **Sat. & Sun., Nov. 12 & 13** Coffee & Donuts in the Social Hall after both Divine Liturgies.
- **Sun. Nov. 13** Meeting of Oblates of St. Benedict – 2 to 4 PM at the Monastery. Please ring #301.
- **Mon. Nov. 14** Meeting of St. Benedict’s Auxiliary – 7 PM in the Social Hall.



PATRONAL FEASTDAY OF ST. MICHAEL’S, NEWTON FALLS

This Sunday, November 6th, the parishioners of St. Michael’s will celebrate their Patronal Feast by gathering at Robby Lee’s Restaurant in Newton Falls at 1:00 PM. **Everyone** is invited. We will order from the menu and receive individual guest checks. Hope you will be able to join us!

NUTROLL SALE

St. Benedict’s Auxiliary will be taking orders for nutrolls, poppyseed, apricot, apricot-nut and lekvar rolls. They will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, Nov. 19th. The rolls are \$10.00, and orders may be placed through any member of St. Benedict’s Auxiliary, or you may call Mary Villareal at 330-372-5187. There is also an order blank on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. They freeze well, so you can get an early start for your holiday baking. **Deadline to order is Saturday, November 12th.**

6 NOVEMBER 2016

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	6 November	<i>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Father Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Peter Sernulka – Nancy Sernulka & family
(SM)	8:30 AM	Prayer Intention of the Rosary Society
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Michael & +Mary Lickwar – Sons & daughter
Monday	7 November	<i>Holy Thirty-three Martyrs at Melitene. Venerable father Lazarus, the Wonder-worker, who fasted in the hills of Galilee.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	8 November	<i>SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL THE ANGELIC POWERS.</i>
(SM)	9:00 AM	Intention of Parish Family of St. Michael’s
Wednesday	9 November	<i>Venerable Mother Matrona. Venerable Theoctista of Lesbos.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30AM	+John & +Josephine Wargo – Elizabeth Cantelmo
Thursday	10 November	<i>Holy Apotles Erastus, Olympas and Rhodion and their Companions.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+George, +Mary & +David Krupsa – Cathy Eddy
Friday	11 November	<i>Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor and Vincent. Holy Martyr Stephanis. Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Studite.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	12 November	<i>Venerable Father John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria. Holy Father Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	+Jeffrey Hoson – Hoson family
Sunday	13 November	<i>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	+George Simko – wife, Millie
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Henry, +Teresa & +Michael Passek – Mary Passek



Attentive to the Word
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Lk. 8: 41 – 56

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A MAN . . . A WOMAN . . . FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST!

Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, publicly came to beg Jesus to come to heal his daughter. Jesus came! The Life came to return life to a young girl.

The woman with a hemorrhage of blood thought to herself: “If I touch even His garments, I shall be made well.” And so she did! The very clothes of the Great Physician of our souls and bodies radiated His power and love, and stopped the flow of blood.

Sadly, many people save the power of prayer only as a last resort, when all else has failed. They say, “All we can do now is pray.” Yet, prayer is simple but powerful conversation with God. Jairus’ first response was to seek out Jesus in the synagogue and ask His help. He was aware of God’s presence in His life. Saint John Chrysostom tells us that we should converse daily with God “telling Him of our needs not with endless words, but with simplicity.”

We should converse daily with God and tell God all of our needs. Nothing is unimportant to Him if it is important to us. Thus, prayer should not be a last resort in desperate situations. Rather, prayer should be the first resort in every situation, great or small. The Desert Fathers tell us simply to cry out “Lord have mercy!” because the Lord knows very well what we need.

Lord Jesus, give us the awareness of Your presence in our lives so that we, like Jairus and the woman, would publicly and boldly proclaim You!



**It’s good to be a Christian and know it, but it’s better to be a
 Christian and show it!**

*By this shall all men know that you are my disciples,
 If you have love for one another.*

FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL THE HOLY ANGELS



On November 8th, we celebrate the Feast of St. Michael the Great Archangel and all the holy angels. The word “angel” means messenger, and many times in both the Old and New Testaments, this is how God used them. They were sent to minister, to heal, to warn, and to protect.

There are many people who do not believe in the existence of spirits – angels and devils. But angels and devils do exist. This was and is the teaching of the Church. Angels are servants of God who work for us. Devils are spirits who alienated themselves from God and who work against us.

The Devil is our number one enemy! He is the tempter who led many people astray. Remember, devils are former angels who turned against God. They are very intelligent and have thousands of years of experience turning people away from God.

St. Michael, defend us against the workings of the devil!

PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to Your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear Your Word, live Your love, and keep in the ways of Your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to Your Kingdom of justice and peace. Amen.

Most Americans are tired of the “ugliness” and the negativeness of the political campaigns that we have been bombarded with for what seems like an eternity, but we urge you to vote according to your conscience for the issues and candidates who will best serve our local community, our country and our God.