

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. Andrew whenever a loved-one is hospitalized.

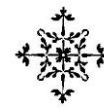
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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.

ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of your departed servant, +**Joseph Isaac** who fell asleep in the Lord recently. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

NUTROLL SALE

St. Benedict's Auxiliary will be taking orders for nutrolls, poppyseed, apricot, apricot-nut and lekvar rolls. The rolls will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, 21 November from 3 PM to 6:30 PM. The rolls are \$10.00. There is an order blank on the bulletin board in the Social Hall, or you may call Mary Villareal at 330-372-5187. They freeze well, so you can get an early start for your holiday baking. **Deadline to order is Thursday, November 12th.**

FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL THE HOLY ANGELS

Today, 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!



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 1 November:

5:00 PM: **59**; 11:00 AM: **97**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,881.50



- **Sun. Nov. 8 E.C.F. RELIGION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN FOR OUR CHILDREN. 9:30 AM TO 10:45 AM.** If you have children from Kindergarten to Grade 12, and have not registered, *it's not too late.* Just show up and we will take good care of you. Please try to have your children on time for classes. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Sun. Nov. 8** Bible Study at 4 PM in the Social Hall – Session 7
- **Tues. Nov. 10** Ladies Guild Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall
- **Sat. Nov. 14 & Sun. Nov. 15** Meet and Greet Father Simeon in the Social Hall after Both Divine Liturgies.
- **Sun. Nov. 15** Meeting of Oblates of St. Benedict – 2 to 4 PM at the Monastery. Ring # 301. Oblates are open to both men and women. Meetings are held at the Monastery at Infant of Prague Manor once a month, on a Sunday afternoon. Come and see if this group might help you to develop a deeper relationship with your God.
- **Nov. 15** Philip's Fast Begins in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity.
- **Mon. Nov. 16** Important Meeting of St. Benedict's Auxiliary – 7 PM in the Social Hall.



COME ONE, COME ALL!!!



A RECEPTION IS BEING HELD AFTER EACH DIVINE LITURGY THIS WEEKEND, TO FORMALLY MEET AND GREET FATHER SIMEON AND RALPH. We pledge our help and support to Father Simeon as he leads us a little closer to our God. Take a few minutes, and help Father to learn who we are as

individuals and as a parish family. We hope to see all of you there!

8 NOVEMBER 2015

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	15 November	<i>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL THE HOLY ANGELS.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+George Syrko – Don & Dee Lambert
(SM)	8:30 AM	Int. of St. Michael's Parish Family – Happy Feastday!
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Michael & +Mary Lickwar – Lickwar Family
Monday,	9 November	Holy Martyrs Onesiphorus and Pophyrius No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday,	10 November	<i>Holy Apostles Erastus, Olumpas and Rhodion and their Companions.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Betty Jane Ross – Janis and Paula Soldani
Wednesday,	11 November	<i>Holy martyrs Menas, Victor and Vincent. Holy Martyr Stephanis. Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Studite. Passing of Blessed Martyr and Bishop Vincent Eugene Bossilkovin Bulgaria.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+ Mary Reese – Becky Prest
Thursday,	12 November	<i>Venerable Father John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria. Venerable Father Nilus. Holy Martyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Joanne Emory – Joseph & Betty Wargo
Friday,	13 November	<i>Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	14 November	<i>Holy and Illustrious Apostle Phillip. Holy Father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	+Jeffrey Hoso – Hoso Family
Sunday,	15 November	<i>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Martyrs and Cofessors Gurias, Samonas and Habib.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	Prayer Intention of Rosary Society
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Rev. Andrew Chura – John & Kathy Shinosky



Attentive to the Word

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 8:41-56

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Or use the papers provided

Today's Gospel shows two examples of pure true faith. The woman cured of a hemorrhage and the raising of the daughter of Jairus show complete abandoning and placing trust in God.

For the woman there was more than just a physical healing going on here. In Jewish society anytime there was a flow of blood of blood, even from a woman's monthly cycle, she was considered unclean, sinful and unfit to mix with regular society. This goes back to the Old Testament book of Leviticus. It was a law and a mind-set that went back many centuries. Therefore, Jesus was not only restoring her physical health but restoring her place in decent society.

When the daughter of Jairus was raised it was an act of desperation and pure faith running to Jesus for a girl who was most probably dead.

As modern Americans with our self-assured, gotta-be-in-control attitudes it is very hard for us to abandon our own powers and turn to the higher power of Jesus Christ. Sometimes it takes an act of desperation like we see in these Gospel events. To have a complete, open, pure faith and trust in the living God is such a beautiful thing.

I have an example: Tess was a bright eight year old when she heard her Mom and Dad talking about her little brother, Andrew. All she knew was that he was very sick and they were completely out of money. They were moving to an apartment complex next month because Daddy didn't have the money for the doctor bills and our house. Only a very costly surgery could save him now and it was looking like there was no-one to loan them the money. She heard Daddy say to her tearful Mother with whispered desperation, "Only a miracle can save him now."

Tess went to her bedroom and pulled a glass jelly jar from its hiding place in the closet. She poured all the change out on the floor and counted it carefully. Three times, even. The total had to be exactly perfect. No chance here for mistakes. Carefully placing the coins back in the jar and twisting on the cap, she slipped out the back door and made her way 6 blocks to the Rexall Drug Store with the big red Indian Chief sign above the door. She waited patiently for the pharmacist to give her some attention but he was too busy at this moment. Tess twisted her feet to make a scuffing noise. Nothing. She cleared

her throat with the most disgusting sound she could muster. No good. Finally she took a quarter from her jar and banged it on the glass counter. That did it!

"And what do you want?" the pharmacist asked in an annoyed tone of voice. "I'm talking to my brother from Chicago whom I haven't seen in ages," he said without waiting for a reply to his question.

"Well, I want to talk to you about my brother," Tess answered back in the same annoyed tone. "He's really, really sick... and I want to buy a miracle."

"I beg your pardon?" said the pharmacist.

"His name is Andrew and he has something bad growing inside his head and my Daddy says only a miracle can save him now. So how much does a miracle cost?" "We don't sell miracles here, little girl. I'm sorry but I can't help you," the pharmacist said, softening a little.

"Listen, I have the money to pay for it. If it isn't enough, I will get the rest. Just tell me how much it costs."

The pharmacist's brother was a well-dressed man. He stooped down and asked the little girl, "What kind of a miracle does your brother need?"

"I don't know," Tess replied with her eyes welling up. "I just know he's really sick and Mommy says he needs an operation. But my Daddy can't pay for it, so I want to use my money."

"How much do you have?" asked the man from Chicago. "One dollar and eleven cents," Tess answered barely audibly. "And it's all the money I have, but I can get some more if I need to."

"Well, what a coincidence," smiled the man. "A dollar and eleven cents-the exact price of a miracle for little brothers." He took her money in one hand and with the other hand he grasped her mitten and said "Take me to where you live. I want to see your brother and meet your parents. Let's see if I have the kind of miracle you need."

That well-dressed man was Dr. Carlton Armstrong, a surgeon, specializing in neuro-surgery. The operation was completed without charge and it wasn't long until Andrew was home again and doing well. Mom and Dad were happily talking about the chain of events that had led them to this place. "That surgery," her Mom whispered, "was a real miracle. I wonder how much it would have cost?"

Tess smiled. She knew exactly how much a miracle cost... one dollar and eleven cents plus the pure faith of a little child. Oh that we could have that kind of pure faith in a loving Lord. What lessons we can learn from this Gospel and from this little child.

A miracle is not the suspension of natural law, but the operation of a higher law in the lives of ordinary people.....