

## 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.

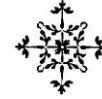
**Funerals:** Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

**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.

## ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of your servant +**Louis Conlan** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

## PARISH OUTREACH . . .

Part of the Phillip's Fast is "almsgiving." Our Parish Almsgiving has taken many forms over the years. We've had the "Giving Tree" where we have purchased gifts for children of all ages. Last year, we chose ornaments and bought gifts for Senior Citizens from Beatitude House, etc.

Our Outreach Program 2016 will be to collect "Needed Supplies" for the Children's Rehabilitation Center in Howland. The Children's Rehab Center cares for children who have physical or other disabilities. The supplies that are needed are listed on the fliers that are on the bulletin boards in the church and Social Hall. . . **But please, DO NOT bring anything to church until AFTER the St. Nicholas Dinner.**

## SPIRITUALITY DAY

The Benedictine Sisters of Queen of Heaven Monastery are offering a Day of Spirituality in preparation for Christmas on Saturday, December 10, 2016, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Social Hall of Ss. Peter and Paul. To register, please call 330-856-1813 or [emailqohm@netdotcom.com](mailto:emailqohm@netdotcom.com) by Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

The presenter will be Msgr. George Appleyard, priest of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy in Parma. His topic will be "*Two Different Carols – One Priceless Song.*" He is an excellent speaker. There will be time for reflection, questions, and refreshments, and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



**(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 13 November:**

5:00 PM: 69 11:00 AM: 108

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$2,520.00**

**(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 13 November:**

23 from St. Michael; 8 from St. Peter & Paul

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$1,126.00**



SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Sun. Nov. 20** ECF Classes – 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM.
- **Tues. Nov. 22** Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – 7:30 PM at Ss. Peter and Paul, followed by refreshments in the Social Hall.
- **Mon. Nov. 28** Church Cleaning Party – 9AM to Noon. We can use an extra pair of hands, if you are available.
- **Sun. Dec. 4** Our Parish St. Nicholas Celebration. Following the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy, our ECF children will present a short program honoring St. Nicholas. We have so few children in our parish, and we need to show our support for them and for what they are learning. They are the future of our church, so we ask that you give an extra 10 minutes of your time after the Liturgy to hear their program. Our parish dinner will follow the children’s presentation.

**ST. NICHOLAS FEAST DAY**

On Sunday, December 4th, after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy, the parishioners from both parishes are invited to a dinner in SS. Peter & Paul Social Hall. The dinner will be provided by the parish, but we ask for a donation of at least \$8.00 for each person attending. (No charge for children 6 and under). If you plan to attend the dinner, we ask that you sign your family name on the sign-up sheet, with the number attending, so that we might be better prepared with food and seating arrangements. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. We hope to see all of you there! **Deadline for reservations is November 27<sup>th</sup>. Sign up today so you don’t forget!**

**INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Our Parish will host the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on **Tuesday, 22 November 2016 at 7:30 PM**. Please join other members of our Parish Family along with members from Central Christian Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church as we give thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us. A social with refreshments will follow the service in our Parish Social Center. With the unrest and violence in the hearts of many people today, we need to beg for God’s mercy to heal the hurts and injustices that exist in our country, and to offer thanks for the many blessings we receive each day. We encourage all of you to come to offer our prayers of thanks and healing together.

Sunday	20 November	<i>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Pre-festive day of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple. Venerable Father Gregory the Decapolite. Our Holy Father Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople. Our Blessed Mother Josaphata Hordashevska.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Dolores Hranitz – Starr family</b>
(SM)	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Neal Verity – M/M Mick Johnson</b>
(PP)	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Elizabeth Petrigalla (40<sup>th</sup> day)</b>
Monday	21 November	<i>Holy and Illustrious Apostle Philip. Our Holy Father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	22 November	<i>Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas and Habib.</i>
(Chapel)	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+George Teringo – Pierko family</b>
Wednesday	23 November	<i>The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.</i>
(Chapel)	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>+Lucy Prokop – Maxine &amp; Richard Sinclair</b>
Thursday	24 November	<i>Our Holy Father Gregory the Wonder-worker, Bishop of Neocaesarea. Passing of the Blessed Martyr Josaphat Kocylowskyj, Bishop of Peremyshl (1947).</i>
(Chapel)	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+John, +Mary &amp; +Paul Fejko – Robert Fejko</b>
Friday	25 November	<i>The Holy Martyrs Plato and Roman.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	26 November	<i>The Holy Prophet Obadiah. The Holy Martyr Barlaam.</i>
(PP)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Dolores Hranitz – Starr family</b>
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**Attentive to the Word**  
***Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Lk. 10: 25 – 37***

***Tone 1 Pg. 125 - 127***

**Read: Luke 10:25-37**

It is easy to identify someone else as the uninvolved priest or Levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan, but take a close and honest look at yourself. What do you see? Do you turn your head, so you don't have to see? Do you ignore the plea for help? Are you insensitive to the plight of those who are unfortunate?

You have only one life to live. You cannot go back at a later date and live it the way you knew you should have.. This is it. What you do with your time, what you focus on, how you expend your energy, where you place the emphasis on your life - it is all being lived out right now.

It has been said that the most sympathetic people are those who themselves have suffered. They know what it's like to hurt. And yet God through us offers so much more than mere sympathy; He offers the indwelling presence of His Holy Spirit Whom He calls "The Comforter."

As the minutes tick by today, look around you. No matter where you are, chances are you will be able to identify a person who is hurting and needs help. Will you walk by? Will you see them only as an inconvenience to your plans? Will you go out of your way to avoid the hurting one, or will you go out of your way to help him? As a Christian, you are an extension of God's life.



**PHILLIP'S FAST**

The Byzantine Catholic Church invites all to participate more fully in the central mysteries of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through her calendar of feasts and fasts. The feast of the Nativity of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ (Christmas, December 25) is one of the great feasts of the Church year, celebrating the coming of the Messiah, Jesus

Christ. Christ was born into the world through the Theotokos to offer us the wondrous gifts of salvation.

Through the mystery we celebrate in the Nativity, we too are invited to become the children of God, sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father. But this transformation does not occur overnight. Rather, it requires a rediscovery of the essential disciplines of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

The Church has traditionally taught four main ways to engage in Christian asceticism, no matter what our state in life. *These are prayer, fasting, almsgiving and love.* By actively engaging in these disciplines of discipleship during the time of the fast, we unite ourselves more perfectly to Christ as we celebrate the joy of the feast of His Nativity.

In anticipation of the "coming" of the Messiah that we celebrate during the feast of the Nativity on December 25, Byzantine Christians enter into a time of preparation known as the "Nativity Fast" or "St. Phillip's Fast" since it begins each year the day after the Feast of St. Philip the Apostle, November 15.

Below we offer some suggestions for ways to put into practice the four forms of Christian asceticism during the Nativity fast.

**Prayer:** Spend at least 15 minutes in the morning and evening in prayer each day. Pray the Jesus Prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner." Display an icon of the Nativity in the prayer corner of your house or room and spend 10 minutes each day meditating on the saving mysteries surrounding the story of Christ's Birth. Receive the Mystery of Repentance (Confession) at least once during the fast.

**Fasting:** Abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. Fast from certain foods, such as soda, alcoholic beverages or candy. With each meal, eat only an amount that is sufficient for nutritional needs, without feeling full. Fast from select forms of entertainment (television, movies, radio, internet, novels, etc.).

**Almsgiving:** Give your time, talent and/or treasure to a parish outreach or a special charity. Increase your parish tithe for the season. Clean out your house of any excessive items or possessions and share them with the poor and needy. Purchase gifts for homeless or needy children or families.

**Love:** Meditate on the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes and identify one or two of these to put into practice each week. Examine your conscience each night, asking for

forgiveness from God and others as needed. Find opportunities to share your faith with others.