

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. Andrew to schedule.

Mystery of Crowning: Must be a registered, active supporting member of the parish family. Must meet with Fr. Andrew before setting date and reserving your banquet hall. Pre-Cana program is required and three sessions with Fr. Andrew. The ceremony will be celebrated according to the prescription of the liturgical book of the Byzantine rite.

Mystery of Reconciliation: Celebrated Saturdays, 5:00 PM - 5:30 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. Andrew 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. Andrew 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.

Godparent/Sponsor Letters: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish.

Rectory Office Hours: Sr. Barbara is in the office from 10 AM – 2 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Andrew is available on other days and times by appointment.

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 afternoon, November 19th. The rolls are \$9.00, and orders may be placed through any member of St. Benedict's Auxiliary, or you may call Mary Villareal at 330-372-5187. **Rolls will be sold by orders only. Deadline to order is Thursday, November 10th.**



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our Parish will be collecting non-perishable food items to help feed the less fortunate in our local area. We ask that you be as generous as you are able to make this Thanksgiving project a success. **Collection boxes will be at the side entrances and in the Social Hall from now thru Nov. 20.**



Out Reach Project

. . . During the Phillip's Fast, as we did last year, our Parish will be collecting personal hygiene and other items not covered under food stamp or other programs for the needy. Each week, for 4 weeks, we will be collecting different items. More information will be forthcoming.



NOVEMBER CENSUS

The Chancery Office has requested that all parishes in the Archeparchy take a census of Church attendance throughout the month of November. They have indicated that age groups also be determined. We will do our best to give an accurate count.



Our return for the gifts He continues to shower upon us . . . \$2,559.80



- Today, Nov 6 ECF Catechetical Classes are held every Sunday from 9:30 to 10:45 AM. If you have children in grades K thru 12, and they have not registered for classes, they are still welcome to attend.
- Today, Nov 6 & Thurs. Nov. 10 Session 5 of *A Quick Journey through the Bible*. The classes meet on Sunday at 4:00 PM and Thursday at 10:30 AM
- Mon. Nov. 7 Church Cleaning Party – 9 AM to Noon.
- Tues. Nov. 8 St. Vincent de Paul Pizza Day – 9 AM to 2 PM
- Tues. Nov. 8 Ladies Guild Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall.
- Sat. Nov.12 & Sun. Nov. 13 Coffee & Donuts in the Social Hall after all Divine Liturgies
- Sun. Nov. 13 Oblate Meeting at the Monastery (in the Manor) – 2 PM to 4 PM. Ring #301.
- Mon. Nov. 21 St. Benedict’s Auxiliary Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall. Speaker on “Human Trafficking”. All Parishioners are invited to attend.



WELCOME !

Our Parish Family extends a warm welcome to **Anthony and Shiela Jesko and their daughters, Anna Marie and Kathleen** who have chosen our parish as their home of worship. We know you will make them feel welcome. *May God grant them many and blessed years!*

PARKING LOT UPDATE:

The Parking Lot is almost finished. I think we are all saying, “Thank God!” But there are still **a few reminders** – The striping has been done. The new direction of the striping will take getting used to, but it was done to facilitate the drop off and pick up of our parishioners who use the ramp entrance. **Please follow the entrance and exit arrows. And please, do not drive over the sidewalk to enter or exit the property.**

Thank you, again for your patience, understanding and cooperation!

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

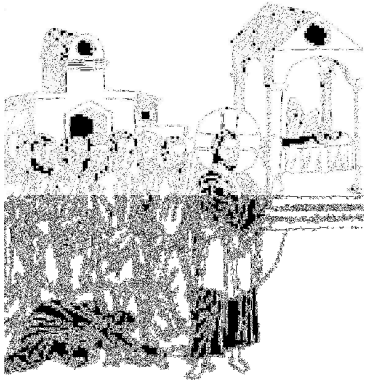
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| Sunday, | 6 November | <i>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Father Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i> Intention of the Parish Family + Michael & + Mary Lickwar – Sons & daughter + Vasil & + Mary Sekula & Family – Sekula Family |
| | Vigil Liturgy 6:00 PM 8:15 AM 11:00 AM | |
| Monday, | 7 November | <i>Holy Thirty-three Martyrs at Melitene. Venerable Father Lazarus, the Wonder-Worker, who fasted in the hills of Galilee.</i> + Cynthia Athya – Shinosky & Gorrell Family |
| | 6:00 PM | |
| Tuesday, | 8 November | <i>SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL THE ANGELIC POWERS</i> Intention of the Parish Family |
| | 9:00 AM | |
| Wednesday, | 9 November | <i>Venerable Mother Matrona. Venerable Theoctista of Lesbos.</i> + Mary Krupsa |
| | Chapel 8:30 AM | |
| Thursday, | 10 November | <i>Holy Apostles Erastus, Olymas and Rhodion and their Companions.</i> + Michael Begeny – William & Debbie Draves |
| | Chapel 8:30 AM | |
| Friday, | 11 November | <i>Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor and Vincent. Holy Martyr Stephanis. Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Studite. Passing of the Blessed Martyr and Bishop Vincent Eugene Bossilkov in Bulgaria.</i> + Joan Churchill – Elizabeth Zombar |
| | Chapel 8:30 AM | |
| Saturday, | 12 November | <i>Venerable John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria. Venerable Father Nilus. Holy Martyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk.</i> + Jeffrey Hoso – Hoso Family |
| | Vigil Liturgy 6:00 PM | |
| Sunday, | 13 November | <i>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i> Intention of the Parish Family + John C. Craciun – Wiley Byers Family |
| | 8:15 AM 11:00 AM | |



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Read: Luke 8:43-48 (Woman with a hemorrhage)



Jesus is very holistic in His approach to mankind. A good example of this is found in Luke 8, when He heals a woman who has hemorrhaged for twelve years.

It's hard to imagine how she maintained her hope for healing, especially with the stigma that accompanied her illness. Unclean according to Jewish law, she probably was forced to live outside the city gates – away from family and friends.

Her need for love and acceptance was overshadowed by the cruelty of Jewish tradition. Anyone who touched her was in turn considered unclean. The portrait Christ gives us is one of abundant mercy and grace. Not only did he heal her physical disease, he healed her spiritually and emotionally as well. In no way was He repulsed by her sickness.

No matter how complex and disillusioning life may appear, Jesus refused to turn His back on you. The woman in the above text believed if she could stretch out her hand far enough to touch the hem of His outer garment she would be healed. What faith she had!

In His compassion, Christ turned to her and said: “Daughter, your faith has made you well: go in peace.” Jesus met her deepest need, and He will do the same for you.”



ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL THE HOLY ANGELS

On the 8th of November each year, the Byzantine Church celebrates the Holy Archangel Michael and the other Powers of Heaven.

Most of us are familiar with this lovely and nostalgic carol: Angels We Have Heard On High. No Christmas pageant would be complete without angels, especially the cute little "baby angels." But in reality angels are very strong and powerful beings.

We say they are "spirits," meaning that they have no material component. That means they are not simply "invisible," like air or electricity. They are like God in that they have no physical component at all, and can be everywhere at once! One theologian said simply that "an angel IS where it operates."

The Bible tells us that from time to time angels take on a visible form and interact with people. According to the Tradition, certain angels have special duties, they are forces directing or carrying out certain vital functions. The Bible speaks of Raphael, an archangel who is in charge of healing; of Gabriel, who is the chief messenger; of Michael, who is responsible for protecting the chosen people and defending God's domain. We also know of Uriel, the archangel responsible for death and conducting the departed into the realm of God.

How can we come to grips with this idea of "angels," which seems so foreign to our "modern" thinking (although we're always searching the skies for the coming of the aliens!)? Perhaps this idea might help.

Love is determined by the lover and the love-ee. A weak and neurotic individual cannot lavish love very well on anyone or anything, while a mature individual is capable of rich human relationships. So much for the lover, now what about the love-ee? The object of our affections is granted our love in proportion to its value to us. We love our spouse (I hope) more than our hound, and our children more than our car! So consider that God is a perfect lover! The objects, however, are of various and differing values. God loves himself so perfectly that He is Triune: a Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The love God bestows on various aspects of creation, however, gives rise to an angel. Since God has an individual love for each of us, a guardian angel is generated by his love for us.

How many angels are there? Probably beyond counting. And, frankly, that's just what the Bible says!
(Msgr. George Appleyard)