

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, 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. Andrew is notified. It especially is important that a family member contact Fr. Andrew whenever a loved-one is hospitalized.

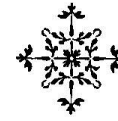
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Andrew before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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. 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: The Parish office is open from 10 AM – 2 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Andrew is available on other days and times by appointment.

ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of your servant +**Anna Kozuskanich** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

BELLA CENTER FUNDRAISING BANQUET

We are all familiar with the Bella Center and the work that they do. They operate 100% by support from donations and grants. You are warmly invited to attend one of the two fundraising banquets being held this year. The second one is **November 13 and** will be held at Leo's Ristorante Banquet Hall, 7042 East Market St. If you wish to be a supporter of the Bella Center Projects and attend this banquet, please RSVP one week before the banquet at: www.bellateam.com or banquet@bellawomenscenter.com or call 330.856-3616. We have been good supporters in the past...let us continue to help them do God's work.

CRAFT AUCTION & COVERED DISH

St. Benedict's Auxiliary Craft Auction & Covered Dish, Monday, 27 October at 5:30 PM in the Social Hall. **Parishioners and friends are invited, but we do need reservations for the covered dish dinner. Please call Elaine at 330-770-1100** with the number of people attending, **before Wednesday, 22 October**... an excellent opportunity to purchase beautiful gifts for Christmas or for your home.

NUTROLL SALE

St. Benedict's Auxiliary will be taking orders for nutrolls, poppyseed, apricot, apricot-nut and lekvar rolls. **The rolls will be by advance orders only.** They will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, 15 November from 11 AM to 3 PM. 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. They freeze well, so you can get an early start for your holiday baking. **Deadline to order is Saturday, November 8th.**



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 12 October:

5:00 PM: **85**; 11:00 AM: **118**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us \$3,480.59
Memorials received in memory of Rose Anne Fetsko..... \$160.00



- **Sun. Oct. 19** Eastern Christian Formation (ECF) classes for our young people – Kindergarten thru 12th grade – from 9:30 AM to 10:45AM. Remember, our young people are the future of our Church. Please enable them to become an integral part of our Byzantine Catholic Church by bringing them to Church with you and enrolling them in our catechetical program.
- **Sun. Oct. 19** Ethnic Dinner in the Social Hall.
- **Sun. Oct. 19** Bible Study – 4 PM in the Social Hall – Session 4
- **Thurs. Oct. 23** Bible Study – 10 AM in the Social Hall – Session 3
- **Mon. Oct. 27** St. Benedict’s Auxiliary Craft Auction & Covered-dish – 5:50 PM in the Social Hall. Call 330-770-1100 for reservations.

ETHNIC DINNER AND BASKET RAFFLE

The Ladies Guild will be sponsoring an Ethnic Dinner and Gift Basket Raffle on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014**. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this delicious home-made dinner, invite your friends and relatives and give your support to our Ladies Guild, who do so much for us. **Dinner tickets will be available for purchase following the weekend Divine Liturgies. Adults: \$8.00 Children: (6 and under) \$4.00. Carry-outs are available. DINNER TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** Hope to see you there!

A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER

*I asked God to grant me patience. God said, no.
Patience is a by product of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.*

*I asked God to give me happiness. God said, no.
I give you blessings; happiness is up to you.*

*I asked God to spare me pain. God said, no.
Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to Me.*

*I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, no.
You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.*

*I asked God for all things that I may enjoy life. God said, no.
I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.*

19 OCTOBER 2014

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	19 October	<i>NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Prophet Joel. Holy Martyr Varus. Venerable Father John of Rila.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Donald Slovinsky – Dad & Family
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Anthony Simon – Marjorie, Paul and Cheryl
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Rose Anne Fetsko (40 th Day) – Michael & Pamela Joseph
Monday,	20 October	<i>Holy Great Martyr Artemius.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday,	21 October	<i>Our Venerable Father Hilary the Great</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Ronald Gleeson – Sr. M. Martha
Wednesday,	22 October	<i>Holy Bishop Abercius, Equal to the Apostles, Wonder-worker. Holy Seven Children of Ephesus. Holy Father John Paul II, Pope of Rome.</i>
		Chancery
Thursday,	23 October	<i>Holy Apostle James, the Brother of Our Lord.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	Health/Welfare of Sophie Nowak – Kacmarek family
Friday,	24 October	<i>Holy Martyr Arethas and His Companions.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	Sr. Margaret Mary Schima – Benedictine Sisters
Saturday	25 October	<i>Holy Martyrs and Notaries Marcian and Martyrius. Holy and Just Tabitha the Merciful.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Virginia Scannell - Family
Sunday,	26 October	<i>TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy and Glorious Great-martyr Demetrius. Commemoration of the Great and Fearful Earthquake (Constantinople, 740).</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	Special Intention – Mike and Sue Johnson
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Joseph Sarsany – son, Tom & M/M Bud Willison



Attentive to the Word

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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THE IMPORTANCE OF EVANGELIZATION



Religion can very simply be described as whatever is important to us. The following items all have one thing in common: extracurricular activities in school, a family visit, football practice, a baseball game, a late night party, vacation, boredom, a chance to sleep in, an interesting television program, a special sale, the latest music video, a dinner invitation, golfing, mowing the lawn, a telephone call from a friend. What they have in common is simple: according to the common wisdom of the late twentieth century, they're all more important than church. If our faith is not taken seriously, it is no longer a faith or our religion or a church. I don't mean "seriously" here in the trivial sense of a bitter medicine to be swallowed whole, but as *the most*

important value of life, which we accept with joy and love and which makes us really human.

We live in a nation that officially proclaims freedom of religion and separation of church and state. The church itself has solemnly proclaimed that freedom of religion is a natural human right. About this there is no quibble. What has happened in the culture of society, however, has been the trivialization of religion. In a recent book *The Culture of Disbelief*, Stephen L. Carter observes, "more and more, our culture seems to take the position that believing deeply in the tenets of one's faith represents a kind of mystical irrationality, something that thoughtful, public-spirited American citizens would do better to avoid," and then asks, "How did we reach this disturbing pass, when our culture teaches that religion is not to be taken seriously, even by those who profess to believe in it?" Our culture today makes religion the 100th priority on a list of 101 values. It has pushed faith to the margins and laughs at it, making it trivial.

The only way to recover our faith is through a process of evangelization. "Evangelization" comes from two Greek words. The first is "eu," (the "u" becomes a "v" before a vowel) which means "good," as in the word "euphoria," a state of feeling really good. The second is "angelos," which means "a message." "Angels" are "messengers from God." "Evangelos," therefore, is a good message, in Old English, a "good spell," which meant a "good story," and has become in modern English, "gospel."

When the women came to the tomb to anoint Christ's body after the crucifixion, they met an "angel," who had "good news" for them, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said" (Mt 28: 5-6). The resurrection is the best news of all, it's how the history of Christ as a human being among his brothers and sisters ends, and his followers were commanded to take this message to all nations and peoples, baptizing them in the name of the Trinity" (Mt 28:19-20). Our baptism is the acceptance of this good news. The church will grow when its people begin to spread this good news to others, and this is what is called "evangelization."

There are many forces which hinder people from accepting this "good news." Many have been baptized when they were young and were never properly evangelized. We may have the misconception that religion exists only to make us keep laws and to be generally unhappy. The whole world today is immoral and there's nothing to be happy about. If this is our idea of faith, then we cannot hear the "good news" and need evangelization.

Christ brings joy and truth and freedom. It is true that he brings it with a kind of sharp edge. Jesus himself had to lay down his life for his people, and asks the same from us, for "who-ever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel (the "good news") will save it" (Mk 8:35). *The Gospel demands commitment*. The world wants only easy answers and no hard work, and so preaches "feel good" news, but not real "good news." Jesus, the word of God, was aware of these obstacles, which are not particularly modern, and explained them in the parable of the sower and the seed (Lk 8:4-15).

The history of Christ ended with his return to glory at the right hand of the Father, but his presence remains until the end of time. The Spirit of Christ now fills the world through his church, whose main mission is simply spreading the Gospel. A real commitment to this message may be difficult in a world which has trivialized it, but the rewards are great.

By Archpriest David M. Petras