

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 ...

3. AVOID GOSSIP. Merciful people refrain from gossip because they know that gossip is another assault on an already injured person. Pope Francis tells us: "It is so terrible to gossip! At first it may seem like a nice thing, even amusing, like enjoying a piece of candy. But in the end, it fills the heart with bitterness, and even poisons us" (Angelus, February 16, 2014).

How will you keep yourself from gossiping about other people?



A RECIPE TO LIVE BY

Blend 1 cup of love and ½ cup of kindness. Add alternately in small portions 1 cup of appreciation and 3 cups of pleasant companionship into which has been sifted 3 teaspoons of deserving praise.

Flavor with 1 teaspoon of carefully chosen advice. Lightly fold in 1 cup of cheerfulness to which has been added a pinch of sorrow.

Pour with tender care into small clean hearts and let bake until well matured. Turn out on the surface of society, humbly invoke God's blessing, and it will serve all mankind.



(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 16 October:

5:00 PM: 65 11:00 AM: 90

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,247.00

(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 16 October:

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

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$323.00



- **Sun. Oct. 23** 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. Oct. 23** Bible Study at 4 PM in the social hall – Session 6
- **Mon. Oct. 24** Church Cleaning Party – 9:00 AM to Noon. We could use your help.



VERY GOOD NEWS

The Annual Byzantine Spirituality Conference is Happy to Host the 1st Annual Eastern Catholic Bible Conference. It will be held November 4 & 5, 2016 at St John the Baptist Cathedral Munhall, Pa. It is entitled: *A Holy Nation The Church in God’s Plan of Salvation.*

The speakers are excellent!! The talks include:

- Are Eastern Catholics “Bible Christians?”
- Reading the Bible in the Heart of the Church
- The Seven Ages of the Kingdom in the Bible
- Biblical Images of the Church
- Sacred Reading: How to Pray the Scriptures
- The Bible and the New Evangelization

Registrations are necessary. Brochures containing registration forms are beside the bulletins. *You are encouraged to attend this very enlightening program.*

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. They freeze well, so you can get an early start for your holiday baking. **Deadline to order is Saturday, November 12th.**

23 OCTOBER 2016

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	23 October	<i>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Apostle James, the Brother of Our Lord.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	Int. of Dianna J. Koza – John Koza III
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Ann Petro – M/M Michael Johnson
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Patricia Harper – Emil Kostraba Family
Monday	24 October	<i>The Holy Martyr Arethas and His Companions</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	25 October	Holy Martyrs amd Notaries Marcian and Martyrius. Holy and just Tabitha the Merciful.
(Chapel)	8:30 PM	+Dorothy Byers – Andy & Linda Deskevich
Wednesday	26 October	<i>Holy and Glorious Great Martyr Demetrius. Commemoration of the great and fearful earthquake (Constantinople, 740).</i>
(Chapel)	8:30AM	+Natalie Kakias – St. Benedict’s Auxiliary
Thursday	27 October	Holy Martyr Nestor. Holy Martyr Capitolina and her servant Erotheides.
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Kay Roscoe – Mark & Anita Stocz
Friday	28 October	<i>Holy Martyrs Terence and Neonila. Holy Father Stephen the Sabbaite, Hymnographer. Holy Martyr Paraskeva of Iconium.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	29 October	<i>Holy Venerable Martyr Anastasia. Venerable Father Abraham the Hermit.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	+Barbara Ann Myers – John & Dianna Koza
Sunday	30 October	<i>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Martyr Zenobius and His sister Zenobia.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Ronald Ferrance – Lesho family
(PP)	11:00 AM	+John Fedyszak (40th day) – Bill Shuttic



Attentive to the Word Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Lk. 16: 19 – 31

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In the Epistle to the Galatians, St. Paul speaks a truth that we all know, that we all practice to a large degree: “Everyone should bear his own responsibility.” I can remember being a young boy and my father telling me, “Johnny, you don’t take anything from anybody. If you want something, work for it. If you can’t afford it, you can’t have it.”

I learned that lesson well. And for the most part that works. But what happens, if you lose your job? What happens if you get sick or someone in your family gets sick and you don’t have enough money? What happens when you aren’t able to take care of yourself? Those also are real issues for us. Those are real possibilities. I have never met anyone who likes to beg, who wants to ask for help, who is driven by poverty, sickness and the need to say, “I don’t have enough to take care of myself, would you please help me.” We even hesitate to ask our parents, or brothers and sisters, or friends – it is humiliating and makes us feel worthless. Nobody wants to be poor!

Jesus tells the story for us in today’s Gospel. Lazarus is the poor man. He is a beggar. He’s covered with sores. He’s not a pleasant sight. You don’t want to see him coming to your door. You know he’s going to ask for money. You know he’s not going to smell good or look good. Please get him out of here! And so the rich man ignored him. He wouldn’t even give him the scraps from the table: “Just get away. I don’t want anything to do with you. You are a bother. You don’t belong here.” Jesus teaches us that is not how God treats us. He sees our need. He sees our face. He sees our heart. He recognizes our person no matter how bad off we are. We can always turn to Him. He will always listen.

The rich man had no heart. The rich man was blinded by his own good fortune. He was too comfortable to be bothered. He was too isolated and secure to see someone else’s need. He had no time, no money and no ear for the poor man who was standing at his gate.

Jesus teaches us in the Beatitudes. (They can be found in the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke.) We sing the beatitudes as found in Matthew’s Gospel as the third antiphon on Sundays during Lent. I would like to quote today from St. Luke’s version: Blessed are you poor; the reign of God is yours. Blessed are you who hunger; you shall be filled. Blessed are you who are weeping; you shall laugh. St. Luke gives us also the corresponding woes: But woe to you rich, for your consolation is now. Woe to you who are full; you shall go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now; you shall weep in grief.

St. John in his Epistle teaches us the same lesson in these words: When anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him and he in God. We have come to know and believe in the love God has for us. God is Love, and he who abides in Love abides in God and God in him. We for our part, love because He first loved us. If anyone says, “My love is fixed on God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar. One who has no love for the brother he has seen cannot love the God he has not seen. This commandment we have from Him is this: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

As Christians, we are followers of Jesus, we are people who know and have received God’s love and blessing. We also need to be people who love in return, who bless in return, who acknowledge our brother or sister in no matter what dress or condition they come to us.

Let us hear the Gospel, let us hear the prophets and the commandments of God. Let us love one another and see more deeply than the externals. It is easy to love rich people, nice people, people who have it all together – God loves us no matter what – Let us try to love those whose need comes to our door.

By Father John Zeyack

“Lord, have mercy! Too often we are blinded by our comfortable lives, and refuse to see those dying at our doorstep.” *Tweet of Pope Francis, 12 October 2013*

"The worst sin towards our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them; that's the essence of inhumanity." - George Bernard Shaw