

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 ... JESUS IS OUR MODEL

4. REFUSE TO RETALIATE. Merciful people don't hold a grudge or try to even the score. They let it go, give whatever happened to God, and forgive. Forgiveness allows you to let anger, hurt, and bitterness drain out of your heart. It restores a sense of peace to your soul. Without forgiveness you become a prisoner to your own resentments. With forgiveness, you mirror God's mercy.

Who are the people that you need to forgive?

5. DON'T TURN AWAY. When faced with an opportunity to be merciful, our greatest temptation is to look away. It's easy to rationalize that someone else is better able to help than you are. But the reality is, when we turn away from someone in need, we are turning away from Christ himself. If we want to be more merciful, we have to be willing to stand beside the other person – even if it makes our own lives more difficult. When we do that, we become more humble, kinder, and more compassionate.

How do you deal with the temptation to turn away from someone in need?



YOUR WORDS ARE WINDOWS TO YOUR HEART!



(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 23 October:

5:00 PM: 63 11:00 AM: 95

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,721.20

(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 23 October:

22 from St. Michael; 10 from St. Peter & Paul

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$388.00



- **Sun. Oct. 30** 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. 30** Bible Study at 4 PM in the social hall – Session 7
- **Wed. Nov. 2** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9 AM to 2 PM. We can use your help.
- **Tues. Nov. 8** Ladies Guild Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall.



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. There is also an order blank on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. They freeze well, so you can get an early start for your holiday baking. **Deadline to order is Saturday, November 12th.**



“SPRING AHEAD – FALL BACK”



Daylight Saving Time Ends November 6th. Just a reminder to set your clocks back one hour. You wouldn’t want to be late for ECF Classes or the Divine Liturgy!

30 OCTOBER 2016

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	30 October	<i>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Martyr Zenobius and His sister Zenobia.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Barbara Ann Meyers – John & Dianna Koza
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Ronald Ferrance – Lesho family
(PP)	11:00 AM	+John Fedyszak (40 th day) – Bill Shuttic
Monday	31 October	<i>Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplius and their Companions. Holy Martyr Epimachus. Blessed Martyr Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukachevo.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	1 November	<i>Holy Unmecenary Wonder-workers Cosmas and Damian.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 PM	+George & +Mary Krupsa – daughter, Cathy Eddy
Wednesday	2 November	<i>Holy Martyrs Akindynos, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidiphor and Anempodistus.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30AM	No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	3 November	<i>Holy Martyrs Acepsimas, the Bishop; Joseph, the Priest; and Aeithalas, the Deacon. Foundation of the Church of the Great Martyr George in Lydia, where his relics are kept.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Sister Ambrose Chuchvara – Benedictine Sisters
Friday	4 November	<i>Our Venerable Father Joannicus the Great. Holy Martyr Nicander, Bishop of Myra. The Priest Hermas.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	5 November	<i>Holy Martyrs Galaction and Epistime.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	+Peter Sernulka – Nancy Sernulka & family
Sunday	6 November	<i>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Father Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	Prayer Intention of the Rosary Society
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Michael & +Mary Lickwar – Sons & daughter



Attentive to the Word
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Lk. 8: 26 – 39

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Today's Demons



Ours is an age that is filled with demons. There is more possession going on in the first decade of this 21st century than has gone on in centuries. And the problem is that we don't want to mention it because demons are part of the mythical past. We in our scientific world do not believe in demons. That is because demons are powers that take away our control and leave us at the mercy of powers outside ourselves.

It may come as a surprise but one of the key things we need to deal with is demons in our world. We speak of them all the time.

Drug addiction is a demon. Addicts are always speaking of being possessed by the need for their chemical demons. Heroin, cocaine, crack, meth, call them what you will, but they are still "Legion" in the battle for human souls.

Power is a demon. And it not only affects individuals, people who must have power to prove their worth, be the power guns or political influence or the power of terror, but it also affects nations. Nations seek to control and maintain without a sense for the need of justice and mercy. And when that power rises to a crescendo, we see the results in a Hitler or the Klan, or other groups that thrive on hatred and fear. There are the skeletons of many burned-out churches in our land that testify to the demons of power.

Illness is a demon. With all our scientific expertise, you would think that

we would be able to put away this demon, but we haven't. In all likelihood, that was the demon of the story we started with this morning. Mental illness is still just as powerful and divisive as ever. It comes as a curse, and we treat its victims as pariahs to be shunned and isolated. The word cancer can make us squirm with discomfort and fear. We run away rather than offering our support and care. AIDS is just as demonic as any other worldly creature. It ravages individuals while others seek to pretend it will go away if one ignores it long enough.

Greed is a demon, threatening to make us slaves of want. Avarice has always been one of the deadly sins, but today the desire to have and to hold is something that many in our society prize and encourage. Things are often more important than people, more important than faith.

As the scripture passage reminds us, the demons are legion. They enslave the individual, destroy the valuable, and release the very worst in us. The only way we can hope to cope with them is to come face to face with one who can drive the demons out and make us willing to sit at his feet, clothed and in our right minds.



WHAT KIND OF CHRISTIAN ARE YOU?

A lot of Christians are like wheelbarrows...they're not good unless pushed. Some are like canoes...they need to be paddled. Some are like kites...if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away. Some are like kittens...contented when they are petted. Some are like footballs...you can't tell which way they'll bounce next. Some are like balloons...full of air and ready to blow. Some are like trailers...they have to be pulled. Some are like neon lights...they keep going on and off.

BUT, some are like a good watch...open faced, pure gold, quietly busy, and full of good works. Some work hard to develop their talents...acting as if they are accountable for their abilities, and that doing less than their share and their best would be letting someone down. Some talk about the use of their time and talents...believing that stewardship relates to every area of their life. ----

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