

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 10:30 AM – 2 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.

TRASH TO TREASURE SALE – JUST A “HEAD’S UP”

Saturday, 1 June 2017, from 8 AM – 4 PM in the Social Hall and Parking Lot. You are invited to rent table spaces at \$20.00 per table or parking lot spaces at \$10.00 per space to sell your superfluous items. More information will be forthcoming.

SPAGHETTI DINNER - M-m-m GOOD

WHERE? St. Michael Byzantine Church, 405 Robinson Rd. Campbell OH

WHEN? Palm Sunday – April 9, 2017

TIME? 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM Take Outs Available!

PRICE? Adults: \$9:00 Children: 12 and under: \$4.00

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteering is a great way to further a cause, support an organization, and make a difference in your community. It can also be an opportunity to meet new people and learn new skills. If you would like to give something besides money, consider lending your time and talents to Trumbull Mobile Meals. It is an opportunity to serve. TMM needs approximately 50 volunteers daily to pack and deliver meals. Delivery drivers use their own vehicle to deliver meals during the noon hour. Packers pack meals for delivery from 8:15 AM to 11:00 AM. Please call the TMM office (330-394-2538) if interested in volunteering.



(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 2 April:

5:00 PM: 62; 11:00 AM: 64

Pre-sanctified: Fri.: 25

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,245.25

(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 2 April:

21 from St. Michael; 15 from St. Peter & Paul

Pre-sanctified Liturgy: Wed.: (SM) 6; (PP) 7

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$1,328.00



- **Sun. Apr. 9** ECF CLASSES TODAY. 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM. There are just a few classes remaining. Please try to be faithful in coming to classes.
- **Sun. Apr. 9** Blessing and delivery of Paskas for parishioners on our shut-ins list.
- **Tues. Apr. 11** Ladies Guild Meeting – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.
- **Fri. Apr. 14** **GOOD FRIDAY! STRICT FAST DAY! NO MEAT, EGGS OR DAIRY PRODUCTS.**
- **Mon. Apr. 17** Meeting of St. Benedict’s Auxiliary – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.



RECONCILIATION FOR PASCHA

According to the Precepts of the Church, the faithful are to confess their sins during the Easter Season. Father is available for Confessions on Saturdays from 4:00 – 4:30 PM, and after the Pre-sanctified Liturgy on Wednesday and Friday – to assist us in being spiritually prepared to celebrate Pascha. **Please Note** that confessions for Easter will not be heard beyond Wednesday of Holy Week.

“Confessing our sins is not going to a psychiatrist, or to a torture chamber: It’s saying to the Lord, ‘Lord, I am a sinner.’”
-Pope Francis

2017 PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS: (taken from *The Worldwide Prayer Network*). **April Intention: “For the Youth of the world.”** We join our prayer with the prayer of Pope Francis, for the young people in today’s world. We need wholesome young men and women as the future leaders in our churches and our country...young people imbued with the love of God and neighbor... with integrity and goodness. They need our prayers and example.

REMEMBERING THE HOMEBOUND

We pray to the Lord, the Giver of Life and all good gifts, for the health and blessings of those who are ill, homebound, in care facilities, and are unable to attend church. In our good fortune and many blessings from God, let us not forget those who are also part of our parish family – remember them with prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, etc. Let us share our blessings!

9 APRIL 2017

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday (Vigil Liturgy) (SM) (PP)	9 April 5:00 PM 8:30 AM 11:00 AM	<i>PALM (FLOWERY/ GREEN) SUNDAY.</i> +Patricia Harper – sister, Jinny Marabelli +Sylvester Minarish – Strittmatter family +Michael Kuhar – wife, Helen & daughter, Karen
Monday (PP)	10 April 7:00 PM	<i>HOLY MONDAY</i> Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts. (Confessions after).
Tuesday (SM)	11 April 7:00 PM	<i>HOLY TUESDAY</i> Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts with anointing for health of body, mind, and spirit. (Confessions after).
Wednesday (PP)	12 April 7:00 PM	<i>HOLY WEDNESDAY</i> Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts with anointing for Health of body, mind and spirit. (Confessions after).
Thursday (PP)	13 April 7:00 PM	<i>HOLY THURSDAY</i> Vespers and Liturgy of St. Basil.
Friday (SM) (PP)	14 April 4:30 PM 7:00 PM	<i>HOLY AND GREAT FRIDAY</i> Entombment Vespers with Procession. Entombment Vespers with Procession.
Saturday (PP) (PP)	15 April 9:00 AM 8:00 PM	<i>HOLY SATURDAY</i> Jerusalem Matins Resurrection Matins with Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets in the Social Hall.
Sunday (SM) (PP)	16 April 8:30 AM 11:00 AM	<i>PASCHA: THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.</i> Resurrection Matins with Divine Liturgy and Blessing Easter Baskets. Intention of the Parish Families

N.B. On Easter Sunday, the Blessing of Easter Baskets will take place in the Church.



Attentive to the Word

Palm (Flowery) Sunday

Jn. 12: 1 – 18

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The souvenir industry is a big business. Every place that attracts tourists or is a center of some attention or any great event is remembered with some form of souvenir. When the Holy Father came to America in 1979, souvenirs of his visit were plentiful and eagerly looked for. There are people who attend a wedding dinner or eat in a fine restaurant, often take home with them a party favor or a book of matches as a souvenir of their pleasant and enjoyable time there.

Today in our churches you also will have received a souvenir, if you will, of a dramatic event: a branch of pussy willow and/or a small piece of palm. The palm reminds us of the plants which were used to greet Jesus on the road into Jerusalem. In our Church, we also use pussy willows because they are among the first plants to open in the Spring coming to life after the death of winter.

The willow branches are the first of many symbols we will use through this Holy Week and at Easter to tie our lives to the mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Savior. The branches with the fresh young buds remind us that new life has sprung from dead wood just as Christ Himself had to die on the wood of the cross to give us new and everlasting life. The willows remind us that we, too, will die but that we have another life to look forward to as surely as the willow buds awaken from the deadness of winter to the new life of Spring. All of us share in the fullness of life that Christ gained for us by His great victory over death, and through that death, victory over sin.

The experience of Great Lent now passed should have been one of renewal and rebirth as you become more closely united with Christ by special prayer and penance and constant practice of unselfishness. What you have done in Lent is also symbolized by the pussy willow: you die to everything that is selfish in you and awaken in your hearts new life -- the faith, hope and love that marks you as a Christian -- to become more intimately united with the Life-giver, Christ.

This Holy Week which begins today will take us once again through the spiritual experience of witnessing, as it were, the passion, death and then the glorious resurrection of Christ next Sunday. Remember and reflect on the symbolism of today's "souvenir", the pussy willow and palm, the greeting of new life – eternal life!

by Rev. John T. Sekellick

HOLY WEEK

On Monday we recall Blessed Joseph of the Old Testament who was beaten by his brethren, left for dead, and enslaved by foreigners. While his father, Jacob mourned for his son, Joseph was gloriously reigning as a lord of Egypt, and later saved his father and his people. *This prefigures the salvation of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was sold for 30 pieces of silver, arrested, condemned and suffered His bitter Passion for us . . . then rose gloriously having granted life to those in the tombs!*

On Tuesday we recall the Lord's parable regarding the wise and foolish virgins. The wise virgins continually awaited the coming of their Master with alertness, their lamps burning through the darkness. The foolish ones went to sleep, assuming they would have enough time to prepare at the last minute. But the Bridegroom came in the midst of the night, rewarding those who kept watch for Him and casting out those who wasted the opportunity to prepare to meet him.

On Wednesday the Church gives us the example of the adulteress who, once she met the Lord, realized the gravity of her sins, fell down before Him and washed His feet with her tears and precious perfumes. The hymns this morning urge us to imitate the sinful women by confessing our sins and turning away from them. **Holy Anointing** in remembrance of this tremendous act of love brought about by one who was sinful, the Church brings forth for us on this night the holy oils, and celebrates the Sacrament of Anointing for health of body, mind and spirit.

On Thursday - Divine Liturgy of the Lords Supper. On this day we recall how Our Lord, preparing to offer Himself as Priest and Victim, revealed to His holy apostles the Sacred Mysteries: His Body and Blood, broken and poured out for the life of the world. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated in conjunction with Vespers, with special prayerful remembrance for the gift of the holy priesthood.

On Friday the **Office of the Holy Passion** is the Matins service for Great and Holy Friday. During this service the full account of the Passion and Death of Our Lord is read solemnly and the holy cross is brought out for the veneration of the faithful. **The Burial of Christ** is the night office during which the Lamentations are sung at the tomb of the Lord and the holy *planchanitzza* (Shroud) is carried in procession and venerated by the faithful.