

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.

MANY YEARS

Our Parish Family extends its prayerful best wishes to **John William Whitacre**, who celebrated the Mysteries of Initiation on Sunday, 22 April 2018. We welcome him as he joins his parents, John and Jessica and sister, Kayla, as a member of our Family of Faith. *May God grant to John William peace, health and happiness for many years!*

TRASH TO TREASURE SALE

Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 8 AM – 3 PM in the Social Hall and Parking Lot. You are invited to rent table spaces at \$20.00 or parking lot spaces at \$10.00 to sell your superfluous items. More information is will be forthcoming. Registration forms will be available soon.

MANY THANKS

Our heart-felt thanks go out to our dedicated Catechists, to the Parents, who faithfully brought their children to classes, and to the children, themselves. We are grateful to have such wonderful Catechist's and substitutes who have volunteered their time every week and are very creative in preparing their lessons. Special thanks to Rosemary Finley, Betty Zombar, Betty Blake, Teresa Elbon, Luanne Hite, Gary Sharon and Sr. Barbara. If there are any others who would like to teach or are willing to be a substitute, please call Sr. Barbara at the office. *To the children:* Enjoy your "summer vacation", but please don't take a vacation from God. Remember to attend the Divine Liturgy every Sunday. God bless you all!



"A SLAVIC FEST" ... will be held at St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church – Hermitage, PA on Sunday, May 20, 2018 – from 11 AM to 6:00 PM. It will take place at St. Michael Social Center, 2140 Highland Road. There will be live Polka Bands, and plenty of Ethnic Slavic Foods to eat-in or take-out. \$1.00 Admission. Free admission for children 15 and under. Bring your family for dinner and give mom a day off from cooking. It will be a very pleasant way to spend the day.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 22 April:

5:00 PM: **64**; 9:00 AM: **50** 11:00 AM: **92**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,231.65



29 APRIL 2018

- **Sun. Apr. 29** BINGO-CARD PARTY – 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM...JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON!
- **Wed. May 2** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- **Tues. May 8** Ladies Guild Meeting – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall
- See. Bulletin Board for info regarding events for Carpatho-Rusin Society

BINGO & CARD PARTY THIS AFTERNOON

Tickets can still be purchased at the door, but only until capacity is reached. Tickets are \$6.00. Ticket purchase includes eligibility for the door prize, other drawings and a box lunch with beverage.

Raffle Tickets may still be purchased at the Bing / Card Party. The drawing will be held today, at the Ladies Guild Bingo/Card Party. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Winner need not be present.

1st Prize: Lottery Wreath 2nd Prize: \$100.00 Cash

Please support the Ladies Guild activities as they host the various functions for our Parish Family.

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Please remember the following at our Parish's Mother Day Remembrance

_____	Living	Deceased	
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Please circle	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 9:00 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM
Liturgy time:			

Requested by:

Please print each name and circle the correct notation
Donation for each name is \$5.00

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS SUNDAY, 6 MAY 2018

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	29 April	<i>SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN. Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice. Venerable Father Memnon the Wonder-worker.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+John E. Mosko – Sylvia Hoso +Kenny Tisher – Ron Mosko +John Slovinsky, Jr. – M/M George Bodajlo
Monday	30 April	<i>Postfestive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Holy Apostle James, Brother of John the Theologian.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	1 May	<i>Postfestive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Holy Prophet Jeremiah. Passing of Blessed Clement Sheptyckyj (1951).</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Edward Brienz, Sr. – Richard & Kimberly Childs
Wednesday	2 May	<i>Leave-taking of Mid-Pentecost. Holy Father Athanasius the Great.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	3 May	<i>Holy Martyr Timothy and His Wife, Maura.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Sister Julia Rohaly – Robert Fejko
Friday	4 May	<i>Holy Martyr Pelagia.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	5 May	<i>Holy and Glorious Martyr Irene. Venerable Father Nicephor, Hegumen of the Medikion Monastery.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Frank Hosos, Jr. – Barbara Urchek
Sunday	6 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE THE MAN BORN BLIND. The Holy and Just Job the Long-suffering.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Sandra Kohut (40th day) – Patricia Bazar Int. of Barbara R. Begalla – First Solemn Communion



Attentive to the Word *Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

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A number of years ago a newspaper ran an article entitled: "In Times of Stress, Just Call on Rover". It goes like this: When it comes to times of stress, the most reassuring companion isn't your sweetheart - it's your schnauzer. A study has found that people who were under stress showed the least amount of tension when accompanied by their dog. The stress levels were highest when the people were with their husbands or wives. "I think that dogs are non-evaluative, and they love us", said Karen Allen, a research scientist at State University of New York at Buffalo's medical school.



This item caught my attention, not because of what it says about stress and our spouses. NO, it caught my attention because of what it asserts about how dogs love us - and of the benefits that kind of love has. There is something very biblical in the assertion made by Ms. Allen that non-evaluative love, non-judgmental love, reduces tension. In fact the scriptures testify that this kind of love does far more than reduce tension - it in fact gives life - it gives hope - it gives assurance - to all who receive it. Non-judgmental - accepting - all embracing love is the essence of the gospel message: it lies behind such statements as: "Do not judge others lest you be judged - for the judgment you give will be the

judgment you receive" and it is at the root of what has happened whenever we find Jesus being criticized by the Scribes and Pharisees for the company that He keeps.

Jesus accepts and embraces those whom others find wanting. He loves those who seem unlovable - to others - and to themselves. I'm not much of a gardener, but one thing I do know is that every plant needs water to grow. And I know this as well - the plants that are in the driest soil: - the ones that are struggling the hardest and beginning to wither - the ones whose leaves are beginning to curl and which look worse than the rest, need more water than those who are in damp ground and whose leaves are rich and full of moisture. And I know too that dry plants respond better to water than they do to added heat - that they thrust down their roots to where they can

find it or turn their leaves over so that they better receive it - and receiving it - they change - they begin to look better - they begin to grow - and at length - they produce the fruit that they have been designed to produce.

We are the plants in God's garden - placed here for a reason and a purpose - and some of us are awfully dry - and some of us aren't. But each one of us, whether we be dry or moist at this very moment, needs the living water that Jesus says he has come to give: - that water which wells up to eternal life, - that water which overflows and brings life to other plants near to it. I give thanks to God today for his love - for that love shown by Christ - that love which was poured out upon me when I was withering and perishing as a young person, and which even now is poured out upon me - even though I am far from perfect. I give thanks for His love which has given me hope that I never had, a peace that at one time I could only long for, and an assurance that I thought I would never see at work in my life. In giving thanks, I do what thousands, indeed millions of people have done before me. I do what the woman at the well did after first encountering Jesus: I point to the one who is the Savior promised from long ago. I point to the one who has accepted me - the one who calls me brother and does not hold my human failings against me, - the one who encourages me and challenges me, and never rejects or condemns me even when I argue with him.

That is what Jesus did with the woman at the well. He accepted her. He accepted her, even though she was a Samaritan and an enemy to His people. He spoke to her of God, though she was a woman and not thought worthy of such conversation. Jesus offered her His blessing - even though she debated with Him and questioned His statements. He regarded her as a dear sister - and gave her the same title of endearment He gave Mary when He called her woman, and asked her to believe His words concerning how "the time is coming when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth." That is why the woman sang Jesus' praises in her village. Because of His acceptance - because of His love! It was not just because He knew her past. It was not just because He could tell her things that no stranger should know, that she spoke of him to her friends and neighbors. It was because in knowing her -- in knowing her nationality, her gender, her religious attitudes, and the mixed history of her marriages, Jesus none-the-less treated her as if she were an equal, as if she were a person worthy of respect, worthy of affection, worthy of love!

When we treat others as we ourselves would like to be treated - when we can talk to kings and to beggars and not show preference to one over the other, - when we can debate with sinners and with saints - and have both feel that they are respected - when we can open our homes to both friends and strangers - and have both feel welcome - when we can encounter people and not judge them - not put them down or patronize them - then, we **know** something of God's love. Then, we **show** something of God's love.