

## 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.

## “I COULDN'T STOP IT”

A five year old boy climbed on a eight-ton steam roller one day. He pressed the button and pulled the lever as he had seen the regular driver do. He kept going and going crushing five automobiles on the way. “I knew how to start it,” he said, “but I didn't know how to stop it.”

So it is with us. We know how to start but we can't stop. We start out with freedom of choice, but we continue to choose the wrong thing until it finally masters us and we have no choice left. The drug addict would give anything to be set free but his habit has him “hooked,” and he knows that the end of it will be death. In sober moments the alcoholic hates himself for the hell he creates in his own home, but his bottle is like a chain, and he knows he cannot break away from it. So it is with the sex pervert and the compulsive gambler, and the workaholic and so many, many others living in prisons created by self. No use telling these people to reform. They cannot reform: they are imprisoned in the dungeon of their own helplessness. They need to be liberated. It is for these “captives and for their salvation” that we pray in every Liturgy.

“Bring my soul out of prison,” cried the Psalmist (142:7). No matter what kind of enslavement you have inflicted upon yourself, there is power in Christ to overcome. Just as He broke the doors of Hades to set us free from death, so He breaks those other doors today that keep us enslaved – prisoners of ourselves. When Christ sets us free, we are indeed free – free with what St. Paul describes as “the glorious liberty of the children of God” (Rom. 8:21).

Taken from: *Day by Day with Jesus Through the Church Year*” by Anthony M. Coniaris

*“God is more anxious to bestow His blessings on us  
than we are to receive them.”  
(St. Augustine)*



**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 3 June:**

5:00 PM: **92**; 9:00 AM: **41** 11:00 AM: **63**

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$2,755.50**



10 JUNE 2018

- **Tues. June 12** Ladies Guild Meeting – 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.
- **Sat. & Sun. June 16 & 17** – Coffee & Donuts after all the Divine Liturgies in honor of Father’s Day.
- **Sun. June 24** 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy – 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Sr. Mary Martha Kacmarek, OSB. You are all invited to celebrate with Sister at the Divine Liturgy.
- **Fri. June 29** Our Patronal Feast of SS. Peter and Paul. It is a Great Holy Day in our Church, a day that we must attend the Divine Liturgy.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	10 June	<i>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Timothy, Bishop of Prusa.</i>
<b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Mildred Syrko – Steve &amp; Betty Zombar</b> <b>+Harry Reynolds – Mike &amp; Rosanne Dando</b> <b>+Helen Nuzzi – Janice &amp; Mike</b>
Monday	11 June	<i>The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas.</i> <b>No Divine Services</b>
Tuesday	12 June	<i>Our Venerable Father Onufrius the Great. Our Venerable Father Peter of Mt. Athos.</i>
<b>(Chapel)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Richard D. Begalla – Ruth Bilcheck</b>
Wednesday	13 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Aquilina. Our Holy Father Triphyllus, Bishop of Leucosia.</i>
<b>(Chapel)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Gary Dew – Byers family</b>
Thursday	14 June	<i>The Holy Prophet Elisha. Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople.</i>
<b>(Chapel)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Andrew Susko, Jr. – daughter, Suzanne</b>
Friday	15 June	<i>The Holy Prophet Amos. The Venerable Jerome, priest of Stridon.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	16 June	<i>Our Holy Father and Wonderworker Tychon, Bishop of Amathis.</i>
<b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Father’s Day Remembrance</b>
Sunday	17 June	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael. Our Venerable Father Hypatius, Hegumen of Rufenianos Monastery.</i>
	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Father’s Day Remembrance</b> <b>Father’s Day Remembrance</b>



**APOSTLE’S FAST: May 28 thru June 28**

**We recommend meatless Wed. & Fri. & be kinder to each other.**



FATHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE

*Please remember the following at our Parish’s Father’s Day Remembrance*

_____	Living	Deceased	
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_____	Living	Deceased	
<b><u>Please circle</u></b>	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 9:00 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM
<b><u>Liturgy time:</u></b>			

*Requested by:*

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

**\*DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS SUNDAY, 10 JUNE 2018\***



*Attentive to the Word*  
*Third Sunday After Pentecost*

*Mt: 6: 22 - 34*

*Tone 2 Pgs. 130 - 132*

It takes just a bit of imagination to be with the Lord Jesus on the hillside at the time when the anemones and scarlet poppies, here called *lilies of the field*, burst into an array of exciting colors. They last but for a few days, then dry up, and later were gathered by the women to heat up their ovens. Why then bother to offer the world such beauty if but for a few days? It remains a sublime mystery. Some are curious, others don't care. For those, however, who do see the loving Creator in nature, it is proof, if evidence is needed, that God is responsible for it all. Whether noticed in a rose, a newborn kitten or from the vantage of a space ship orbiting the earth, one finds it difficult to refute Sachmo Armstrong's gravel lyric: "*It's a wonderful world.*"

On a given day we may pass by dozens of persons. Most will ignore us and go on their way. We hardly remember their faces. Some may cut us off on the highways; nevertheless, now and then one will perform an act of kindness that makes the day worthwhile, causing us to be glad we were in a position to touch that soul with warmth, and giving God the glory for creating us for the capacity to care about one another.

We may perform the spiritual calisthenics of morning and evening prayer, reciting the prayers we had learned from childhood, when all of a sudden, a word leaps up from the flow of phrases to illumine our hearts with a warmth that captures us in a thrill of meaning that we had not quite understood before. It may be that we had some experience that lighted the passage in a new way. When that happens we are aware that we had been touched by the Spirit, and we thank the Lord for coming to us in that epiphany of union with God, even if it lasts but for an instant.

All of the above are ways that the spiritually astute will affirm not just God's existence, but ways that God abides within us. Nature with its beauty, order and majesty is for those with eyes to see, the most self-evident proof. Those whom the Master calls our brothers and sisters, every now and then, prove by their kindness and affection that He lives in them as well as in us. The third place we find Him is within ourselves. Perhaps the third location is most difficult of all, especially in these days when so much of society is constantly calling attention to what's happening outside, training us to be bored with silence, carrying cell phones because we can't wait to talk on phones connected to walls, urging us to pay attention to the trivialities and nonsense that take up much of television. Despite that, we can, if we train ourselves to cherish

our souls and flee from noise and distractions, nourish the bond with the Holy Spirit within our souls.

Finally, but first and most precious, is our life in Christ. Read slowly the Sermon on the Mount and ponder on who but He could conceive of such a program for spiritual perfection. Granted, for the cynic it may be absurd, but for those who are serious about salvation, it lays out the only way to the Kingdom. Then read the last chapters of any or all the gospels and ask who but He would do that for the life of the world? He, Jesus Christ, is the greatest proof for the existence of God, Himself being of the same nature and essence of the ,

*By Fr. Vladimir Berzonsky*



**Written by Mother Theresa of Calcutta**

People are often unreasonable,  
illogical, and self-centered;  
**Forgive them anyway.**

If you are kind, people may accuse  
you of selfish, ulterior motives;  
**Be kind anyway.**

If you are successful, you will win  
some false friends and some true  
enemies;  
**Succeed anyway.**

If you are honest and frank,  
  
people may cheat you;  
**Be honest and frank anyway.**

What you spend years building,  
someone could destroy overnight;  
**Build anyway.**

If you find serenity and happiness,  
they may be jealous;  
**Be happy anyway.**

The good you do today,  
people will often forget tomorrow;  
**Do good anyway.**

Give the world the best you have,  
and it may never be enough;

**Give the world the best you've  
got anyway.**

**You see, in the final analysis,  
it is between you and God;  
It was never between you and them anyway.**