

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.

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES



Our Parish Family extends its congratulations and prayerful best wishes to our college graduate **John Welch**, who graduated Summa Cum Laude from Youngstown State University. We also thank him for his service to our church as both a Catechist and an Altar Server. We wish him well in his future endeavors to enter the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. We offer our prayers to John and his wife, Jennifer as they enter the next phase of their life together.

May God grant to his servant John, 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. **Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. These must be returned w/payment by 2 June 2018.** Spaces are limited and registrations will be filled on a “first come, first serve” basis, so get your reservations in early.



“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.

MAY MEMORIAL DAY DINNER . . . May 20th, 2018 at Holy Resurrection Romanian Orthodox Church, located on North Road, NE, Warren, OH. Dinner begins at 12:15 PM. A \$10.00 donation is requested. Menu is a braised pork chop, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, apple sauce, Bread, butter, dessert & beverages.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 29 April:

5:00 PM: 54; 9:00 AM: 46 11:00 AM: 91

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,445.25

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Sat./Sun. May 12 & 13** Coffee & Donuts in honor of Mother's Day
- **Sat. May 19** 5th All Souls Saturday. Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM with reading of Diptyches.
- **Tues. May 22** Due to the Holy day and Divine Liturgy on Monday, the Church Cleaning Party will be on Tuesday, from 9 AM to Noon
- **Sun. May 27** Services at SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery – 2:00 PM – weather permitting.
- **Mon. May 28** Services at “St. Michael’s” Cemetery at 10:00 AM – weather permitting.
- See. Bulletin Board for info regarding events for Carpatho-Rusin Society



HOW QUICKLY WE FORGET ...

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM UNNECESSARY AND LOUD TALKING BEFORE, DURING AND ESPECIALLY AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY. DO YOUR VISITING IN THE SOCIAL HALL OR IN THE NARTHEX (VESTIBULE) OF THE CHURCH OR OUTSIDE.

FOR QUIETING THE MIND AND BODY

I needed to stop and reflect, so I worked faster.
 I needed to think, so I took a class.
 I needed to pray, so I read a book.
 I needed a retreat, so I called some friends.

O God, Creator of silence and solitude,
 refuse me the escapes from myself and from You. Let me heed Your call
 to retreat, to quiet my mind and body.
 Help me find peace in Your gifts of nature and creation.
 Help me to be an example of peace and harmony to my family,
 friends, co-workers . . . and to the world. Amen.

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| Sunday | 13 May | <i>SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST NICEAN COUNCIL. Postfestive Day of the Ascension. Holy Martyr Glyceria.</i> |
| (Sun. Vigil) | 5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM | Mother's Day Remembrance Mother's Day Remembrance Mother's Day Remembrance |
| Monday | 14 May | <i>Postfestive Day of the Ascension. Holy Martyr Isidore.</i> No Divine Liturgy |
| Tuesday | 15 May | <i>Postfestive Day of the Ascension. Venerable Father Pachomius the Great. Venerable Father Isaiah the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov.</i> |
| (Chapel) | 8:30 AM | +Velma Rollison – Benedictine Sisters |
| Wednesday | 16 May | <i>Postfestive Day of the Ascension. Venerable Father Theodore the Consecrated, Disciple of St. Pachomius. Holy Martyrs Vitus, Modestus and Crescentia.</i> |
| (Chapel) | 8:30 AM | +Bill & +Judy Vardzel – Betty Hall |
| Thursday | 17 May | <i>Postfestive Day of the Ascension. Holy Apostle Andronicus and His Companions.</i> |
| (Chapel) | 8:30 AM | +Gary Dew – Oblates of St. Benedict |
| Friday | 18 May | <i>Leave-taking of Ascension. Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra. Holy Martyrs Peter, Denis and their Companions. Holy Seven Virgins.</i> No Divine Liturgy |
| Saturday | 19 May | <i>Memory of all the Faithful Departed. Holy Martyr Patrick, Bishop of Prusa and His Companions.</i> |
| (Sun. Vigil) | 9:00 AM 5:00 PM | Fifth All Souls Commemoration w/readings of Diptyches. +Frank Hoson, Jr. – Hoson family |
| Sunday | 20 May | <i>PENTECOST SUNDAY (Green or Flowery Sunday)</i> |
| | 9:00 AM 11:00 AM | +Mary Reese – John & Dianna Koza +Ann Closson – Sandy |



Attentive to the Word
Sunday of the Holy Fathers of
The First Nicene Council

Jn: 17: 1 - 13

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The Sunday which follows the Feast of the Ascension in addition to being the Seventh Sunday After Easter, also commemorates the Holy Fathers of the Council of Nicea. This Ecumenical Council, held in 325 A.D., affirmed the divinity of Christ. Our celebration this weekend pays respect to the collective witness that the Bishops gave to Christian truth. We are already looking towards Pentecost and how the power of the Holy Spirit can give courage to speak for Christ and the truth.

In the Epistle for this Sunday from Acts (20:16-18a, 28-38), St. Paul is on his way to Jerusalem as the end of his ministry begins. He charges the leaders of the Church of Ephesus to keep watch for wolves who would lead the flock astray. It might be said that what causes corrosion in the Church is both on the universal and local levels.

As this Sunday of the Fathers of the Nicene Council testifies, theological error is part of this corrosion. However, studies have shown that other people drop out of the church for a number of reasons: mobility without deep religious roots, too little or too much change, deterioration of Catholic family life, diminishing loyalty to a specific parish, impersonalism of the large parish, a quarrel with or perceived insult from a priest or sister. To be honest, the major reasons that people drop out of the Church are more personal than theological.

This Epistle Reading is a real warning to us to be honest with God and ourselves as well as to constantly make the effort to be active members of the Body of the Christ, the Church!

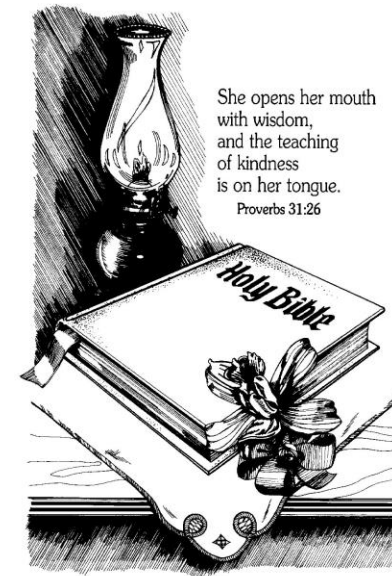
In the Gospel Reading for St. John (17:1-13) we have one of the most intimate sections of his Gospel. It is the prayer of Jesus as He looks back over His ministry. He also used all the opportunities the Lord gives us by always living in the future. "Tomorrow, I will get down to my spiritual life." "Tomorrow, I will start spending more time with my family." "Tomorrow, we'll reconcile."

Or, we can live in the past as we re-fight old battles and rehearse old hurts. It is, however, in the *present* that the dynamics of salvation take place! God's Word is spoken to us in the now. Christ's offer of peace and the healing power of the Resurrection are available to us now. The time of salvation and of the experience of

God's presence is now. *It is in our particular parish, this Archdiocese, this neighborhood, with these people, that God is present and calling us to respond.*

Fr. Gary Powell, O.F.M. Cap.

MOTHER'S DAY



Once upon a time, there was a child ready to be born. So one day he asked *God*: "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?" God replied: "Among the many angels, I chose one for you. She will be waiting for you and will take care of you." Said the child, "But tell me, here in Heaven, I don't do anything else but sing and smile, that's enough for me to be happy. And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me, if I don't know the language that men talk?" God responded "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak." "And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?" "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray." "I've heard that on earth there are bad men, who will protect me?" "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its own life." "But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore." "Your angel will always talk to you about me and will teach you the way for you to come back to me, even though I will always be next to you." At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from earth could already be heard, and the child in a hurry asked softly: "Oh Father, if I am about to leave now, please tell me my angel's name." Said God, "Your angel's name is of no importance. You will simply call her MOM!

Happy Mother's Day!