

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

COVERED DISH & CRAFT AUCTION

St. Benedict's Auxiliary Covered Dish & Craft Auction, Monday, 15 October at 5:30 PM in the Social Hall. **Parishioners and friends are invited**, but *we do need reservations for the dinner*. **Please call 330-770-1100** with the number of people attending, **before Thursday, Oct 11th** ... a good opportunity to purchase beautiful gifts for Christmas or for your home.

BYZANTINE SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE 2018

... is being held at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, PA on Saturday, November 10, 2018, from 9:30 AM to 2:45 PM. The Title is: "*Parish Life from Maintenance to Discipleship.*" **This conference will take a look at life in our Byzantine Catholic Church from the time of immigration up to the present era, and will also address the challenge of Discipleship for the Future.** Registration is required and is \$35.00 per person (includes lunch). If we have 5 registrations that are sent in together, then our cost is \$25.00. Registration brochures are on the Belvedere side next to the bulletins. Deadline is Nov. 5, 2018. **This is an wonderful opportunity to enhance Tim and Mary Beth's presentation. The speakers are excellent.** Brochures and registration forms are on the Belvedere side by the bulletins.

CARPATO-RUSYN SOCIETY will meet October 14, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the Social Hall. There will be a guest speaker on Iconography. Parishioners and friends are invited .



"HALLOWEEN MOVIE AFTERNOON"

Sunday Afternoon – October 28th at 2:00 PM – we will meet in the Social Hall for an afternoon of relaxation, camaraderie, and enjoyment. The "Price" is right ... No Charge...Movie "refreshments" will be provided. The "Feature" of the day will be forthcoming. Laughter is good for whatever ails you, so come and enjoy yourselves.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 30 September:

5:00 PM: **62**; 9:00 AM: **41**; 11:00 AM: **74**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,650.00

- **Sun. Oct. 7** Classes for K through 12 will meet from 9:55 to 10:45 AM. The success of our program depends upon the cooperation and support of all of us. Our children are the future of our parish and our Church. Please bring your children to church and to religion classes every week, unless they are ill.
- **Sun. Oct. 7** Trumbull County Life Chain – 2:00 to 3:00 PM in front of Harding High School on Elm Road.
- **Sun. Oct. 7** Bingo / Card Party 2:00 to 5:00 PM Today! *Good Luck to all!*
- **Mon. Oct. 15** St. Benedict's Auxiliary covered dish and craft auction – 5:30 PM in the Social Hall.
- **Thurs. Oct. 18** Ladies Guild Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.



Please note: *The parking lots of SS. Peter and Paul and Infant of Prague Manor will be sealed next week – October 8 thru 12, 2018. During the week of October 8 thru 12, all parking will be at Central Christian parking lot. Parking for the week-end Liturgies should be back to normal.*

The Ladies Guild Meeting has been changed to Thursday, Oct. 18th, due to the sealing of the parking lot during the week.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Good Job!

...to Mary Beth Byers and Tim Byers for their excellent presentation of reporting on the Assembly 2018 for the parishes in the Pittsburgh Archeparchy. Their report was very thorough and the Plan of Action they presented was very do-able. About 45 parishioners attended and left more enlightened and with a hope-filled attitude. It was a good and productive meeting. Now the work begins!

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	7 October	<i>TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus.</i>
	(Vigil Liturgy) 5:00 PM	Intention of Dianna Koza – John J. Koza, III
	9:00 AM	+Ann Simko – Trudy Vasco
	11:00 AM	+Julia Pater – George & Donna Bodajlo
Monday	8 October	<i>Our Venerable Mother Pelagia.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy – Clergy Retreat
Tuesday	9 October	<i>The Holy Apostle James Alpheus. Venerable Father Andronicus and his wife Athanasia. Our Righteous Forefather Abraham and his nephew Lot. Holy Martyr Denis, Bishop of Paris.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy – Clergy Retreat
Wednesday	10 October	<i>The Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy – Clergy Retreat
Thursday	11 October	<i>The Holy Apostle Phillip, one of the Seven Deacons. Our Venerable Father Theophane, the Artist and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicea. Our Holy Father John XXIII, Pope of Rome.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy – Clergy Retreat
Friday	12 October	<i>Holy Martyrs Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus. Venerable Father Cosmas. Holy Father Martin of Tours.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	13 October	<i>Holy Martyrs Carpus, Papilus and Agathonica.</i>
	5:00 PM	+Bill Shuttic – Eleanor Cerbus
Sunday	14 October	<i>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.</i>
	9:00 AM	+Stephen Sernulka, III – Mom, Dad & family
	11:00 AM	+Michael & +Mary Mosko – Ron Mosko



Attentive to the Word

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Lk. 7: 11 – 16

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“Caught doing something nice.” So read the words on an award that teachers like to present to their students – an award given in the hope that the kindness being rewarded was a natural, rather than a solicited, response. This way of recognizing ordinary acts of unselfishness helps reinforce in the students the truth that acts of compassion are always rewarded.

It's hard to imagine Jesus needing a sticker to remind him how important it is to be kind and generous. Seeing the widow of Nain grieving at her only son's funeral, He was moved with a pity that came from heartfelt mercy. Jesus felt this mother's sorrow through His very being, and, foreshadowing the reason why He came to live among us, He transformed her sorrow. Just as He brought us life through His resurrection, so did He restore life to her son. She didn't expect or even request such kindness, but He gave it anyway, freely and without reservation – just as He saved us by His death before it dawned on any of us to ask Him to make any sacrifice for us.

It's amazing, but true: Jesus has taken the initiative to reveal love to us. As we let His love work in our lives, we find ourselves wanting to turn to Him for wisdom and help in our everyday situations. Without expecting Him to prove Himself, we begin to trust that He will turn our sorrow into joy – according to His wisdom and His timing. We begin to believe that He will take the areas of our lives that are "dead" and bring healing and renewed life to them.

Think about the times in your life when you knew that you had received Jesus' mercy without expecting it. It could be anything from having someone smile at you when you were feeling down, to experiencing the blessings of having a close and trusted friend to whom you could pour out your heart. Each of these situations proves to us that Jesus is on our side regardless of our level of faith. He is with us, ready to

reveal the Father's love for us. He loves being "caught doing something nice." And He wants us to do the same!

“Jesus, help me to surrender myself to Your perfect plan for my life. Teach me to trust in You so deeply, that I become Your ambassador to those around me.”



SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

This Council dealt predominantly with the controversy regarding icons and their place in Byzantine worship. It was convened in Nicaea in 787 by Empress Irene at the request of Thrasios, Patriarch of Constantinople. The Council was attended by 367 bishops. Almost a century before this, the iconoclastic controversy had once more shaken the foundations of both Church and State in the Byzantine Empire. Religious fanatics were at the point of idolatry and almost worshiping icons. Worship is due only to God. The other extremists, the Iconoclasts, took icons completely out of the liturgical life of the Church.. The Iconophiles, on the other-hand, believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty.

The Council decided on a doctrine by which icons should be venerated but not worshipped. The decree of the Council for restoring icons to churches added an important clause which still stands at the foundation of the rationale for using and venerating icons in the Byzantine Church to this very day: "We define that the holy icons, whether in color, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. We define also that they should be kissed and that they are an object of veneration and honor, but not of real worship."

A PRAYER FOR MY PARISH

Holy Spirit, my Guide and Counselor, I ask Your blessing on my parish family. May our priests and other leaders continue to be living witnesses of Your presence among us. May all of us grow spiritually, and follow Your Gospel faithfully. In particular, may our weekly worship bind us closer to one another in faith, and give You glory and praise. May each family in our parish, from the youngest to the oldest, be especially blessed by You. May all of our families truly be “little churches” that daily give You thanks and praise. Thank You for my parish, and thank You for my faith. Amen.