

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

## RECALL NOTICE

**(This is totally amazing! Very clever and to the point!)**

The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been identified as "Subsequential Internal Non-morality," more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

*SOME OF THE SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:*

1. Loss of direction
2. Foul vocal emissions
3. Amnesia of origin
4. Lack of peace and joy
5. Selfish and violent behavior
6. Depression or Confusion
7. Fearfulness
8. Idolatry
9. Rebellion

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect. The Repair Technician, **JESUS**, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required. The number to call for repair in all areas is **P-R-A-Y-E-R**. Once connected, please upload your burden of **SIN** through the **REPENTANCE** procedure. Next, download **ATONEMENT** from the Repair Technician, **JESUS**, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, **JESUS** will replace it with:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self-control

Please see the operating manual, the **B.I.B.L.E.** (**B**est **I**nstruction **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

**WARNING:** Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction, voids any Manufacturers warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on **JESUS**.

**DANGER:** The human being units not responding to this recall notice will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION! GOD**

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you may contact the Father any time by "**Knee mail**"



- **Tues. Aug. 6** Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. Blessing of grapes and other fruits at the Vigil Liturgy and the Feast Day.
- **Wed. Aug. 7** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. We can use your help.
- **Tues. Aug. 13** Important Parish Guild Mtg. in Social Hall at 7:00 PM.
- **Thurs. Aug. 15** **Holy Day of Obligation.** Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. Blessing of flowers at the Vigil Liturgy and on the Feast Day.
- **Sun. Aug. 18** Parish Picnic in Social Hall after 11:00 Liturgy. More information later.



**The Feast of the Dormition (falling asleep) of the Blessed Mother and her Assumption body and soul into heaven is celebrated on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The Dormition Fast, to help us prepare for this Feast, is from August 1 – 14. Our Church recommends abstinence from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays during this period of preparation.**



**SUMMER FESTIVAL:**

**35<sup>th</sup> Warren Italian Heritage Festival – August 8 – 11  
Courthouse Square – Downtown Warren**

Entertainment, Exhibits, Games, Pageants, Wine-tasting Competition, Contests, Parade, Fireworks and much more. Italian Outdoor Mass – 9:30 AM August 11<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.warrenitalianfestival.com](http://www.warrenitalianfestival.com) for schedules and more information.



**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of July 28:**

5:00 PM: 65; 9:00 AM: 38 11:00 AM: 52

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . \$2,470.75**

AUGUST 4, 2019

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

|                        |   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|
| Sunday                 | 4 August  | <i>EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Seven Children of Ephesus. The Holy Venerable Martyr Eudoxia.</i>              |
| <b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>    | <b>5:00 PM</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b><br><b>11:00 AM</b> | <b>+Becky Kapusta – Delores Gollner</b><br><b>+Margaret Berrigan – Trudy Vasco</b><br><b>+Anna McGrath – Byers Family</b> |
| Monday                 | 5 August  | <i>Pre-festive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr Eusignius.</i>   |
| <b>(Vigil Liturgy)</b> | <b>6:00 PM</b>                                      | <b>+Donald Sutyak – Emil Kostraba Family</b>  |
| Tuesday                | 6 August  | <i>TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. (pgs. 346 – 350)</i>   |
| <b>(PP)</b>            | <b>9:00 AM</b>                                      | <b>+Stephen Sernulka, III – M/M Dominic Paducci</b>   |
| Wednesday              | 7 August  | <i>Post-festive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Venerable Martyr Dometius.</i>   |
|                        |   | <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>  |
| Thursday               | 8 August  | <i>Post-festive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Confessor Emilian, Bishop of Cyzice.</i>                                 |
| <b>(Chapel)</b>        | <b>8:30 AM</b>                                      | <b>+Bill Shuttic – Friends</b>  |
| Friday                 | 9 August  | <i>Post-festive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Apostle Matthias.</i>  |
|                        |   | <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>  |
| Saturday               | 10 August   | <i>Post-festive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence of Rome.</i>                              |
| <b>(Vigil Liturgy)</b> | <b>5:00 PM</b>                                      | <b>+Lucy Prokop – Sylvia Hosok &amp; Family</b>   |
| Sunday                 | 11 August   | <i>NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Post-festive Day of Transfiguration. The Holy Martyr Euplus.</i>                         |
|                        | <b>9:00 AM</b><br><b>11:00 AM</b>                   | <b>Prayer Intention of Rosary Society Members</b><br><b>+Helen Sekula – M/M Michael Rubesich</b>                          |



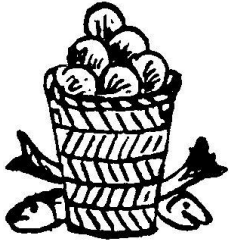
## Attentive to the Word

### EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Matt. 14: 14 - 22*  
*Tone 7 Pgs. 156 - 158*

#### OUR CARING SHEPHERD

I want you to see something wonderful about Jesus Christ today. Jesus knows where you are and what you're going through, and *He cares*.



When this huge crowd gathered, Jesus looked out and saw broken people with broken lives. They had brought their sick and their lame, people with all manner of problems. And Jesus felt compassion for them. That tells us a lot about Jesus Christ, because it says that He is more than just a Person of power. He is One who cares. I'm here to tell you today that Jesus knows what you are going through. Jesus feels your pain.

The beauty of the Incarnation is that when God became man, He could feel what we feel. We need a Person like that because we're like sheep. Mark says Jesus had compassion on the people because "they were like sheep without a shepherd." There are three things you need to know about sheep: they are dumb, defenseless, and directionless. It's not flattering, but it's true.

These people were groping for direction. They were defenseless, ripe for plucking. How many times have we been deceived into going to the wrong places, doing the wrong things, thinking the wrong thoughts, hanging out with the wrong people? We are defenseless and directionless. Jesus can do much more than just sympathize with you. His power can overrule your circumstances. His compassion can deal with your situation. *He healed the sick that day (Matthew 14:14), and He fed them too.*

I don't know what impossible situation you may be facing today, but when you bring Jesus Christ into the equation, you have someone who can surmount the insurmountable.

#### THE TRANSFIGURATION



On Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. The whole atmosphere on the Mountain of Transfiguration, as presented by the Evangelists is glory. Jesus' face shone like the sun, and His garments glistened and gleamed like the light.

Just prior to the Transfiguration, Our Lord spoke of His approaching passion and death. The Apostles undoubtedly must have been very hurt and disappointed to hear Jesus tell of His journey to Jerusalem and how he would be humiliated, treated like a criminal, suffer, be crucified and die. The Transfiguration was something which was intended to lift up their hearts. It was to enable them to look beyond the humiliation and shame of Good Friday and the death on the cross to the glorious and crowning resurrection.

It is no wonder Peter wanted to build three tabernacles on the Mount and remain there. He wanted the great moment of glory to be prolonged. He did not want to go down to common everyday things, especially not to face the events of Jesus' passion and death.

Similarly, we too wish to experience the intimacy of peace and joy and our nearness to God at all times. The Mountain of Transfiguration is always more enjoyable than common daily things. But the Transfiguration is intended to give to us, as to the apostles, hope and strength to walk the daily way of the cross and to see beyond this, to the glory of our own transfiguration.

#### BLESSING OF FRUIT



As is customary in the Eastern Church on the Feast of the Transfiguration, **GRAPES AND FRUITS** will be blessed following the Divine Liturgy. Grapes are indicative of wine which is "transfigured" into the Precious Blood of Christ during the Consecration of each Liturgy. The first fruits of summer are blessed to acknowledge our gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings of a new and abundant harvest received. Don't forget to bring a basket of grapes and fruits to be blessed. Just as you share your blessings with others – so will God share His blessings with you.