

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.

THE BENEFITS OF GROWING OLDER:

- Kidnappers aren't very interested in you.
- No one expects you to run into a burning building.
- Things you buy won't wear out.
- You can eat dinner at 4 p.m.
- You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.
- You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
- Your eyes won't get much worse.
- Your joints are more accurate than the National Weather Service.
- Your secrets are safe with your friends as they can't remember them either.
- Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.
- Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.

And we could add that the benefit of growing older is that of getting closer to Heaven's door.



SUMMER FESTIVALS:

St. Demetrios Greek Festival – July 24 – 28
Wednesday & Thursday – 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Friday & Saturday – 4:00 PM to 12 Midnight
Sunday – 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Greek Dining and Greek Pastries; Greek Music; Greek dancers; Fireworks
Visit www.warregreekfest.com for more information.

35th 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 11th.
Visit www.warrenitalianfestival.com for schedules and more information.



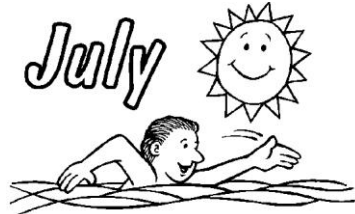
Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of July 14:

5:00 PM: 60; 9:00 AM: 38 11:00 AM: 50

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,395.00



- **Mon. July 22** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM - Noon. We can use your help!
- **Thurs. July 25** Byzantine Catholic Family Day at Kennywood Park.



SUMMER IS HERE – and a time for Vacations – much needed vacations! A time to re-create and come back to the pilgrimage of life! It is a time of summer breezes, beautiful flowers, and many times – poor church attendance. We still have a need to gather as God’s people and to worship – even if we are on vacation or traveling. There are many opportunities to give time to the Lord! As you leave, have a wonderful, safe and happy time! And when you return, know that you were missed and we are happy to see you back with us – with such renewed life.



WORDS OF WISDOM

*A marriage may be made in heaven,
but the maintenance must be done on earth.*



A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Metropolitan William and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will honor all those couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversary of 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and every 5 years thereafter in this year of 2019. **Please inform the Parish Office by July 28, 2019 if you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries so that your names can be submitted to the Chancery.** The Archieparchial celebration will take place at St. Elias Church, Munhall, PA on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 3:00 PM. Certificates are sent to all couples, whether they are able to attend or not. Please call the church office or drop your name and current phone number in the collection basket and we will call you. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

JULY 21, 2019
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	21 July	<i>SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Father Simeon, Fool for Christ, and His Fellow Ascetic John. The Holy Prophet Ezekiel.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Jeffrey Hoso – Hoso Family +Gloria Hatfield – Michael & Sue Johnson +John Prokop – Michael Prokop
Monday	22 July	<i>The Holy Myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene, Equal to Apostles. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Bishop-Martyr Phocas.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	23 July	<i>The Holy Martyrs Trophimus and Theophilus and Companions. The Holy Martyrs Appolinaris and Vitalis, Bishops of Ravenna. Repose of Our Holy Father Basil (Hopko), Bishop of Midila. Our Holy Father Sharbel (Joseph) Makhluif.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Patricia Mindek – Elaine Borowski
Wednesday	24 July	<i>The Holy Great Martyr Christine. The Holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb, baptized Roman and David.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Joanne Emory – Elizabeth Cantelmo
Thursday	25 July	<i>Dormition of St. Anna, Mother of the Theotokos. Memory of the Holy Women Olympiada and Euphraxia. Commemoration of the Fifth Ecumenical Council.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Dorothy Byers – Veronica (Poprik) Park
Friday	26 July	<i>The Holy Priest-Martyr Hermolaus and His Companions. The Holy Venerable Martyr Paraskeva. Our Venerable Father Moses the Carpathian of the Monastery of the Caves.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	27 July	<i>The Holy Great-Martyr Panteleimon. Memory of our Holy Father Clement, the Wonder-worker, Archbishop of Ohrid.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Tom James – wife, Patricia & family
Sunday	28 July	<i>SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Apostles and Deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas. Our Blessed Mother Alphonsa Muttathupadathu of Kerala.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+John Winland, Sr. – Elsie & Dick Fowler Health & Welfare of David Mosko – Ron Mosko



Attentive to the Word

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matt. 9: 1 – 8

Tone 5, Pgs. 146 – 148

PARALYSIS – BODY OR MIND

Charles Steinmetz, born in Switzerland, an electrical genius, was crippled from birth. His body was physically grotesque. He was physically short in stature with a hunchback and a dwarf look. People constantly made fun of him.

His mother died before he was one year old. His father was poor but was determined that, as far as possible, young Charles would have a thorough education. Charles couldn't run and play games like the other little boys his age so he made up his mind that he would devote himself to science. He set this goal in his mind: "I will make discoveries which will help other people."

In addition to his physical defects as a burden, when he immigrated to the United States, he could not speak a word of English. His clothes were shabby. He looked terrible. He got sick on his passage across the Atlantic and the officials strongly wanted to return him to his home country. However, Charles was industrious. He had a job lined-up in America, so he convinced the officials that he could pay his own way. They reluctantly allowed him into the country. Good thing they did, because our lives in this country today would probably not be the same.

He got a job as an electrician which paid him \$12 a week. His co-workers recognized his talents and genius in the field of electricity. He moved into the area of electrical research and development with a few others in a new and small company. Maybe you have heard of it? It is called "General Electric." He is largely responsible for the growth and prestige of that name and company as we know it today.

When Charles Steinmetz died in 1923, one writer said, "This deformed hunchback had the mind of an angel and the soul of a seer – a true electrical genius."

In today's Gospel Jesus heals a paralyzed man. It is a theme we have heard before. In this Gospel we see that Jesus can see beyond the physical limitations. He can bring out the best in you and me. Don't be paralyzed by what the world says about you. Don't be paralyzed by what you say about you. Sometimes we create our own limits and spiritual paralysis. Remember St. Paul's advice: "I can do ALL things through Christ, Who strengthens me."



LIVING IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

Living is a matter of life and death. As we go through life we die and live again many times. The infant dies for the child to live. The child dies to make way for the teenager. The teenager dies so the adult may emerge. And so into old age, we go constantly from life to death and from death to life.

Part of me is dying every moment. Moment by moment cells in my body are dying and being replaced with new ones. If this didn't happen, I wouldn't be alive.

Medical science tells us that the body dies a little every day. Aging is a gentle decline that begins around the 30th birthday. Slowly, gradually, the body begins to die.

So it is that my life in Christ is filled with "little deaths." My claim to comfort must die when I am faced with another's hurt. My right to justice must be given up when there is someone who needs mercy. My right to indulge myself must go when I am faced with a person who is dying of starvation. "I die every day" if I am alive in Christ.

(By Anthony M. Coniaris)