

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.

BINGO PARTY & RAFFLE (Sponsored by Parish Guild)



You have been looking forward to this since last April!

Sunday, September 29, 2019.

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

SS. Peter and Paul Social Hall

\$8.00 donation (includes one bingo card, eligibility to win door prizes, a delicious box lunch and an afternoon of fun and camaraderie). Now where else can you get all of that for \$8.00???

RAFFLE: First Prize – FALL LOTTERY DISPLAY

(\$100 worth of Scratch-Offs)

Second Prize - \$100 CASH

Tickets will be sold this weekend. Get your tickets early to ensure a seat!

TRUMBULL COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is a well-known pro-life prayer gathering of local churches held each year on the first Sunday in October. SS. Peter and Paul Parish always takes part (on an individual basis) in this silent prayer gathering. The gathering takes place on Sunday, October 6th, from 2:30 – 3:30 PM. It will be held on the sidewalk along Elm Road between Warren Plaza and Harding High School. “Let us invest one hour to save a lifetime.”

CARPATHO-RUSYN SOCIETY

All are invited to the 7th “VATRA” BONFIRE FEST

What? Ethnic Music, Ethnic Food, & Good Family Fun

Where? Infant Jesus of Prague Byzantine Church

7754 South Avenue, Boardman, OH 44513

When? Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019

Time? 12 Noon – 8 PM

6 PM – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of Aug. 25:

5:00 PM: **69**; 9:00 AM: **43**; 11:00 AM: **51**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,524.80



- **Weds. Sept. 4** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.
- **Sun. Sept. 8** Lector Classes begin after 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy in the Social Hall. Other tentative dates are Sept. 15 & 22, if needed.
- **Tues. Sept. 10** Parish Guild Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall.
- **Sat. & Sun. Sept. 14 & 15** Coffee & Donuts after all Divine Liturgies.
- **Mon. Sept. 16** St. Benedict’s Auxiliary Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall. Please bring a small wrapped gift for the “dice” game.



85th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO MOUNT SAINT MACRINA

The Annual Pilgrimage in honor of our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held on Saturday, August 31, and Sunday, September 1, at Mount St. Macrina, 500 W. Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401. We encourage you to attend this pilgrimage. The Mount is a beautiful and holy place where you can encounter both God and old friends.

Since 1934, her Shrine at Mount St. Macrina has been a favored destination for the thousands of pilgrims who come to venerate her icon. Praying before this sacred image, they place all their needs, their hopes, their sorrows and their joys into her hands.

Throughout the entire pilgrimage, the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help holds a central place. It is carried in procession with love and devotion to each liturgical service. There it is placed before the altar, so that all may venerate this Beloved Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual.

ECF REGISTRATIONS

Parents & Guardians: You received a mailing concerning registration of your children in our Catechetical program. Registrations are due by September 15th, in order to assist us in the preparations for the beginning of the ECF school year. If you did not receive a mailing, and you have children in grades Pre-K thru 12, please call the office or see Sister Barbara for registration forms. The success of the program depends upon the cooperation and support of all of us. Our children are the future of our parish & our Church. Help us to assist you in the spiritual education of your children.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	1 September	<i>TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Beginning of the Church Year. Our Venerable Father Simeon the Stylite and his mother. The Forty Holy Women Martyred with their Instructor Ammon the Deacon.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	+Estella & +Mike Stemock – son, Mark
	9:00 AM	Intention of Rosary Society Members
	11:00 AM	+Joan Bernard (40th Day) – Family
Monday	2 September	<i>The Holy Martyr Mammias. Our Venerable Father John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	3 September	<i>The Holy Martyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia. Our Venerable Father Theoctist, Companion of St. Euthymius the Great. The Holy Deaconess Phoebe of Cenchreae .</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Lucy Prokop – Mark & Florence Sedlak
Wednesday	4 September	<i>The Holy Martyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch. The Holy Prophet Moses, who saw God.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	5 September	<i>The Holy Prophet Zachary, Father of the Forerunner and His Wife, the Holy and Venerable Elizabeth. Our Holy Mother Teresa of Calcutta.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Sandra Slyk – Wollet Family
Friday	6 September	<i>Miracle of the Holy Archangel Michael at Colossae in Chionia. The Holy Martyr Eudoxius and His Companions.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	7 September	<i>Saturday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Prefestive Day of the Feast of the Birth of the Theotokos. The Holy Martyr Sozon.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Elizabeth Prokop – John Jamovick
Sunday	8 September	<i>SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS.</i>
	9:00 AM	+Emory Holowatch – George & Sue Dewitz
	11:00 AM	+Doris Mosko – Ron Mosko



Attentive to the Word

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matt. 19: 16 - 26

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THE CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE

One of the chief obstacles to the gospel is the possession of riches. Jesus made the strong point that "it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God" (Mt. 19:24). St. Paul echoed this when he wrote, "the love of money is the root of all evils" (1 Tm. 6:10). Unless we are coin collectors, money itself, of course, is hardly lovable. It is only a system of credit. We love what money brings: security, power, comfort, status and other benefits. Riches oppose the spread of the gospel, because when we become addicted to its possession, we also become self-absorbed and unable to give to others. This is why Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

In the present age, the love of possessions has received a particular form in what we call the consumer society. The consumer mentality turns in on ourselves, and makes us think of our own needs first. It is directly opposed to the spread of the gospel.

There are many ways to defend consumerism. We say that it is necessary for the health of the economy. Our purchases keep businesses going and people employed. We fear economic disaster less, when there are record sales every year. Of course, it is obviously true that it is not wrong to use the goods of the earth and the works of our hands. God created humanity to "fill the earth and subdue it" (Gn. 1:28). It is our God-given destiny to use what is created to the best of our ability and to realize all its potential. Our intelligence, our artistry, and our craftsmanship are parts of human creativity by which God has made us coworkers with Himself in the establishment of His kingdom. By consumerism, however, we mean a disposition towards goods that bring luxury and comfort, that can even become addictive.

The Fathers warned consistently against the vice of avarice, which means the excessive love of possessions. The ownership and use of property should not be a passion; it is good when it is governed by reason and charity. St. Basil pointed out graphically the evil of excessive consumerism, "The bread in your cupboard belongs to the hungry man; the coat hanging unused in your closet belongs to the

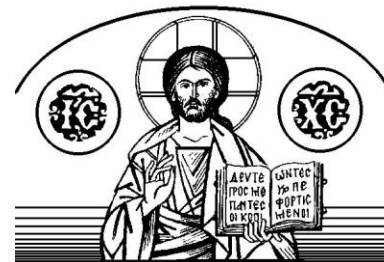
man who needs it; the shoes rotting in your closet belong to the man who has no shoes; the money which you put in the bank belongs to the poor. You do wrong to everyone you could help, but fail to help."

We live in a consumer society. Statistics vary, certainly, but there is one estimate that the average American watches television seven hours a day. This exposes us to over an hour daily of sales pitches that appeal to the selfish part of our nature and indulge us like children. It is difficult for the good news of Jesus to compete with these more immediate rewards. However, we cannot label advertising as a conspiracy against the faith, for its motive is only to create successful businesses that provide a living to their owners, managers and workers. The consumer mentality (absorption with our own needs) becomes a kind of spiral fed by our own desires.

We finally even approach the church with a consumer mentality. Rather than seek community, we want Liturgies to be scheduled at an hour convenient for us. Rather than commit ourselves to a community, we will "shop around" for a variety of religion that we feel tailor-made for us. We participate in church activities only if there's nothing better to do. The common phrase, "we want to be catered to," betrays a consumer mentality. The life of the church should not close in on itself, but should expand outward. To understand how important evangelization is, one need only read the last discourse of Jesus to His followers as found in the Gospel of John (chapters 13-17). The counter force to the desire for consumer goods is the joy that knowledge of the gospel brings, as Jesus explained, "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete It was not you that chose me...but I who chose you, and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another "(Jn. 15:11. 16-17).

by the Very Rev. David M. Petras, S.E.O.D.

SEPTEMBER 1ST - NEW LITURGICAL YEAR



The new liturgical year begins on the first of September. Let's approach it this year more alert to the fact that we can celebrate all the Christ events in our life – and we can walk with Christ on our journey to the glory of eternal life! We celebrate these feasts, not as though they are something that we remember that happened 2000 years ago, but we can see them as Christ's continued presence and revelation to us today – here and now – and as **our encounters** with Christ!