

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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."

## ST JOHN'S FEST – (2220 Reeves Rd. Warren, OH)

Saturday, September 21, 2019 – 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT; FOOD & BAKESALE;

VENDORS & GIFTS; CHURCH TOURS

**Free Parking & Admission**



**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of Sept. 7:**

5:00 PM: **64**; 9:00 AM: **39**; 11:00 AM: **50**

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . \$3,428.00**



SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Sun. Sept. 15** Lector Classes after 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy in the Social Hall. Other tentative date is Sept. 22, if needed.
- **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.
- **Mon. Sept. 23** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. We can use your help!
- **Sun. Sept. 29** Bingo Party 1 PM – 4 PM in Social Hall. Hope to see all of you there! *Get your tickets early to insure a seat!*



**ECF REGISTRATIONS – DUE TODAY!**

Parents & Guardians: You received a mailing concerning registration of your children in our Catechetical program. **Registrations are due by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 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.



**43<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION**

ST. MICHAEL'S CENTER

2140 Highland Road Hermitage, PA

**SUNDAY – OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

ADMISSION - \$5.00 (includes lunch + 1 free tear sheet)

Tear Sheets – 7 for \$5.00

**DOORS OPEN 1:00 PM DRAWING AT 2:15 PM**

Sunday	15 September	<i>SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. The Holy Great Martyr Nicetas.</i>
<b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+John Vazur – Mary L. Sudik</b> <b>+Ann Simko – Trudy Vasco</b> <b>+Theodore Falatic – Ron Mosko</b>
Monday	16 September	<i>The Holy Great Martyr Euphemia.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday	17 September	<i>Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Cross. The Holy Martyr Sophia (Wisdom) and Her Three Children, Faith, Hope, and Charity.</i>
<b>(Chapel)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Becky Kapusta – Bob Fejko</b>
Wednesday	18 September	<i>Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Cross. Our Venerable Father Eumenius the Wonder-worker, Bishop of Gortyna.</i>
<b>(Chapel)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Blessings on Benedictine Srs. – Ron Mosko</b>
Thursday	19 September	<i>Post-festive Day of the Exaltation of the Cross. The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius and Dorymedont.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Friday	20 September	<i>Post-festive Day of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Holy Martyr Eustace and His Companions. The Holy Martyrs and Confessors, the Great Prince Michael and His Counsellor Theodore, Wonder-workers of Chernigov.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday	21 September	<i>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Saturday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Holy Apostle Codratus of Magnesia.</i>
<b>(Vigil Liturgy)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Pauline &amp; +Frank Hoso, Sr. – Raymond Bishop</b>
Sunday	22 September	<i>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope. The Holy Prophet Jonah.</i>
	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Edward Miller – Mr. &amp; Mrs. Robert Cabosky</b> <b>+Robert Shafer, Sr. – Hoso Family</b>



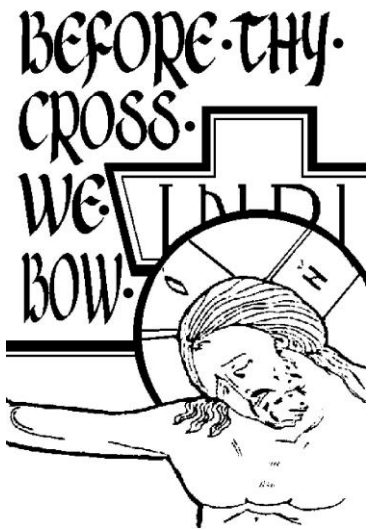
## Attentive to the Word

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

*Mark 8: 34 - 9:1*

*Troparion - Tone 5 - Pg. 146; Follow Directions on Pgs. 258 - 260 for the remainder of the Liturgy*

### EZ-PASS LANE TO HEAVEN?



On a rainy, dreary day, a group of priests was returning home from a meeting. It had been a long day, and the heavy traffic in the Metropolitan New York area that they were encountering was a sure sign that, to paraphrase the words of Robert Frost, they still had "...miles to go before they slept!" A toll booth loomed ahead, with lengthy lines of cars maneuvering to find the gate with the shortest line. Fortunately, the clergymen were riding in a vehicle equipped with "EZ-PASS", thus shortening their delay at the toll booth.

At that point, one of the priests wondered aloud: "Do you think there is an EZ-PASS lane to Heaven?" The question, of course, was asked facetiously. In retrospect, however, it was really a profound comment indeed. Is there an EZ-PASS lane to Heaven? We would all like that, wouldn't we?

We live in a society that is constantly seeking shortcuts and searching for the "easy way" of doing things. From "fast food" to computerized banking and online shopping, our lives have become a study in convenience. Get it

done...get it done quickly...get it done painlessly... this has become the acceptable philosophy of life in today's world.

Sadly, many of us have carried that same philosophy over into our spiritual lives. We have become masters at bending and reshaping the rules, disciplines and yes, even the teachings of our Church to suit ourselves, rationalizing that all of these things were established at a different time and under different circumstances. Surely, we say, they don't apply to us today!

In essence, we certainly do try our best to create our own EZ-PASS lane to Heaven! But the words of our Lord –found in the Gospel of St. Mark – show us the folly of such thinking: **WHOEVER WANTS TO COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, LET HIM TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND LET HIM FOLLOW ME.**

Those are harsh words – words that go against everything the world holds near and dear. Who wants to be denied of anything? Who wants to sacrifice? Who wants to even symbolically take up a cross? Yet in our quest to gain so much in life, we may ultimately lose that which we can least afford to lose: our soul!

It IS hard to take up our cross. It IS hard to avoid sin. It IS hard to love our enemies. It IS hard to be charitable. It IS hard to adhere to a sacrificial lifestyle of self-denial. It IS hard...*but not impossible*. A "cloud of witnesses" (the saints) has gone before us and has done just that, and what one man has done, another can do as well.

So what is the answer to the question: "Is there an EZ-PASS lane to Heaven?" It is a resounding and emphatic "NO!" It will take effort and commitment on our part. But take courage from the words of St. Paul to the Galatians: "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due time, we will reap our reward."

Protopresbyter Michael Rosco