

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.

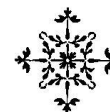
Godparent/Sponsor Letters: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the Parish.

Rectory Office Hours: Sister Barbara and Lisa Mosko are in the Parish office from 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PLEASE ENTER THE CENTER AISLE ONE ROW AT A TIME FROM EITHER SIDE. USE SOCIAL DISTANCING BY FORMING A SINGLE LINE WHERE THE "X'S" ARE MARKED. SEPARATE AT THE ICON TABLE TO FORM TWO LINES.

ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servant +**Gloria Sipes** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



- **This weekend the 2019 Financial Statements are available alongside the bulletins.**
- **Sat. & Sun., July 25 & 26** Blessing of Cars after each Divine Liturgy for the **Feast of the Great Prophet Elijah.**
- **Mon., July 27** Church Cleaning Party 9:00 AM – Noon. We could use your help.

PARISH PICNIC



Our Annual Parish Picnic is on **Sunday, August 16th**, approximately **12:15 PM in the Social Hall.** Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, our usual picnic procedure will change. The picnic will be open to parishioners only. The parish will provide picnic foods for the picnic. **No other food may be brought in.** We will have both carry-out and dine-in as we did for our patronal feast. We will observe the mandates set by our governor for Trumbull County. Right now, masks and social distancing are mandatory. **Many games and the wheel will be eliminated due to necessary social distancing. However, we can play Bingo while social distancing, so you might want to come and try your luck. Please put your name on the list if you plan to attend, so that we can plan for the purchase of food and supplies. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Next year will be better!!!**



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of July 18:

5:00 PM: 41; 9:00 AM: 33; 11:00 AM: 42

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,917.00

A MEDICAL OPINION:

Germes and the Reception of Holy Communion...unto the Healing of soul and body

Contrary to popular opinion, wines and other beverages of antiquity produced through fermentation, were probably more important in providing disease-free drinking fluids than in their tendency to intoxicate. Ancient Greeks drank their water mixed with wine, and also used wine to cleanse wounds and soak dressings. More recently, military physicians of the last century observed that during epidemics of cholera, wine drinkers were relatively spared by the disease, and troops were advised to mix wine into the water.

Wine has been shown to be an effective antiseptic even when the alcohol is removed. In fact, 10% alcohol is a poor antiseptic, and alcohol only becomes optimally effective at concentrations of 70%. The antiseptic substances in wine are inactive in fresh grapes because these molecules are bound to complex sugars. During fermentation, these antiseptic substances are split off from the sugars and in this way become active. These molecules are polyphenol, a class of substances used in hospitals to disinfect surfaces and instruments. The polyphenol of wine has been shown to be some 33 times more powerful than the phenol used by Lister when he pioneered antiseptic surgery.

Same year wines can be diluted up to 10 times before beginning to show a decrease in their antiseptic effect. The better wines gradually improve with age over the first 10 years and can be diluted 20 times without a decrease of the antiseptic effect. This effect then remains more or less constant over the next 20 years and becomes equivalent to a new wine after another 25 years. (Modern antiseptics and antibiotics for disinfecting wounds have surpassed wine effectiveness because the active ingredients in wine are rapidly bound and inactivated by proteins in body tissues.)

In preparing communion, the hot water that is added to the wine will increase greatly the antiseptic effect of the polyphenol. Disinfection occurs more rapidly and more effectively at 45° centigrade than at room temperature (22-25°). Another contribution to the antiseptic effect comes from the silver, copper, and zinc that makes up the chalice itself, ensuring that microbes are unable to survive on its surface.

Throughout the centuries no disease has been transmitted by the taking of Holy Communion. Diseases, such as Influenza and Hepatitis B, known to be transmitted by shared eating utensils, have never been acquired from the communion spoon. HIV is known not to be transmitted through shared eating utensils and considering the antiseptic qualities of the Holy Communion received by the faithful, there is no likelihood of acquiring HIV infection through the Common Cup.

(By Edanual Kolyvas, M.D., Doctor of Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology)

JULY 26, 2020

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	26 July	<i>EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Priest-Martyr Hermolaus and His Companions. The Holy Venerable Martyr Paraskevia. Our Venerable Father Moses the Carpathian of the Monastery of the Caves.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Dorothy Byers – Byers family +Millie Simko – Mr. & Mr. Richard Simko & family +Helen Sekula – Helen M. Falatic
Monday	27 July	<i>The Holy Great-Martyr Panteleimon. Memory of our Holy Father Clement, the Wonder-worker, Archbishop of Ohrid.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	28 July	<i>The Holy Apostles and Deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas. Our Blessed Mother Alphonsa Muttathupadathu of Kerala.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+Joanne Emory – sister, Elizabeth Cantelmo
Wednesday	29 July	<i>The Holy Martyr Callinicus.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+George Bernard - family
Thursday	30 July	<i>The Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus and Their Companions.</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+Cathleen Bentley (40th day)
Friday	31 July	<i>Prefestive Day of the Procession of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross. The Holy and Righteous Eudocimus.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	1 Aug.	<i>The Procession of the Wood of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross. The Holy Seven Maccabees, their Mother Solomonia and the Elder Eleazar.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Sandra Bishop – Ken Bishop
Sunday	2 Aug.	<i>NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Proto-Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen. Our Venerable Father Basil, Fool for Christ.</i>
	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Rose Bartek – Mr. & Mrs. James Hash +Steve Zumerling – Betty Ann Harris



Attentive to the Word

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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The Epistle reading today is from St. Paul to the Corinthians. He, right from the beginning, states a problem that is taking place in the Church there. People are comparing the leaders of the Church. They are comparing and taking sides between Paul and Apollos. They are choosing between Paul and Cephas and the fourth says "I belong to Christ." Then Paul asks the questions: Has Christ been divided? Was it Paul who was crucified for you? Was it in Paul's name you were baptized?

The life of the Church, the life of our Parish, Christian life is about Christ living in us. That's what the Church is all about; that's what being a Christian is all about. It is about conforming our life to Christ! It is sharing in the life of the Son of God who has come to share and give us life – His Life.

We hear this in the Gospels, and in the Scriptures we discover God's Plan of Salvation. Preaching is about what God has done and is doing in our lives. And that is Paul's point – preaching is not about the preacher. It's about the person preached to. It is about Jesus Christ, who died for us and is raised from the dead by the power of the Father. It is about eternal life coming to us, filling us with gratitude and praise.

In our worship we hear this mystery proclaimed. Listen carefully to the words of the Offering Prayer, the Anaphora. After the priest says: "Let us lift up our hearts!" "Let us give thanks to the Lord!" That's what we hear over and over again in the Liturgy – everything that Christ has done for us – He gave us His Body and Blood, He died on the cross for us! He rose from the dead on the third day for us! He ascended into heaven and took us with Him and He will come again. That's what we offer back, that's what we come to hear, to offer, to receive, to live out in our day to day living of faith.

In the Gospel today, Jesus feeds and nourishes the people following Him. In the Liturgy today, Jesus feeds and nourishes us so we can continue on our journey, even in

the most desolate times in our lives. What we hear in the Scriptures becomes present for us in the Liturgy. It is God who is doing it. It is God who is saving us in His Son Jesus, and our response is: we praise you, we bless you, and we thank you O Lord! It is because we remember and make present all that Jesus has done, we ask, pray and implore the Father to send down upon us the Gift of the Holy Spirit - Christ's gift to the world, His Spirit – His life filling ours. We taste immortal life because God is with us here and now.

Each time you receive the Precious, Holy Body and Blood given to you – remember all that Jesus is doing for you here and now. It is Jesus who is with you in your journey of life. The Church is about Jesus here and now leading us, directing us by His Spirit to know and love the Father and be filled with divine life.

Like Paul, and with him I want to say, "The message of the cross is complete absurdity to those who are headed for ruin, **but to us who are experiencing salvation it is the power of God.**" And it is about this power of God, that we know in Jesus Christ who died for us and is risen from the dead, that it is the source of strength and unity and power and holiness in the Church.

by Fr. John Zeyack



A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER

*I asked God to grant me patience. God said, no.
Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.*

*I asked God to give me happiness. God said, no.
I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.*

*I asked God to spare me pain. God said, no.
Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to Me.*

*I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, no.
You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.*

*I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, no.
I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.*