

## 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.

## CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- Absolutely no shrubbery or bushes of any kind.
- Any shrubbery or bushes will be removed by the cemetery committee.
- Planting of flowers within 12" of front of monument only.
- No fencing or border is to be placed in front of monument or grave.
- All monuments must be approved by the pastor and cemetery committee. Crosses are permitted only until a monument is placed.
- Toys, balloons, stuffed animals, etc. are not permitted.
- General Cemetery Cleanup: May of each year.  
At this time, the previous year's décor and Christmas items are to be removed or they will be removed by the cemetery committee.

## FREE ADULT EDUCATION

Live webinars, free of charge. Register at [EasternCatholic.org/Events](http://EasternCatholic.org/Events). **Wednesday evening 8 – 9 PM on June 3, 10, & 17.** The presentation will be "The Third Heaven – The Key to the Epistles of Saint Paul." The presenter is Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo. In this Bible study we'll explore what the scriptures tell us about the life of the thirteenth Apostle and the impact of his conversion on the Church, and learn how to read Saint Paul's epistles in the context of his life to understand them and his ministry to the Church more fully. An excellent opportunity for adult education in our Byzantine Church.



Dear Friends, This is a "goldmine" of a website for us at this very difficult time. We encourage you to tune in to the different services. Once you open the website, click on "Eastern Catholic North America" to see Liturgy opportunities from all over the U.S. and Canada.

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**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of May 23:**

5:00 PM: 0; 9:00 AM: 0; 11:00 AM: 0

***Church was closed due to virus.***

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . \$2,055.00**

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MAY 31, 2020

➤ All June events are cancelled at this time.



**WELCOME “HOME” . . . It is so good to be back to worship in our Church!**

Byzantine Catholics of the Archeparchy continue to be relieved of the obligations to attend Sunday and Holy Day Divine Liturgy. Even in areas where it is permitted, those who are ill, those vulnerable to infection, or who have a serious fear of catching the virus are encouraged to **not attend** services. These Faithful are encouraged to attend Divine Liturgy and services online.

During the time of this virus, please follow these guidelines during the pandemic:

1. Pews and center aisle are marked with blue tape to ensure 6 feet social distancing.
2. Families that live together, may sit together.
3. You are encouraged to wear masks.
4. In order to encourage participation in the Liturgy and to eliminate sanitizing Liturgy Books, members are encouraged to take a book home with them, wipe it off, and bring it back the following week.
5. For the reception of Holy Communion:
  - a.) The priest will wear a mask.
  - b.) The faithful are asked to tilt their heads back, open their mouths wide (like a big yawn), and DO NOT CLOSE their mouths on the spoon.
  - c.) Parishioners are asked to refrain from the reception of Holy Communion if they don't feel well, or if they are not able to hold their heads back and open their mouths wide.
6. There will be no congregating in the Social Hall.

In order to practice Social Distancing – Weekday Liturgies will be held in the Church until further notice. **If anyone is able to help with the “wipe downs” of the pews after any of the Liturgies, please call the office at 330-372-1875 or Mary Beth Byers at 330-544-6932.**



**LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE**

I never thought the comment “I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole” would become a national policy, but here we are!

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday (Sun. Vigil)	31 May	<i>PENTECOST SUNDAY.</i> <b>5:00 PM</b> +John J. Koza, Jr. – John & Dianna Koza <b>9:00 AM</b> +Robert, +Esther, & +Bob Shaffer – Jim & Anita <b>11:00 AM</b> +Robert Dellimuti, Sr. (40 <sup>th</sup> day)
Monday	1 June	<i>PENTECOST MONDAY.</i> <b>6:00 PM</b> +Judy Dinko (40 <sup>th</sup> day) – Mary Toumazos
Tuesday (SPP)	2 June	<i>Pentecost Tuesday. Our Venerable Father Nicephorus the Confessor.</i> <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>Intention of Sr. M. Martha – Benedictine Sisters</b>
Wednesday	3 June	<i>Pentecost Wednesday. The Holy Martyr Lucillian and His Companions.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Thursday (SPP)	4 June	<i>Pentecost Thursday. Our Venerable Father Metrophanes, Patriarch of Constantinople. The Holy Myrrh-bearers Martha and Mary.</i> <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>+Sr. Judith Konkus – Benedictine Sisters</b>
Friday	5 June	<i>Pentecost Friday. The Holy Martyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre. The Holy Martyr Cosmas, an Armenian Priest.</i> <b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday (Vigil Liturgy)	6 June	<i>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of Pentecost. Our Venerable Father Bessarion the Wonder-worker. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Hilarion the Younger, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery.</i> <b>5:00 PM</b> <b>+Michael Hoso – Hoso family</b>
Sunday	7 June	<i>SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS. The Holy Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra. The Holy Martyrs Cyriaca, Valeria and Maria.</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>+George Bernard (40<sup>th</sup> day) - family</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>+Steve Zumerling - grandchildren</b>



## Attentive to the Word PENTECOST SUNDAY (BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH)

*John 7: 37 - 52 & 8: 12*

*Pages 203 - 208*



Before His Ascension into heaven, our Lord promised to send the Holy Spirit Who would teach His followers all things (John 16: 13). Saint Luke records His words also in the Acts of the Apostles, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will bear witness for Me to the ends of the world" (Acts 1:4).

Today, through the liturgy of the Church, we celebrate the fulfillment of that promise:

Christ sends the Holy Spirit to do His work for the Church.

We kneel on Pentecost Sunday and sing a special prayer to

implore the Holy Spirit, the "Treasury of Blessings," to use the power of His rich gifts on our behalf.

The Holy Spirit works in our souls to guide us in our association with others. But the Spirit is more than a guide; He is the Third Person of the Trinity, God Himself. His work is to strengthen and support us along the pathways of this life. To cultivate a deep spiritual relationship with the "Giver of life" we must place no obstacle to the movement of grace, God's divine energy, within us in order to adhere to the command of the Lord, that is, to love one another (John 15: 12). Saint John tells us in his first epistle, "He who loves God must also love his brother" (21: 22).

Sometimes a great fault in our relationship with others is paying too much attention to living standards but neglecting Christian standards. How often do you hear the lament today that there is an acute shortage of kindness and consideration, and instead selfishness is found among people? Yet, we know it is only in the love of others that we can make visible the invisible Christ, Whose life we share so intimately through Holy Baptism.

The clearest description of the work of the Spirit is given by Saint Paul in the epistle to the Galatians: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal. 5:22). This list could be elongated by a

description of the whole Christian life-situation: unobtrusive loyalty; self-forgetful kindness (such as in the tender care of the sick); duty done without fuss or bragging (as by mothers and fathers raising a family); the sinner's unshakeable confidence that God's mercy is unfathomable; steadfastness in temptations (especially in alcoholic or chemical dependency); kindness and sympathy towards another in need; ardent perseverance in silent prayer; patience under suffering; the joy of a good conscience. This and much more is the work of the Spirit today.

If the Holy Spirit were withdrawn from the world, we should realize quite clearly what His presence means. The world would be like a land from which the water has vanished. Water is not very remarkable because it is so common, but once it is gone, everything changes. Green fields wither into desert.

Psalm 104: 29-30, metaphorically describes the life of natural things as the breath or spirit of God. All living beings exist through this spirit: "When You hide Your face, they are dismayed; when You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the earth."

Today the Church joyously celebrates its birthday because it receives the supernatural life of the Spirit: "Behold, we celebrate today the Feast of Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit, the fulfillment of the Promise and the realization of Hope. How noble and awesome is this great mystery! Wherefore, O Lord and Creator of All, we cry out: 'Glory to You!' (*From the office of Vespers*)

Pentecost is the beginning of her mission to the world and the beginning of Christian unity within the diversity of nations, languages and cultures. We decorate our churches and homes with greenery as symbols of that new growth and new life. Jesus Christ has kept His promise, and the work of His Church and our salvation will continue and is secure!  
*By Rev. John T. Sekellick, J.C.L.*

*O Holy Spirit, Spirit of Truth,  
Give us the Courage to Proclaim Your Truth in our Daily Lives,  
by our Words and Actions. Amen.*

  
**THE WEEK AFTER PENTECOST IS A FAST FREE WEEK!**  
