

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 scriptio 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: Lisa Mosko is 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.

GCU FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SEMINARY IN PITTSBURGH

The GCU is holding a raffle in which *the winner will receive \$2,000 in Holiday Cash.* We only have 34 tickets to sell so it's first come, first serve. Tickets are \$10.00 each. The winning number is based on the PA Pick 3 Number drawn at 7 PM on December 6, 2021. See **Betty Zombar to purchase tickets. It only takes one ticket to win.**

HELP NEEDED

I need your help! When we moved to Infant of Prague Manor twelve years ago, we rented seven apartments. I am now the only Benedictine Sister living here and I must vacate 3 of the apartments by October 1st. (I will work on vacating 3 more later.) The parish rummage sale came at a good time, and was a big help...but I have a lot of furniture (beds, night stands, couches, easy chairs, electric and manual recliners, tables, chairs, desks, filing and storage cabinets, floor and desk lamps, hutch, TV's, DVD and Video players, bookcases, copier, printers) and much more. All are in very good condition and are reasonably priced. I also have to vacate our Library...*Books are free!* If you, or anyone you know is interested, please call Sr. Barbara at 330-240-2534 for an appointment. I would really appreciate any help you can give me. You are always in my prayers. Thank you and God Bless all of you!

CLARIFICATION OF PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN FR. SIMEON'S ABSENCE:

While Fr. Simeon is recuperating, any needs required by parishioners are to be arranged through the church office.

If a priest is needed for emergency anointing of parishioners who are seriously ill, please call the office and we will do our best to take care of your request. If a parishioner is hospitalized at St. Joseph's, St. Elizabeth's or Trumbull Memorial, there is a Catholic Chaplain who is on call for emergency anointing, confession, "last rites," etc., and they will be able to take care of these needs at this time.

In case of the death of a parishioner, the Funeral Home will call the office and we will arrange for a priest to work with the funeral director and the family for the funeral service and burial.

LITURGY STIPENDS

The Divine Liturgy Stipend has been increased to \$20 by the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh effective July 1, 2021.

Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of September 18:

5:00 PM: **48**; 9:00 AM: **38**; 11:00 AM: **53**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,207.00



- **Mon., Sept. 27** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Wed., Oct. 6** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Tues., Oct. 12** Parish Guild Meeting at 7 PM in Social Hall. All Parishioners are invited.

LADY BUG BOX

This month's drawing will be held on Sunday, September 26th, after the 11:00 AM Liturgy. One of the prizes in the Lady Bug Box this month is a chance to win big bucks in the Knights of Columbus Football CRAZR Sweepstakes. This is a \$20 Ticket that is good for a sweepstakes going on from November 7th through January 9th. They are giving away \$2500 per week for ten weeks.

Tickets are being sold in the Social Hall for chances to win the contents of the **Lady Bug Box**. This box contains Instant Lottery Tickets and/or Gift Cards. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, and can be purchased after each Liturgy.



44TH ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION
ST. MICHAEL'S CENTER
2140 Highland Road Hermitage, PA
SUNDAY – OCTOBER 3

ADMISSION - \$5.00 (includes lunch + 1 free tear sheet)
PRIZES FOR EVERY FAMILY MEMBER! GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE!
DOORS OPEN 1:00 PM DRAWING AT 2:15 PM



E.C.F. BEGINNING CLASSES ...

Religion Classes for our young people will begin Sunday, October 3rd, with a blessing of our children and Catechists. Classes for K through 12 will meet from 10:00 to 10:45 AM. All Children, even if they attend a Catholic school, should be enrolled and attend classes here on Sunday mornings.

PARENTS: Please return your registration forms A.S.A.P. Extra registration forms are in the bulletin rack at the Belvedere entrance. The success of our program depends upon the cooperation and support of all of us. Our children are the future of our Parish and our Church. We are looking forward to a good year, helping your children to grow in their faith.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	26 Sept.	<i>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Falling Asleep of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Health & Welfare of Bernadette Zumerling - family +Elizabeth Petrigalla – Blake family +Fio Nuzzi – Janice & Mike Clark
Monday	27 Sept.	<i>The Holy Martyr Callistratus and His Companions. Our Venerable Father Nilus, Founder and Hegumen of the Grottaferrata Monastery.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	28 Sept.	<i>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton. Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs. The Holy Prophet Baruch. The Passing of our Blessed Father and Confessor Bishop Nicetas Budka (1949).</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	29 Sept.	<i>Our Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	30 Sept.	<i>The Holy Martyr Gregory, Bishop of Armenia.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday	1 Oct.	<i>THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY. The Holy Apostle Ananias. Our Venerable Father Romanos the Hymnographer.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	2 Oct.	<i>The Holy Bishop-Martyr Cyprian. The Holy Martyr Justina. The Holy Andrew, Fool for Christ.</i> +Edward Smith – mom, Dianna Koza
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	
Sunday	3 Oct.	<i>NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Holy Bishop and Martyr Denis the Areopagite.</i> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM +Mary Butchko – Blake family +Nancy Danko (40th day) – John & Kathy Shinosky



Attentive to the Word 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 5: 1 – 11

Tone 1 – Pgs. 125 – 127



In this world each one of us is like a puzzle piece in a divinely planned jigsaw puzzle. The master designer, the Lord God, has a special place for each and every one of us. When we pray the Lord's prayer and say, "Thy will be done," we are telling God to put us in the place where He wants us to be. That is why we must constantly pray and discern God's will in our lives. Sometimes it is apparent to us and other times it's hard to discern God's will.

St. Peter learned that lesson in today's Gospel. I love the stories about St. Peter in the Bible, because he is presented as being so human and so much like us. He really loves the Lord, tries hard but often ends up with his foot in his mouth. Today's Gospel is just one more example. Peter is dog-tired, worked hard fishing all night, caught nothing and Jesus tells him to go out and cast his nets. Now think about this. Peter is the season professional fisherman. Jesus, the non-fisherman, the non-pro, is telling him to go out for a catch. Well in modern America this could be a setup for a TV sit-com. Peter thinks, "OK Jesus, I'll humor you. This will teach you a lesson." We know from the story that the whole lesson gets reversed and the laugh is on Peter. They caught so many fish Peter was stunned and humbled. "Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Even though Peter thought he knew better, Jesus had to teach him that as a puzzle piece in the divine plan, Peter was not yet in the right place. Jesus was setting him and the others, to be the apostles, the ones to whom Jesus would entrust His Church after His death and resurrection. Peter never planned this, God did! Our Lord's ministry on earth was to complete the part of the puzzle that would lead us to salvation. He did this voluntarily and lovingly for us.

Each of us is called to know, love and serve God. Each day He allows us to turn in different directions to see how we fit in His divine puzzle along with others as part of His master plan. First of all we need to discern God's call and design for our lives. We call this our "vocation." It's sad that in modern English "vocation" usually means priests, nuns, deacons or other clergy. As wonderful as that is, those are not the only vocations. Some are

called to be clergy. Some are called to marriage. Some are called to remain single. All of these are vocations and calls to holiness of life.

Once we discern our call, we need to lovingly pursue God's will in that specific spot – for our own good and the benefit of the whole puzzle board. This must be done in God's way and not ours. A person in the wrong place, not being the person God has designed for him or her – this person is usually miserable, unhappy and feels out of place. These people, many times, make others unhappy too. That is why we need to pray each day to do God's will. We must open our hearts to the presence of the Holy Spirit – not pressing for my will, but really being open to God's will.

The right person, in the right place, *doing God's will*, is a joy not only to God but to others. They are in the place the Divine Puzzle-maker wants them and they link well with the pieces around them. Peter learned this lesson in a dramatic way. Let us pray that we will learn it in the subtle, gentle ways, as well as the hard ways, the Lord puts into our lives.

By Fr. Michael Hayduk

OCTOBER 1 - THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS



From time immemorial, the Church has celebrated the Most-holy Theotokos as the patroness and protectress of the Christian people, who, by her intercessory prayers, implores God's mercy for us sinners.

The Mother of God appeared several times after she left this earth. One of these times occurred in the 10th century in the Blachernae Church in Constantinople, in which were preserved her robe, veil and part of her belt. During the Vigil at 4 a.m., the Saints Andrew and Epiphanius saw a majestic woman walking toward the ambo (the area before the altar). She was not alone. St. John the Baptist, St. John the Theologian, and other saints and choirs of angels were escorting her. On reaching the center of the church, the Mother of God knelt down and prayed for a long time. She prayed so fervently that her face was bathed in tears. Then she stood up and went before the altar table, where she again prayed. Then she removed the veil over her head. It shone like lightning. She held it high, stretched over her arms, in a gesture of prayer of intercession for those present in the church and on us.

As a result, this commemoration on October 1 was instituted to remind us both of this event, and of the Mother of God's constant protection, whenever we prayerfully seek that protection, that shelter, in distress.