

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 Father William Rupp to schedule.

Mystery of Crowning: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the Parish Family. Must meet with Father William Rupp before setting date and reserving your banquet hall. Pre-Cana program is required and three sessions with Father William Rupp. 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 Father William Rupp is notified. It especially is important that a family member contact Father William Rupp whenever a loved one is hospitalized.

Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Father William Rupp 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 William Rupp is available on other days and times by appointment.

ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servant +**Andrew J. Basista** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.



MANY THANKS



A Very Big “Thank-You” to the members of the Parish Guild and to all those who helped to make our Parish Picnic a huge success – those responsible for coordination of the picnic, the “haulers”, the cooks, the set-up and clean-up crews, the fun games, and those who brought their “specialty” to share. There truly was something for everyone! Thanks to all who came and enjoyed the afternoon of fun, food and camaraderie. We look forward to next year!

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises,
thank You for the gift of a New Liturgical Year.

May it be a time of grace for me, a time to grow in
faith and love, a time to renew my commitment
to following Your Son, Jesus.

May it be a year of blessing for me,
a time to cherish my family and friends,
a time to renew my efforts at work,
a time to embrace my faith more fully.

Walk with me, please, in every day and
every hour of this New Liturgical Year,
that the light of Christ might
shine through me, in spite of my
weaknesses and failings.

Above all, may I remember this Year
that I am a pilgrim on the sacred
path to You. Amen.

Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of August 20:

5:00 PM: **59**; 10:00 AM: **68**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,351.00



- **Mon., Aug. 29** Beheading of John the Baptist – Simple Holy Day. Liturgy @ 8:30 AM at church.
- **Mon., Sept. 5** Labor Day. Office will be closed.
- **Wed., Sept. 7** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Thurs., Sept. 8** Birth of the Theotokos – Solemn Holy Day.



LADY BUG BOX

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. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be going towards our 100th Anniversary Celebration. We would like to continue this fundraiser monthly with your support. Any donations of Cash, Instant Lottery Tickets and/or Gift Cards would be welcome and greatly appreciated.

This month's drawing will be held on Sunday, August 28th, after the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Will You Be The Next Lucky Winner???????



GOING BANANAS IN SEPTEMBER

This will start the weekend of September 10 – 11. More details to follow.

CHINESE AUCTION BASKETS

Baskets are being made for a Chinese Auction Fundraiser to benefit our 100th Anniversary. Tickets will go on sale the weekend of September 17th after the Liturgies.

Please first call Ruth Ann Capito @ 330-398-0667 to donate or to help out.

THANK YOU

The cleaning crew would like to thank Tom Sarsany, their “Mr. Fix-it”, for keeping up with all the minor repairs and all the “small” things that aren’t always noticed. A big “Thanks” to you Tom! It’s greatly appreciated!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please pick up a new calendar list of Upcoming Events in the Social Hall.

AUGUST 28, 2022
SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	28 Aug.	<i>TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Our Venerable Father Moses the Ethiopian. Our Holy Father Augustine, Bishop of Hippo. The Holy Martyr Gebre Michael, Priest of Ethiopia. The Passing of Venerable Mother Laurentia Herasymiv (1952).</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 10:00 AM	+Julia Chaky (40th day) – John & Irene Chekan +Sr. Julia Rohaly – Benedictine Sisters
Monday	29 Aug.	<i>THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN. (pgs. 355 – 357)</i>
(SPP)	8:30 AM	+Sr. M. Martha Kacmarek – Benedictine Sisters
Tuesday	30 Aug.	<i>Post-festive Day of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. Our Holy Fathers Alexander, John and Paul the Younger, Patriarchs of Constantinople.</i>
		No Divine Services
Wednesday	31 Aug.	<i>The Deposition of Venerable Belt of Most Holy Mother of God.</i>
		No Divine Services
Thursday	1 Sept.	<i>Beginning of the Church Year (7531 in Byzantine Reckoning). Our Venerable Father Simeon the Stylite and his mother. Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God of Miasena. The Holy Martyr Aeithalas. The Forty Holy Women Martyred with their Instructor Ammon the Deacon. The Holy Martyr Callista and her two Brothers, Evod and Hermogenes. The Just Joshua, Son of Nun.</i>
		No Divine Services
Friday	2 Sept.	<i>The Holy Martyr Mammias. Our Venerable Father John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople.</i>
		No Divine Services
Saturday	3 Sept.	<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>
(Vigil Lit.)	5:00 PM	+Lynn Byers Britton – Byers family
Sunday	4 Sept.	<i>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch. The Holy Prophet Moses, who saw God.</i>
	10:00 AM	+Edward Smith – mother, Dianna Koza



Attentive to the Word
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The smallest words can carry a mighty impact on an event or situation. In today's gospel story, the small word "*more*" underlies a young man's quest for a better spiritual life: "What *more* do I need to do?" Not content with only observing the Ten Commandments, this individual sought from Jesus the secret of becoming perfect, that is, the possession of eternal life. The answer greatly disappointed the young man because it required detachment and renunciation.

The masters of spiritual life state without exception that the test of true detachment is the willingness either to keep or to put away any object or creature to which a person has become unduly attached. Why? Detachment frees the soul from the love of earthly goods so that it may tend more freely to God. Because of his inordinate attachment to the goods he owned, this individual could not accept the challenge to sell and give to the poor all he had. His tragedy was that he loved things more than he loved people; he loved himself more than he loved others. Any person who puts things before people and self before others surely turns his back on Jesus Christ, and the spiritual life stagnates.

The compelling truth of this story lies in the way it explains the meaning of eternal life. Eternal life is such as God Himself lives, such as is characteristic of God. The great characteristic of God is that He loves and gives. The essence of eternal life for us is based on an attitude of loving and sacrificial generosity to our fellow man. This was the call of Jesus to the young man in today's gospel which records his reluctant and unfortunate reaction, "He went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth".

Jesus used the occasion of the departure of the rich young man to warn about the dangers of wealth in respect to the kingdom of God. For us, it is a clear admonition to place no obstacle to the impetus of grace and the invitation to eternal life by remaining inordinately attached to the things of the earth in detriment to the affairs of the spirit. We can all do *more* - a little word with mighty ramifications. Indeed, we should often ask that intense question, "Lord, what *more* must I do?" and be willing to accept His call 'to progress and advance in spiritual life' by a solid attitude of detachment and renunciation in the hope of life eternal in heaven.

BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST



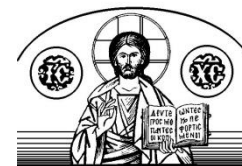
On August 29th we celebrate the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. He gave his life for the convictions of his faith. His holiness, loyalty and steadfastness make him a spiritual hero for all Christians.

To be a Christian means to be a witness to Christ in the world, that is, to reflect Jesus' own life by our thoughts and actions. It is not sufficient to profess to be Christian. Christianity must be a vital factor in our daily lives. Our faith must be at work. It must be lived.

The following example illustrates this perspective simply and clearly. A soap manufacturer, while walking and conversing with a priest said, "The Gospel you preach hasn't done much good, for there is still a lot of wickedness and wicked people." Shortly afterward, they came to a very dirty child making mud pies. The priest seized this opportunity to answer the manufacturer. "I see," he said, "soap has not done much good in the world, for there is still much dirt and dirty people." "Oh," replied the soap maker, "soap is useful only when it's applied." "Exactly," said the priest, "it is the same with the Gospel message."

Applied Christianity! A living faith! This is the example and lesson St. John's beheading teaches us. It also teaches us applying Christianity and living our faith means sacrifice. We are constantly called upon to make sacrifices – to give up one value in preference to another. Lack of self-denial, lack of sacrifice make a weak and empty soul. Self-denial and sacrifice help to develop a mature Christian.

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! 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!