

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 Simeon to schedule.

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

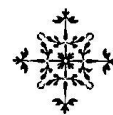
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Father Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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.

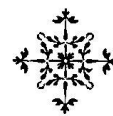
Rectory Office Hours: Lisa Mosko is in the Parish office from 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.

ETERNAL MEMORY



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

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Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servant +**Angeline Lucia**, (mother of our church secretary, Lisa Mosko) who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of you for your good wishes and prayers during this Holy Easter Season. Your thoughtfulness and generosity were greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless us as we live out the reality of the Resurrection as a family of faith.

FATHER SIMEON

“THOUGHTS TO PONDER”

“Today we are going to decide who to blame.”

“One day or day one. You decide.”

When we give others a “piece of our mind,” we have no “peace of mind” left. Satan laughs at our toiling, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.

When your plans are upset and all scattered about, just make up your mind that you'll find a way out.

The test of your character is what you would do if you knew nobody would ever know.

“It's hard to beat a person who never gives up.”

Psalm 134: 3 – May the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of May 7:

8:00 PM: **47**; 9:00 AM: **48**; 11:00 AM: **62**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,150.15

Here are the Totals for:	Good Friday. . . .	\$ 1,092.00
	Easter	\$10,838.00



- **Mon., May 16** 100th Anniversary Fundraiser @ Texas Roadhouse 3 PM – 10 PM.
- **Fri. & Sat., May 20 & 21** Rummage Sale 9 AM – 4 PM in Social Hall.
- **Mon., May 23** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.



TEXAS ROADHOUSE EVENT

On **Monday, May 16th, from 3 PM – 10 PM**, SS. Peter and Paul Church will be reimbursed 10% of sales to those presenting a church flier. The fliers will be available in the Social Hall.

Invite your family and friends! Anyone can use the flier.

Our Spring Lottery Wreath with \$100 of Instant Lottery Tickets will be available for ticket sales at the restaurant that evening.

Please contact Linda Catlin for any questions @ 330-720-5450.

RUMMAGE SALE – 100TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 20 & 21 9 AM – 4 PM IN SOCIAL HALL

Drop-offs at the Social Hall before and after Liturgies:

Weekends of: April 30 – May 1

May 7 – 8

May 14 – 15

No clothes, shoes or large pieces of furniture.

Any questions, please call Helen Firment @ 330-720-4740.

RUMMAGE SALE BAKE SALE

Anyone wishing to donate baked goods for our Rummage Sale, please drop them off on Thursday, May 19th, at the Social Hall.

If questions, please call Helen Firment @ 330-720-4740.

SPRING LOTTERY WREATH

Ladybug will be resting the month of May. The 100th Anniversary Fundraiser for May will be a Spring Lottery Wreath with \$100 worth of Instant Lottery Tickets. Tickets are \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5.

Tickets will be available after Liturgies in May and also at our Texas Roadhouse event May 16th.

MAY 15, 2022 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	15 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN. Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. Our Venerable Father Pachomius the Great. Our Venerable Father Isaiah the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	+Sister Margaret Chuma – Benedictine Sisters +Lena Opalka (40th day) – Josephine Covelli +Brian “Fio” Koehn – mom & Mike
Monday	16 May	<i>Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Tuesday	17 May	<i>Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Apostle Andronicus and His Companions. The Passing of the Martyr and Priest Ivan Ziatyk (1952).</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Wednesday	18 May	<i>Leave-taking (Otdanije) of Mid-Pentecost. The Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra. The Holy Martyrs Peter, Dionysius and their Companions. The Holy Seven Virgins.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Thursday	19 May	<i>The Holy Martyr Patrick, Bishop of Prusa and His Companions.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Friday	20 May	<i>Post-festive Day of Ascension. The Holy Martyr Thaleleus.</i> No Divine Liturgy.
Saturday	21 May	<i>The Holy Emperor Constantine and His Mother Helen, Equals to the Apostles.</i> (Vigil Liturgy) 5:00 PM +Dr. Bohdan Czepak – Janet Turner
Sunday	22 May	<i>SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND. The Holy Martyr Basiliscus. The Holy and Righteous Melchisedek, King of Salem. Commemoration of the Second Ecumenical Council of Constantinople, 381.</i> 9:00 AM +Mary Ann Johnson – Mike & Sue Johnson 11:00 AM +Betty Vazur – Patricia Sudik & family



Attentive to the Word
SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN
John 4: 5 - 42
Follow Directions on Pages 186 - 188

Christ Is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!



In the Eastern Catholic Church we are already at the 5th Sunday of Easter, the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. We continue our Readings from Acts (11:19-30) for our first Scripture Reading during the Liturgy.

The spread of Christianity to the entire world followed three progressive steps. First, Philip preached the Good News to the Samaritans, who were considered “half Jews.” Next, Peter preached to a Roman household to which he had been invited. Finally, Christians in Antioch took the initiative and reached out directly to the Gentiles in the city. So, Antioch became the place where Jesus’ followers not only received the name “Christian” but also launched their missionary outreach to the entire world.

How comfortable are we bearing witness to Christianity in the presence of nonbelievers? How comfortable are we, for example, to tell (verbally or by our vote) a politician who changes from a pro-life position to a pro-choice/death position to be “politically correct” that this is wrong? How comfortable are we in defending the good name of another person when everyone is tearing it down? These things are not easy but the example of the early Church in Acts shows us that because of our Baptism we are called to proclaim Jesus everywhere!

The Gospel from St. John (4:5-42) is the classic encounter of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman. When He asked her for a drink of water, a remarkable dialogue began. Jesus assured the woman that He could give a water that banished thirst forever. Intrigued, she asked for some of it, and learned that He, Jesus, was the Living Water that springs up to eternal life.

Since the beginning of time, people have experienced a thirst for God. The great St. Augustine explained it this way: “*Our hearts are made for God, and they will not rest, until they rest in God.*” The sad thing about our life today is that we are trying to satisfy our spiritual thirst with something other than God. Just look over the advertisements in our newspapers and see what we “need” to survive on a daily basis - from the right kind of cologne, stylish shoes, attractive shirt, correct car to taking the best cruise ship!

Our society is trying to satisfy spiritual thirst with material things and it is like trying to satisfy a physical thirst with salt water! The more we drink, the thirstier we get. The reality is that it does not work this way. There is a restlessness in our lives that only Jesus can satisfy.

Jesus, and Jesus alone, can satisfy the thirst in our hearts. Jesus, and Jesus alone, can fill the void in our lives. Jesus, and Jesus alone, can calm the restlessness in our lives. Yet, why do we keep on trying other persons and things? “*Our hearts are made for God, and they will not rest, until they rest in God.*”



LORD, bless all the members of our Parish family
Help us bring together the wisdom of age – the
Enthusiasm of youth – the suffering of our sick – the
Talents of all to continue the work of the Church
And lead us all to eternal happiness. Amen.

