

## 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.

## PHILLIP'S FAST ALMSGIVING

The **Bella Women's Center** will be the recipient of our Phillip's Fast Almsgiving this year. Envelopes for your cash or check donations can be picked up at the church entrances. **Please make checks payable to Saints Peter and Paul Church and drop in the collection basket.**

***Deadline to donate is December 18<sup>th</sup>.*** Please call Elaine @ 330-770-1100 for any more information.

## OUR THOUGHTS DETERMINE OUR LIVES

Love, joy, and peace are all Divine gifts, Divine properties. They can work miracles even on their own. Love unites and makes everything whole; peace radiates from a person and exudes silence; and joy takes away the pain of the soul. When a joyous person meets a sorrowful one and speaks a few kind and peaceful words, all of a sudden it is as though the sun has risen for the sad person.

Separately, love, peace, and joy work miracles, but united they can rule over all things. When they are united and deeply rooted in a person's heart, wherever that person emits a thought, there is peace, for such a person radiates peace. The Holy Fathers say that such a person can move mountains and heal sicknesses. For example, the Lord showed us how healings occur; He said that we would be able to heal sicknesses by His Divine power. These will be the signs: we will lay our hands on the sick and they will be healed (cf. Mark 16:18). Those are the true words of God.

By Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

## FREE ADULT EDUCATION

Live webinars, free of charge. Register at [EasternCatholic.org/Events](http://EasternCatholic.org/Events).

**Monday, November 28**

**8:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**“CUTTING AWAY THORNS”: Why Fasting Precedes the Feast**

**By Hierodeacon Moses Wright**

Fasting at this time of year is a foreign concept to the world, but the Church knows that it is a sure means of preparing to celebrating the Feasts and great mysteries of our faith to the fullest. Join us as we discover a deeper “why” for fasting as we approach the Great Feast of the Lord's Nativity.



**Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of November 19:**

5:00 PM: **58**; 10:00 AM: **76**

**Emmanuel Moleben : 14**

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$2,587.00**



- **Sun., Nov. 27** No ECF classes today – Thanksgiving Vacation!  
Classes will resume on Dec. 4 from 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM.
- **Mon., Nov. 28** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Mon., Nov. 28** Divine Liturgy at 6:00 PM.
- **Wed., Nov. 30** Session 3 – Scripture and Liturgy Study – 6 PM – 7 PM in Social Hall.
- **Sun., Dec. 4** St. Nicholas’ Feast Day Celebration at DiLucia’s at Noon.
- **Mon., Dec. 5** Vigil Liturgy for Nicholas of Myra – 6:00 PM.
- **Wed., Dec. 7** Vigil Liturgy for Maternity of Holy Anna – 6:00 PM.
- **Fri., Dec. 16** Mystery of Reconciliation – 6:00 PM.



### ST. NICHOLAS’ FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

**Come Celebrate on Sunday, December 4th, at DiLucia’s Banquet Hall at Noon!** Doors will open at 11:30 AM. St. Nicholas will join us for Fun, Prizes, and Caroling.

Served dinners are as follows: \$15 for Adult Parishioners; \$20 for Guests; \$7 for Children 12 years & under. (Church will cover the additional cost.)

Dinners must be **Prepaid** with your reservations after Liturgies on November 26 & 27.

### ST. NICHOLAS’ INSTANT LOTTERY RAFFLE

St. Nicholas has hidden \$50 worth of Instant Lottery Tickets!

Come and take a chance! Tickets are \$1 each & 6 for \$5.

Drawing to be held at the St. Nicholas’ Feast Day Celebration on December 4th.



### NEW YEAR’S EVE CELEBRATION

Festivities in the Social Hall will begin at 6:15 PM with Appetizers.

Dinner to include: Kielbasa/Kraut – Hot Dogs – Haluski – Pierogi – Dessert – Beverages.

Enjoy Bingo – The Wheel – 50/50!

\$10 per person plus a donation of a favorite Dessert or Appetizer.

**Please sign up in the Social Hall.**

**Come and celebrate an evening of fun to ring in the New Year!**

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	27 Nov.	<i>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr James the Persian. Our Venerable Father Palladius. The Holy Icon of the Mother of God, called “the Sign.”</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Ronald Barrick – sisters, Eleanor Cerbus/Dolores Barrick</b>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Health/God’s Blessings for Marjorie Simon – Paul &amp; Cheryl</b>
Monday	28 Nov.	<i>The Holy Venerable Martyr Stephen the Younger. The Holy Martyr Irenarchus.</i>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Intention of Sr. Barbara – Benedictine Sisters</b>
Tuesday	29 Nov.	<i>The Holy Martyr Paramon. The Holy Martyr Philemon. Our Venerable Father Acacius, mentioned in The Ladder of St. John (Climacus).</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Wednesday	30 Nov.	<i>The Holy and Glorious Apostle Andrew the First-called.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Thursday	1 Dec.	<i>The Holy Prophet Nahum.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Friday	2 Dec.	<i>The Holy Prophet Habakkuk. The Passing of the Blessed Confessor Ivan Slezyuk, Bishop of Ivano-Frankivsk (1973).</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Saturday (Vigil Lit.)	3 Dec. <b>5:00 PM</b>	<i>The Holy Prophet Zephaniah .</i> <b>+Andrew Greskovich, Sr. – Buddy &amp; Mary K. Greskovich</b>
Sunday	4 Dec.	<i>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Great Martyr Barbara. Our Venerable Father John of Damascus.</i>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>+Michael &amp; +Mary Lickwar – daughter, Mary Anne</b>



Attentive to the Word  
25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Luke 13: 10 - 17*

*Tone 8 Pgs. 161- 163*



## THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

It was not only the physical condition of this woman that was restored on that Sabbath day. Many scholars point to this text as the place where Jesus restored the dignity of all women. Jesus argues that this crippled woman is of more importance to God than livestock because she is a daughter of Abraham. And so, with the touch of his hand he not only restores her health but her place in the community. It reminds me of the song by the Christian artist Wayne Watson "The Touch of the Master's Hand," which coincidentally the lyrics were a poem written by a woman by the name of Myra Brooks Welch.

Listen to her words:

Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer  
Thought it scarcely worth his while  
To waste much time on the old violin,  
But held it up with a smile.  
"What am I bidden, good folks," he cried,  
"Who will start bidding for me?  
A dollar, a dollar" – then, "Two!" "Only two?  
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?  
Three dollars, twice;  
"Going for three – " But no,  
From the room, far back, a gray-haired man  
Came forward and picked up the bow;  
Then wiping the dust from the old violin,  
And tightening the loose strings.  
He played a melody pure and sweet  
As sweet as a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer  
With a voice that was quiet and low,  
Said "What am I bidden for the old violin? "  
And he held it up with the bow.  
"A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two?  
Two thousand! And who'll make it three?  
Three thousand, once; three thousand twice;  
And going, and gone!" said he.  
The people cheered, but some of them cried,  
"We do not quite understand  
What changed its worth?" Swift came the reply:  
"The touch of the master's hand."

And many a man with life out of tune,  
And battered and scattered with sin,  
Is auctioned off cheap to the thoughtless crowd,  
Much like the old violin.  
A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine;  
A game – and he travels on.  
He's "going" once, and "going" twice,  
He's "going" and "almost gone."

But the Master comes and the foolish crowd  
Never quite understands  
The worth of a soul and the change that's wrought  
By the touch of the Master's hand.

I think Ms. Brooks understood what happened to the crippled woman in today's Gospel and how one touch from the Master's Hand can transform a life.

(Brett Blair)

