

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.

ROSARY RALLY

A Public Square Rosary Rally will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 15th, at Noon** in front of Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by *America Needs Fatima*, will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day. For questions, please call or text Mollie Baker at 330-647-1620.

MANY THANKS!!!

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who participated in baking the delicious banana breads, muffins, etc.! We also appreciate everyone who purchased them.

It was a successful fundraiser with \$718 profit to go towards our 100th Anniversary Celebration.

PAUL HARVEY RIDDLE

When asked this riddle, 80% of kindergarten kids got the answer, compared to 17% of Stanford University seniors.

What is greater than God, More evil than the devil,
The poor have it, The rich need it, And if you eat it, you'll die?

If you are really "stuck", press the shift key and you will get the answer.
P.S. – You won't believe this, but this really does give you the answer!!!!

FREE ADULT EDUCATION

Live webinars, free of charge. Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events.

Wednesdays, October 12 & 19 (started on Oct. 5.)

8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**“SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER”: An Introduction to the Holy Prophets
by Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, Ph.D.**

Who were these holy prophets that “through faith conquered kingdoms . . . received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire . . . put armies to flight” (Cf Heb. 13: 32-34)? Join us as we learn the stories of these great Old Testament saints with Fr. Sebastian.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of October 1:

5:00 PM: 44; 10:00 AM: 94

Protection of the Theotokos: 24

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,164.00



- **Sun., Oct. 9** ECF classes have started: **K through 12 meet 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM.** You still have time to register your children. The success of our program depends upon the cooperation and support of all of us. Our children are the future of our church and parish.
- **Sat. & Sun., Oct. 15 & 16** Pastor Appreciation Days. See below.
- **Mon., Oct. 24** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Sun., Oct. 30** Covered Dish & Auction @ 1:00 PM in Social Hall. See below.



Please note: *The parking lots of SS. Peter and Paul Church and Infant of Prague Manor will be sealed – October 11 thru 14 – weather permitting. (Praying the weather will cooperate this time!) During the week of October 11 thru 14, all parking will be at Central Christian parking lot. Parking for the weekend Liturgies should be back to normal.*



PASTOR APPRECIATION DAYS



*A pastor devoted to giving so much,
God only knows all the souls that you touch.
Committed to serve when you
answered God's call.
You prove it by being a servant to all.
Matt. 25: 21*

Please join us for refreshments after all the Liturgies next weekend, **Oct. 15 & 16**, in the Social Hall. Show your appreciation to Father Will for his spiritual leadership and guidance. We hope to see all of you there!

COVERED DISH AND AUCTION

The 100th Anniversary Fundraising Committee is sponsoring a Covered Dish and Auction on **Sunday, October 30th, at 1 PM** in the Social Hall.

Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. We will provide the meat and beverages. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Social Hall.

We would also appreciate any new items that can be auctioned off. Crafts, holiday decorations, homemade cookies, candies, etc. are all items that people love to bid on.

Non-perishable items can be brought to the Social Hall after the Liturgies any weekend.

Come join us for a Sunday afternoon of fun!

OCTOBER 9, 2022

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	9 Oct.	<i>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Apostle James Alpheus. Our Venerable Father Andronicus and His Wife Athanasia. Our Righteous Forefather Abraham and his Nephew Lot. The Holy Martyr Denis, Bishop of Paris.</i>
(Sun. Vigil)	5:00 PM	Health & Welfare of Christine Raub – Wiley Byers, father
	10:00 AM	+George Petrigalla – Betty Blake
Monday	10 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia.</i> No Divine Services
Tuesday	11 Oct.	<i>The Holy Apostle Phillip, one of the Seven Deacons. Our Venerable Father Theophane, the Artist and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicea. Our Holy Father John XXIII, Pope of Rome.</i> No Divine Services
Wednesday	12 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus. Our Venerable Father Cosmas, Bishop of Maium, the Hymnographer. Our Holy Father Martin, Bishop of Tours.</i> No Divine Services
Thursday	13 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Carpus, Papilus and Agathonica.</i> No Divine Services
Friday	14 Oct.	<i>The Holy Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protasius and Celsus. Our Venerable Mother Paraskevia of Trnovo. The Passing of the Blessed Martyr, the Priest Roman Lysko (1949).</i> No Divine Services
Saturday	15 Oct.	<i>Our Venerable Father Euthymius the Younger. The Venerable Martyr Lucian, Priest of the Great Church of Antioch.</i>
(Vigil Lit.)	5:00 PM	+Msgr. Sylvester Hladky – Hoson family
Sunday	16 Oct.	<i>NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL. The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion.</i>
	10:00 AM	+Andrew Basista (40th day) – brother, Jim, & Marge



Attentive to the Word
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Luke 7: 11 - 16
Tone 1 - Pgs. 125 - 127



The message was terse and professionally uninformative: "This is Chandler Regional Hospital. Your son is here. You will need to come over." A message from my son's roommate gave me a few more details. "Gus spent all night vomiting, and this morning he was deaf. I had to take him to the ER." I couldn't get any more information from the frantic calls I made before dashing out of the house. On the ride to the hospital, I reviewed all the possible causes: food poisoning, a mysterious bacterial assault, a tumor. It stuns me now to think that the most obvious reason never crossed my mind. For the last five years, my son has struggled with drug addiction. It began in high school, and it has haunted his life ever since. Why didn't I think of drugs when I got the message all parents dread? I suppose it's because Gus had been sober for four months, attending AA regularly, living with a sober friend, and acting for all the world like a guy who had gotten his life back on track. It has regularly been my mistake, during times of Gus's sobriety, to believe that he'd been "fixed." I didn't think about drugs because I thought that part of his life was over. Again.

When I got to the hospital, I found that Gus had overdosed on heroin. The drug had been mixed with lasix, a diuretic, which was causing severe dehydration and deafness. He was in the early stages of renal failure. The doctor was not sure whether his kidneys would stabilize. Gus was put into intensive care, so I made quick calls to my husband and our priest. That night Gus received the Sacrament of Anointing. I had never heard the words of this sacrament before. I thought, "These prayers can accompany the dead into eternity. They surround a sinner with the victory of the Cross." I desperately needed this kind of comfort, because Gus had not practiced his Catholic faith for a long time. He was the prodigal who still thought the pigsty might be more fun than his Father's house.

Gus pulled through, but because he came so close to death in the midst of hideously unredeemed circumstances, I have had some occasion to think about that kind of death. I have been sometimes comforted by the gospel story of the widow of Nain. Jesus happens across a weeping widow who has lost her only son. She asks and expects nothing of Him. Yet Jesus, moved by her tears, raises her son to life. I have often wondered about that son. What sort of person was he before he died? He could have been a good son, but he also could have been a rebel, a profligate, a crook; resentful, selfish, stubborn; It's impossible to tell. The mother's tears don't tell us anything but her grief, and nothing in the son's life would alter that. In fact, if her son had lived a bad life, she would have cried even more.

Jesus' pity for the woman meant life for her son. I am always moved by this. "This is what He's really like? He's touched by our own grief and tears?" This gives me profound hope for those who leave this life accompanied only by our tears, prayers, and love. I don't think I could face each day, which holds within it the possibility of this kind of death for my son, if I didn't believe what we see at work in this simple story. It's not that I expect my son to be saved by my tears, for each man must make his own choice of heaven or hell. But I see that Jesus is moved by our love for sinners. So many of His miracles of healing and resuscitation He worked because someone asked Him. Crying out for mercy on behalf of another is Jesus' own work. He seems moved to see this in us, too. I watched my son fade in and out as the priest gave him the sacrament. I knew he couldn't hear us; I thought he might die that night. What if I didn't see any visible sign of grace at work in his life? What if he passed into eternity as an overdosed heroin addict? I had to count on the loving mercy of Jesus. I could, because of the widow of Nain.

Some of the greatest moments in redemption history have come when men are asleep. Adam was asleep when God solved his only problem in the Garden: the need of a wife. Abraham was asleep when God made His first covenant with him for the Promised Land. Jacob was asleep when God renewed the covenant with him. Joseph was asleep when he saw his future in Jacob's family. And the other Joseph was asleep when he was told to be Mary's husband, father to Jesus. Who knows what the mercy of God can do for a man when he is on the edge of the sleep of death, no longer able to communicate, but not yet dead? Could we hope that Jesus might appear to him to call for the decision of heaven or hell? Would anyone, seeing Him in that way, refuse His loving call to "arise" (Lk 7:14)? Ask the widow of Nain.