

## 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.

## YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2022

... are ready for pick-up in the Social Hall. They are in alphabetical order to make it easier for you to find. Please, **do not** pick up anyone else's statement unless they have specifically asked you to do so.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Due to supply issues, our 2023 Contribution Envelopes still have not yet arrived. You will have the same envelope numbers as assigned to you last year. Until you receive your new envelopes, please just put your contributions in a regular envelope with your envelope number, name, and amount. Please add the Holy Day if applicable.

The 2023 Church Calendars are in the Social Hall for pick-up.



### THE TENTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

From Fallen Passions to Apatheia: Pursuing the Virtuous Life  
Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont, Ohio

February 24, 2023 – February 26, 2023

Retreat Master: Father Thomas J. Loya, STB, MA.

Contact Joan Washburn for further information 865-696-7809

### THE SECOND ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

The Gift of Prayer

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont, Ohio

March 10, 2023 – March 12, 2023

Retreat Master: Father Cyril Pinchak, SJ

Contact Karl Busam for further information 419-626-6811

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Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of January 14:

5:00 PM: 48; 10:00 AM: 76

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$3,797.00



- **Sun., Jan. 22** ECF classes meet from 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM.
- **Mon., Jan. 23** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon.
- **Mon., Jan. 30** Feast of Three Holy Hierarchs – 8:30 AM – Manor.
- **Wed., Feb. 1** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Wed., Feb. 1** Meeting of our Lord with Simeon & Anna – 6:00 PM – Vespers & Vigil Liturgy.
- **Fri., Feb. 3** Divine Liturgy – 8:30 AM – Manor.

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEETING**

To be held on *Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>*, following the Divine Liturgy. This is a meeting to discuss preparations. Open to all parishioners. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

**SUPERBOWL/BINGO PARTY**

*Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, in the Social Hall*

**\$10 Charge at the door.**

**Quarter Bingo starts at 4:00 PM.**

**Watch the SuperBowl on the Big Screen!**

**Please bring an appetizer or dessert.**

*Please sign up in the Social Hall by February 5<sup>th</sup>.*

**PARISH GUILD MEETING**

**Anniversary Dinner Meeting – Monday, February 13 – 6:00 PM at Giorgio’s Restaurant. Please sign up by February 5<sup>th</sup> in the Social Hall. New Members are welcome.**

**ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE**

During our Liturgical Year our Byzantine Church remembers its faithful departed in a special way on 5 All Souls Saturdays. The first All Souls Saturday is *February 11<sup>th</sup>*. There are yellow envelopes at all of the church entrances for these All Souls Remembrances. If you wish to have your loved ones remembered by name on these special days, please submit the names, **printed**, on the envelope by **January 29<sup>th</sup>** so that the names can be organized. ***If you have submitted the names of your deceased family members previously, please do not rewrite them...just submit any additional names.*** *If there are no additions, and you want your loved ones to be remembered by name, just write “NO CHANGES” on your envelope, and drop the envelope in the collection basket.* Thank you for your prompt attention.

*This year’s All Souls Saturdays are: Feb. 11; Mar. 4; Mar.11; Mar. 18; & May 27.*

JANUARY 22, 2023

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday	22 Jan.	<i>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS. The Holy Apostle Timothy. The Holy Venerable-Martyr Anastasius the Persian.</i>
<b>(Sun. Vigil)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>+Richard Kilbert – wife, Mary Anne</b> <b>+John Winland, Sr. – wife, Dorothy</b>
Monday	23 Jan.	<i>The Holy Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra. The Holy Martyr Agathangel. Commemoration of the Sixth Ecumenical Council.</i>
<b>(Manor)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+All Faithful Departed Members of Our Lady of Wisdom Parish (Las Vegas, NV) – +Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Francis M. Vivona</b>
Tuesday	24 Jan.	<i>Our Venerable Mother Xenia of Rome. The Holy Martyrs in Pidlashia, the Blessed Vincent Lewoniuk and his companions.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Wednesday	25 Jan.	<i>Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople.</i>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>+Millie Simko – Mr. &amp; Mrs. Phillip Lucarell</b>
Thursday	26 Jan.	<i>Our Venerable Father Xenophon and His Wife Mary. Our Holy Father Joseph, Archbishop of Thessalonica.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Friday	27 Jan.	<i>Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father John Chrysostom.</i>
<b>(Manor)</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Joanne Emory – Elizabeth Cantelmo</b>
Saturday	28 Jan.	<i>Our Venerable Father Ephrem the Syrian, Bishop of Nineveh. Our Venerable Father Isaac the Syrian, Bishop of Nineveh. The Passing of our Venerable Mother Olympia Bida (1952).</i>
<b>(Vigil Lit.)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Marjorie Reynolds (40<sup>th</sup> day) – St. Michael Rosary Society</b>
Sunday	29 Jan.	<i>SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Bishop and Martyr Ignatius of Antioch.</i>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>+Linda Mendenhall – sister, Lisa Mosko</b>



**Attentive to the Word**  
**SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS**  
*Luke 19: 1 – 10*  
**Tone 8 Pages 161 – 163**



Although Great Lent is five weeks away, the Church begins to prepare us for the time of introspection and preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection by providing a period of gradual development, leading to a proper use of the Lenten time. If we think of Lent as “the journey to the Resurrection,” we must prepare for the journey. These five weeks before Great Lent allow us to do just that; they give us time to think of the meaning and significance of Lent and why it precedes the Feast of the Resurrection.

The celebration of the Sunday of Zacchaeus is the first of the five Pre-Lenten Sundays. Each of the five consecutive Sundays is dedicated to some fundamental aspect of repentance. In the Gospel passages on Zacchaeus, we are given the very attitude of heart, mind and soul that must be found in every Christian – the desire of the human heart to truly know God.

Zacchaeus was such a man. He wanted a new perspective of God. When Jesus came through his little town, Zacchaeus wanted to see Him. Being a short man, however, he couldn't see over the crowd, so he climbed a tree to get a new perspective – to get the whole picture. And from the tree, he was able to see Jesus clearly.

Jesus saw Zacchaeus, and told him that He was to stay at his house. Zacchaeus opens his door with delight. Meeting Christ, his life was changed and he gained a new perspective: experiencing the love that only Christ can give, he became generous with his wealth, giving half of what he had to the poor, and vowing to repay anyone he had cheated four times over. By climbing a tree to stand above the crowds and by opening his door to Christ, Zacchaeus gained a new perspective, and found new meaning and purpose in his life.

A new perspective can do that. But it can also feel threatening. Look at some of the people in that scene: they could only criticize and condemn Jesus for His words and actions. They complained, “He has gone to stay at a sinner's house.” They didn't want to see the larger picture; they didn't want a new perspective; they preferred the familiarity of their narrow and self-interested ways of thinking. How often do we find ourselves so self-assured – so defensive that we are not open to a new perspective? How often are we satisfied with being lost among the faces of the crowd, rather than climbing to a vantage point that would give us a larger view? Reality is usually more complex than our limited view. The immensity and transcendence of God is certainly a reminder of how finite our perceptions and abilities are. Rigid ways of thinking tend to narrow our perspective. And the narrower the view, the less reflective it is of reality. Like the Pharisees, we resist a new perspective – and miss what God may be trying to teach us.



**THE CHOICE THAT MUST BE MADE**

It's really interesting that Luke records this story of Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus just shortly after he had the encounter with another rich man. You can go back just a few verses in your Bible from the Zacchaeus story to Luke 18:18-27. You'll find this story of the ruler who came to Jesus and asked, “Good teacher what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus told him, “Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and come, follow me.” As Jesus watches the back of the rich man walking away sorrowfully he says, “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus replied, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”

Then Luke records this story of another rich man, Zacchaeus, who demonstrates what is possible with God! He was freed from greed to live generously; he was delivered from perpetrating injustice to promoting justice; he was lifted from the path that leads to destruction and led on the path of eternal life. What is the difference in these two rich men? Both men sought Jesus. Both demonstrated the first step toward new life: seeking Jesus.

If we really want the power to change, we need to devote time and energy to getting closer to Jesus. What is it that helps you go deeper in your relationship with Christ? Spending time with the scriptures, spending time in prayer, reaching out to meet the needs of others in his name? These are some of the ways to meet Jesus.