

## 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 Fr. Andrew to schedule.

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

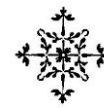
**Funerals:** Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Andrew before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

**Parish Membership:** We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of Sts. 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:** The Parish office is open from 10 AM – 2 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Andrew is available on other days and times by appointment.

## ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of your departed servant, +**Donald Sutyak** who fell asleep in the Lord recently. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

## **COMBINED PARISH PICNIC (Please note the date change)**



Please mark your calendars for the afternoon of Sunday, **August 30<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Demetrios Center Grounds at 3223 Atlantic, NE**. We are planning a combined parish picnic with St. Michael Parish. More info will be coming soon. We hope to see all of you there!

## **MT. ST. MACRINA PILGRIMAGE TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE**

Bus Transportation for Mount Saint Macrina Pilgrimage, Uniontown, PA is available on Sunday, September 6, 2015. Round-trip fare is \$20.00 per person. More information will be in next week's bulletin.

## **GCU CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE**

The GCU is holding a Charity Golf event to assist with the funding for the renovations on Mt. Macrina Manor Nursing Home, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Basil in Uniontown, PA. The event is a 4 person golf scramble planned for a 1 PM shotgun start on **Friday, 4 September 2015**. The tournament is open to everyone, GCU members and non-members alike. In addition to golf, the entry fee includes cart, lunch at the turn, prizes and a buffet dinner. The cost for this event is \$100 per golfer with a discount of \$20 for those entering a complete foursome. The tournament is being held at Seven Oaks Country Club, Beaver, PA. Deadline to enter is 24 August 2015. Applications are available online at [www.gcuusa.com/PDF/CharityScrambleApp.pdf](http://www.gcuusa.com/PDF/CharityScrambleApp.pdf) or see Fr. Andrew for one.



## **Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 26 July:**

5:00 PM: **75**; 11:00 AM: **100**

**Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . . . \$2,781.35**



2 AUGUST 2015

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Aug. 1 – 14** **Fast in preparation for the Feast of the Dormition of the Blessed Mother.** We recommend abstaining from meat on Wednesday and Friday.
- **Wed. Aug. 5** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9 AM to 2 PM. Your help is needed.
- **Sat. Aug. 8** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9 AM to 2 PM
- **Tues. Aug. 11** St. Vincent de Paul Pizza Day – 9 AM to 2 PM
- **Tues. Aug. 11** Important Ladies Guild Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall

**YOU ARE INVITED**

July 4, 1900 marked the founding of St. Mary’s Greek Catholic Church, Youngstown, Ohio. St. Mary’s Church was the first church established to serve people who immigrated from the former Austro-Hungarian Empire to America and desired to worship God in the religious expression familiar to them. Our SS. Peter & Paul Parish is a daughter parish of St. Mary’s.

To celebrate the founding of St. Mary’s Church 115 years ago, our Parish Family is invited to attend a **Parish Indoor Picnic** at St. Mary’s Social Center, 356 S. Belle Vista Avenue on **Thursday, August 13. Festivities begin at 5:15 PM and a three meat buffet will be served at 6:00 PM.** Cost is \$19 per adult and \$5 for children under ten. Entertainment will be provided. **Please make your reservation by calling 330-799-8163 or 330-792-1578 by Monday, August 10.**

**ASSUMPTION PILGRIMAGE**

The 50<sup>th</sup> annual pilgrimage will be held August 13, 14, & 15 at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon, 2759 North Lipkey Road, North Jackson, OH. See complete pilgrimage schedule on bulletin board.

**60TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MARIAPOCH**

Join us for the 60th annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch in Burton, Ohio, on Aug. 1-2, 2015. This year’s eparchial pilgrimage also marks the 300th anniversary of the weeping of the replica of the original icon of Our Lady of Mariapoch in Mariapoch, Hungary, Aug. 1-5, 1715, which is considered the birth of the shrine in Hungary. All are invited to this anniversary pilgrimage in Burton for a weekend of prayer and fellowship in honor of, and in supplication to, the Mother of God. We will pray especially for persecuted Christians and for the end to terrorism. See complete pilgrimage schedule on bulletin board.

Sunday,	2 August	<i>TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Translation of the Relics of the Holy Proto-Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen. Venerable Father Basil, Fool for Christ.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Health &amp; Welfare of Dianna Koza – John J. Koza III</b>
(SM)	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Prayer Intention of the Rosary Society</b>
(PP)	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Fio Nuzzi – Frank &amp; Sylvia Hoso</b>
Monday,	3 August	<i>Venerable Fathers Isaac, Dalmatus and Faustus.</i>
		<b>No Divine Liturgy</b>
Tuesday,	4 August	<i>Holy Seven Children of Ephesus. Holy Venerable Martyr Eudoxia.</i>
		<b>Chancery</b>
Wednesday,	5 August	<i>Pre-festive Day of Transfiguration. Holy Martyr Eusignius.</i>
(PP)	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>+John Slovinsky (40<sup>th</sup> Day) – Bill &amp; Mary Anne Denman Fam.</b>
Thursday,	6 August	<i>TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.</i>
(SM)	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>+Clyde Holmes – Mike &amp; Sue Johnson</b>
Friday,	7 August	<i>Post-festive Day of Transfiguration. Holy Venerable Martyr Dometius.</i>
(Chapel)	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+George, Allen &amp; Tom Sudimack – Marge Sudimack</b>
Saturday	8 August	<i>Post-festive Day of Transfiguration. Holy Confessor Emilian, Bishop of Cyzice.</i>
(PP)	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>+Tom Raiti – Doris Zombar</b>
Sunday,	9 August	<i>ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Post-festive Day of Transfiguration. Holy Apostle Matthias.</i>
(SM)	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>+Robert Banky – Marjorie Reynolds</b>
(PP)	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>+Anna Sudik – Mary Cracium</b>



## Attentive to the Word

### Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Mt. 17: 14 – 23

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The famous story of the Old Testament involving a small, shepherd boy by the name of David and a towering giant by the name of Goliath is well-known. The Israelites were fighting a losing battle against their enemies, the Philistines. The Jews were overwhelmed by the size of this towering enemy warrior. When they saw him, they reacted by noticing only how *big* he was. But David saw how much *smaller he was than God*.

In today's gospel (Matt. 17:14-23) Jesus helps us put into perspective the giants that intimidate and try to control our lives. He tells His disciples and us, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible to you."

The gospel is telling us that there is no difficulty bigger than God. He is bigger than any temptation, any sin, any failure, any problem. When we place our lives in His hands, through a personal act of faith, He gives us the power to become bigger than we ever dreamed we could be – bigger than an illness, bigger than our weaknesses, bigger than our hatred, bigger than our prejudices, bigger than our defeats. With Christ we can have a giant within us. Saint John writes in his first epistle: "He who is in you (that is Christ) is greater than he who is in the world (that is Satan)" (1 John 4:4).

In today's gospel, Jesus Himself restores a boy to his right mind after His own disciples fail because they doubted the powers He had given them. In those disciples we easily see ourselves when we confront the giants and mountains of life. The secret to understanding and undoing them is to believe that no person, no situation, no set of circumstances is bigger than God.

A man whose life was guided by that kind of belief was Saint Paul. He was afflicted with a serious physical infirmity which he talks about in his second letter to the Corinthians. He calls it his "thorn in the flesh". Even though he prayed to be delivered from it, *God instead gave Him the power to live with it*. That thorn in the flesh did not make Paul an invalid; it drove him to greater dependence on Christ and to greater power.

Today's gospel helps us to face the mountains in our own lives; the conviction that faith can **and will** move them.

By Rev. John T. Sekellick, J.C.L.

## THE TRANSFIGURATION



On Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. The whole atmosphere on the Mountain of Transfiguration, as presented by the Evangelists is glory. Jesus' face shone like the sun, and His garments glistened and gleamed like the light.

Just prior to the Transfiguration, Our Lord spoke of His approaching passion and death. The Apostles undoubtedly must have been very hurt and disappointed to hear Jesus tell of His journey to Jerusalem and how he would be humiliated, treated like a criminal, suffer, be crucified and die. The Transfiguration was something which was intended to lift up their hearts. It was to enable them to look beyond the humiliation and shame of Good Friday and the death on the cross to the glorious and

crowning resurrection.

It is no wonder Peter wanted to build three tabernacles on the Mount and remain there. He wanted the great moment of glory to be prolonged. He did not want to go down to common everyday things, especially not to face the events of Jesus' passion and death.

Similarly, we too wish to experience the intimacy of peace and joy and our nearness to God at all times. The Mountain of Transfiguration is always more enjoyable than common daily things. But the Transfiguration is intended to give to us, as to the apostles, hope and strength to walk the daily way of the cross and to see beyond this, to the glory of our own transfiguration.

## BLESSING OF FRUIT



As is customary in the Eastern Church on the Feast of the Transfiguration, **GRAPES AND FRUITS** will be blessed following the Divine Liturgy. Grapes are indicative of wine which is "transfigured" into the Precious Blood of Christ during the Consecration of each Liturgy. The first fruits of summer are blessed to acknowledge our gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings of a new and abundant harvest received. Don't forget to bring a basket of grapes and fruits to be blessed. Just as you share your blessings with others – so will God share His blessings with you.