

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.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING THANK YOU

A big "Thank You" to all who contributed to our "Souper Bowl" collection on Super Bowl Sunday. The Eastern Christian Formation students were able to donate **\$366.00** to the St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program. Thank you, again for your generosity!

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The year-end contribution statements are ready to be picked up. They are in alphabetical order, on tables in the Social Hall. The statements will be there until February 8th. If you want them after that date, you will have to request them from the office.

OUT OF THIS FURNACE

Out of this Furnace is a historical novel written by American writer Thomas Bell. The novel is based upon Bell's own family of Rusyn and Slovak immigrants from Eastern Europe. The Department of Theater and Dance of YSU will present the play "Out of This Furnace" by Andy Wolk at Ford Theater – Bliss Hall – Wick Avenue, across from the Butler Art Institute. The play refers to the blast furnace and the central role of the steel mill in the immigrant family's life and in the history of the Pittsburgh region. This immigrant experience was also repeated in the Mahoning Valley. Come and experience your ancestors' home and mill life, their struggles, poverty and social conditions. Feb. 26, 27, & 28 performances are at 7:30 PM. Mar. 1st performance is at 2:00 PM. For more information or tickets call Jim Basista at 330-544-0107.

HOWLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

An Amish Dinner Fundraiser will be held Saturday, 21 February 2015 at the Howland Community Church (rear entrance) 198 Niles Cortland Road, Howland, Ohio. Dinner will be served from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Adults \$18.00 Children (4 to 12) \$8.00. Advance tickets only. Call 330-856-7403 or 330-856-3432. Calls will be returned.



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 1 February:

5:00 PM: **83**; 11:00 AM: **96**

Feast of the Encounter: **14**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us \$2,689.45



8 FEBRUARY 2015

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Sun. Feb.8** ECF Religion Classes – 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM. The children have been practicing the Liturgy singing. **They will attend the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy as a group on the First Sunday of every month. We ask the parent’s cooperation in planning to attend this Divine Liturgy.**
- **Sun. Feb. 8** Meeting of Oblates of St. Benedict – 2 to 4 PM at the Monastery. Please ring #301.
- **Sun. Feb. 8** Bible Study – 4 PM in the Social Hall.
- **Mon .Feb. 9** Meeting of St. Benedict’s Auxiliary – 7 PM in the Social Hall. Bring your dimes and quarters.
- **Tues. Feb. 10** St. Vincent de Paul Pizza Day – 9 AM to 2 PM. We can use your help.
- **Wed. Feb. 11** Ladies Guild Anniversary Dinner at Buena Vista. Just a Reminder: Your reservation is needed.
- **Thurs. Feb. 12** Bible Study – 10 AM in the Social Hall.
- **Weekend of Feb. 14 – 15** Coffee and Donuts in the Social Hall after both Divine Liturgies.



LOCK-IN RETREAT: (Sponsored by Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saint Josaphat)

“REJOICE AND BE EXCEEDINGLY GLAD FOR GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN”

- For Teenagers and Young Adults
- Saturday March 7 to Sunday March 8 (1:30 PM to 12:00 Noon)
- Saint Anne’s, 3055 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown.
- Optional Service Project to be performed Saturday Morning at the Youngstown Pregnancy Help Center.
- \$25.00 (meals & T-shirt included) + optional donation of 1 Pack of baby diapers.
- **Call the parish office if you wish to attend. We have the forms that must be completed, as well as further directives. Registration is due 21 February 2015**

You are encouraged to attend. Father Andrew will be the Key Note Speaker. Other speakers will be Father James Barkett and Julian Hayda. It will be a good experience.

Sunday,	8 February	<i>MEATFARE SUNDAY. Holy Great Martyr Theodore. Holy Prophet Zechariah.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Gregory V. Ross – Peter & Mary Kay Licavoli
(SM)	8:30 AM	Health of Olivia Hash – James & Barb Hash
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Michael Yurtin – Jim & Mary Elko
Monday,	9 February	<i>Cheesefare Monday. Holy Martyr Nicephor.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday,	10 February	<i>Cheesefare Tuesday. Holy Martyr Charalampas.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday,	11 February	<i>Cheesefare Wednesday. Holy Martyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Sr. Miriam Konkus – Benedictine Sisters
Thursday,	12 February	<i>Cheesefare Thursday. Holy Father Melitius, Archbishop of Antioch.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Mary Karl – William Paczak Family
Friday,	13 February	<i>Cheesefare Friday. Venerable Father Martinian.</i>
		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	14 February	<i>Cheesefare Saturday. Memory of all Holy Ascetics. Venerable Father Auxentius. Passing of Venerable Father Constantine, whose monastic name is Cyril, the Apostle of the Slavs. Venerable Maron, Hermit and Wonderworker.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Sandra Bishop – M/M George Grove
Sunday,	15 February	<i>CHEESEFARE SUNDAY. Holy Apostle Onesimus.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Michael Guinaugh – Robert & Marianne Cabosky
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Fio Nuzzi – Bill & Teresa Massucci

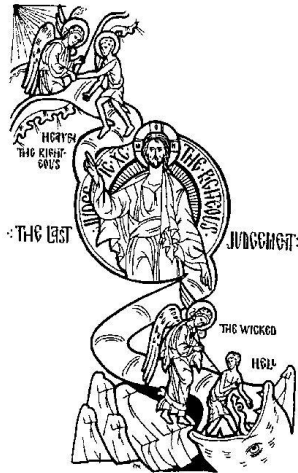


Attentive to the Word

Sunday of Mealfare

Matthew 25: 31 - 46

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We believe that Jesus will come in Glory to judge the living and the dead! This is a part of our creed, what we believe as Christians.

This morning's gospel reading gives us a description, a vision of that last judgment. Awesome! Terrifying! A time of reward and punishment. A time of separation and eternal loss. A time of judgment. How are we going to be judged? By the way we treat others – We either have an open heart or a closed heart.

We know a lot about hearts today. They get clogged and then they don't work right. They race, they lose their timing, and then they no longer give life. We get very serious about taking care of our hearts. The heart is the center of love. We give our heart to those we love. And Jesus judgment is based on how we have had an open heart or a closed heart to others.

It is easy to love those who love us. It is easy to love those from whom we expect a reward. I was hungry. I was thirsty. I was a stranger. I was naked. I was ill. I was in prison. How open was our heart? How closed was our heart? Don't be afraid to fill your heart and to reach out in love. Love makes us vulnerable. We may be taken advantage of. We may be used. We may not be appreciated. We may be misjudged. It is so easy to find an excuse not to love.

But St. John rightly says in his epistle, *He Himself made us a promise, and the promise is no less than this: eternal life.* That's what Jesus brings and gives. *Let no one deceive you; the man who acts in holiness is holy indeed, even as the Son is holy. The man who sins belongs to the devil because the devil is a sinner from the beginning. It was to destroy the devil's works, that the Son of God revealed himself...No one whose actions are unholy belongs to God, nor anyone who fails to love his brother.*

Don't be afraid to fill your heart with people and things you love, for the love of God won't occupy space in your heart any more than a singer's voice occupies space in a concert hall. Love is not like a loaf of bread. If I give a chunk of the loaf to you I have less to offer others. Love is like Eucharistic Bread: I receive the whole Christ. You receive the whole Christ too; and so does the next and the next.

You can love your mother with your whole heart, and your husband or wife, and each of your children. The wonder is that giving the whole of it to one person does not force you to give less to another. On the contrary, each one of us now gets more. For if you love only your friend and no one else it is a feeble heart that you offer. Your friend would stand to gain if you also gave it to others.

Certainly, we are limited. We are constrained by time, energy, and talent. But we can all do something. Maybe we can't do everything for everyone all the time. But we can do something. And it's those little things that we do that open up our heart, that love becomes visible, and that let Christ become present and visible to others.

By Fr. John Zeyack



Outside His parables, there are only three occasions when Christ explicitly speaks of the punishment of hell:

1. When people fail to perform works of mercy.
2. When adults corrupt children by bad example and serious scandal.
3. Whenever there is an unforgiving hatred of neighbor.

Christ even condemns what some consider only slight infringements of the law of charity and brotherly love. Christ denounces all words of anger, ridicule and contempt. In the Gospel of St. Matthew, our Lord says ". . . everyone who grows angry with his brother/sister shall be liable to judgment; any one who uses abusive language toward his brother (neighbor) shall be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and if he holds him in contempt he risks the fires of Gehenna (hell)."

Let us do good and perform works of mercy so that we can receive the reward prepared for us by our Heavenly Master.