

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. Simeon to schedule.

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

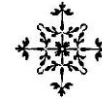
Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Simeon before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

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: Sister Barbara is in the Parish office from 10 AM – 2 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Father Simeon is available on other days and times by appointment.

ETERNAL MEMORY



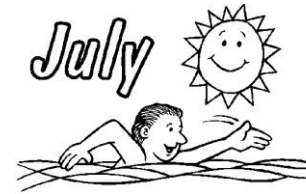
Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of your servant +**Jarod Cammacci** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

96TH BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY . . . Last Day to order tickets.

Discounted Park ticket prices are: \$24.00 (ages 3 to 54) and \$14.00 (age 55+).
Luncheon tickets are \$15.00 (ages 11+) and \$8.00 (ages 3 to 10). These must be pre-paid.

To request Park or Luncheon tickets – or to make bus reservations, Please call the Parish Office at 330-372-1875 or 330-240-2534 by Tuesday morning, July 5, 2016.

SUMMER IS HERE



– and a time for Vacations – much needed vacations! A time to re-create and come back to the pilgrimage of life! It is a time of summer breezes, beautiful flowers, and many times – poor church attendance. We still have a need to gather as God's people and to worship – even if we are on vacation or traveling, there are many opportunities to give time to the Lord! As you leave, have a wonderful, safe and happy time! And when you return, know that you were missed and we are happy to see you back with us – with such renewed life.



(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 26 June:

5:00 PM: 62 11:00 AM: 93

Feast of SS. Peter & Paul: 28

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,511.69

(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 26 June:

17 from St. Michael; 17 from St. Peter & Paul

Feast of SS. Peter & Paul: 6 from St. Michael; 8 from SS. Peter & Paul

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$482.00



3 JULY 2016

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

- **Mon. July 4** Independence Day – Parish Office Closed.
- **Wed. July 6** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9 AM to 2 PM. Summertime help is usually sparse, so we can use your help, even for a couple of hours.
- **Thurs. July 7** Advisory Council Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall.

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Pastor in a certain church one Sunday morning posed a unique challenge to his congregation. He brought in a plank of wood about four inches wide and long enough to cross from front to back over the distance of seven or eight pews. He asked for a volunteer to walk its length. A young man stood up, was helped onto the narrow plank, and successfully traversed it. Then, with some rigging, the Pastor hoisted the plank about six feet from the ceiling with no other support than the ropes holding it on each end. This time, no one volunteered to walk the plank.

Why the reluctance? The plank is the same. The muscles are the same. The mind is the same. The distance across is the same. The will is the same. It is the lack of safe support which is the big difference. When the plank was close to the floor, there was no hesitation because the young man had safety. When he had to walk on his own higher up, however, without support, he became anxious and hesitant with uncertainty.

Life itself is often like those two sets of circumstances. When we have something solid under our feet, we walk the narrow way without concern. It is when there is nothing underneath that we become panicky. When our minds have nothing to feed upon except our own states of mind, we lose our balance. But when we know we are supported by a solid foundation of divine truth outside ourselves, we gather confidence and courage.

This was the challenging question our Lord asked of the two blind men in today’s gospel (Matt. 9:27-35), “Do you believe?” They answered without hesitation, “Yes, Lord.” And He replied, “Let it be done to you according to your faith.”

Faith is the support we have when our lives become insecure, anxious, and we feel threatened by circumstances which blind our way. Faith comes to us, as it did to the two Blind men, when we have to ask ourselves, “Do I believe God can do this for me?”

Faith in the plan of God for our lives allows us to take that narrow path which may seem unsure because the way is made secure not by our own resources but by the power of God.

Rev. John T. Sekellick,

Sunday	3 July	<i>SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Martyr Hyacinth.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+William Day – wife, Ellen Day
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Neal Verity – Sue & Mick Johnson
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Todd Zumerling – mother, Bernadette
Monday	4 July	<i>Holy Father Andrew of Jerusalem, Archbishop of Crete. Venerable Mother Martha, Mother of St. Simeon the Venerable. Venerable Father Procopius of Sazava.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	5 July	<i>Venerable Father Athanasius of Mt. Athos.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Betty Rhoads – husband, Robert
Wednesday	6 July	<i>Venerable Father Sisoies the Great.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	7 July	<i>Venerable Fathers Thomas of Maleum and Acacius, Mentioned in the Ladder.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	+Suzanne Summerlin – Byers Family
Friday	8 July	<i>Holy Great Martyr Procopius.</i>
(Chapel)	8:30 AM	Ruth Parana – Pat & David Scott
Saturday	9 July	<i>Holy Martyr Pancracius, Bishop of Taormina.</i>
(PP)	5:00 PM	+Sandra Bishop – husband, Ken
Sunday	10 July	<i>EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy 45 Martyrs in Nicopolis in Armenia. Venerable Father Anthony of the Kiev Lavra. Three Maronite Franciscan brothers, Francis, Abd-el-Mooti and Raphael Massabki, and eight others with them, killed in Damascus in 1860.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Ronald Ferrance – Cindy Babyak
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Pauline Koziel – Dave & Dan Volculko



Attentive to the Word
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Mt. 9:27 – 35

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JULY 4TH

By Patrick Henry

Bad men cannot make good citizens. It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains. A vitiated state of morals, a corrupted public conscience, are incompatible with freedom. No free government, or the blessings of liberty, can be preserved to any people but by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality, and virtue; and by a frequent recurrence to fundamental principles.

“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL”

(Take the time to look up these Biblical References, and gain new meaning, insight and appreciation of one of our favorite songs about America.)

O, Beautiful for spacious skies, (Deuteronomy 33:13).
 For amber waves of grain, (Deuteronomy 33:16).
 For purple mountain majesties, (Deuteronomy 33:15).
 Above the fruitful plain! (Genesis 49:26.)
 America! America! (Genesis 48:21.)
 God shed His Grace on thee, (Genesis 48:16).
 And crown thy good with brotherhood. (Genesis 48:20.)
 From sea to shining sea! (Ezekiel 47:18-20.)

O, Beautiful for pilgrim feet, (Deuteronomy 33:13).
 Whose stern, impassioned stress, (Genesis 49:23).
 Thoroughfare for freedom beat, (Psalms 72:8).

Across the wilderness! (Deuteronomy 32:8-11.)
 America! America! (Genesis 48:21.)
 God mend thine every flaw, (Genesis 49:22-26).
 Confirm thy soul in self-control, (Isaiah 45:13).
 Thy liberty in Law! (2 Corinthians 3:17).

O, Beautiful for heroes proved, (2 Chronicles 25:6).
 In liberating strife, (James 1:25).
 Who more than self their country loved, (Revelation 12:11).
 And mercy more than life! (Psalm 37:21-31.)
 America! America! (2 Samuel 7:10).
 May God thy gold refine, (Isaiah 2:7).
 'Til all success be nobleness, (Genesis 48:15-16).
 And every gain divine. (Deuteronomy 33:13-17.)

O, Beautiful for patriot dream, (Hebrews 11:9).
 That sees beyond the years, (Isaiah 60:21).
 Thine alabaster cities gleam, (Revelation 21:18-20).
 Undimmed by human tears! (Revelation 7:17.)
 America! America! (1 Chronicles 17:9).
 God shed His Grace on thee, (Acts 4:33).
 And crown thy good with brotherhood, (Deuteronomy 32:13).
 From sea to shining sea! (Micah 7:12).



GOD BLESS AMERICA!

AMERICA – BLESS GOD!