

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 +**Mildred Golder** who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

PARISH OUTREACH . . .

Part of the Phillip's Fast is "almsgiving." Our Parish Almsgiving has taken many forms over the years. We've had the "Giving Tree" where we have purchased gifts for children of all ages. Last year, we chose ornaments and bought gifts for Senior Citizens from Beatitude House, etc.

Our Outreach Program 2016 will be to collect "Needed Supplies" for the Children's Rehabilitation Center in Howland. The Children's Rehab Center cares for children who have physical or other disabilities. Examples of supplies needed are tissues, bleach, and AA batteries. A complete list of needed supplies is on the fliers that are on the bulletin boards in the church and Social Hall...**But please, DO NOT bring anything to church until AFTER the St. Nicholas Dinner.**

SPIRITUALITY DAY

The Benedictine Sisters of Queen of Heaven Monastery are offering a Day of Spirituality in preparation for Christmas on Saturday, December 10, 2016, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Social Hall of Ss. Peter and Paul. To register, please call 330-856-1813 or emailqohm@netdotcom.com by Tuesday, December 6th.

The presenter will be Msgr. George Appleyard, priest of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy in Parma. His topic will be "*Two Different Carols – One Priceless Song.*" He is an excellent speaker. There will be time for reflection, questions, and refreshments, and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



(PP) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 20 November:

5:00 PM: 71 11:00 AM: 64

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple: 20

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$3,273.63

(SM) Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 20 November:

18 from St. Michael; 7 from St. Peter & Paul

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$338.00



- **Sun. Nov. 27** **NO ECF Classes Today – Thanksgiving Break.** Classes resume next Sunday, December 4th at 9:30 AM.
- **Mon. Nov. 28** Church Cleaning Party – 9 AM to Noon. We can use an extra pair of hands, if you are available.
- **Sun. Dec. 4** **Our Parish St. Nicholas Celebration. Following the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy, our ECF children will present a short program honoring St. Nicholas.** *We have so few children in our parish, and we need to show our support for them and for what they are learning. They are the future of our church, so we ask that you give an extra 10 minutes of your time after the Liturgy to hear their program. Our parish dinner will follow the children’s presentation.*
- **Wed. Dec. 7** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9 AM to 2 PM. We can use your help. This might be a good way to keep the Phillip’s Fast in preparation for the Nativity of Jesus.

ST. NICHOLAS FEAST DAY – LAST DAY FOR RESERVATIONS

On Sunday, December 4th, after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy, the parishioners from both parishes are invited to a dinner in SS. Peter & Paul Social Hall. The dinner will be provided by the parish, but we ask for a donation of at least \$8.00 for each person attending. (No charge for children 6 and under). If you plan to attend the dinner, we ask that you sign your family name on the sign-up sheet, with the number attending, so that we might be better prepared with food and seating arrangements. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. We hope to see all of you there! **Deadline for reservations is November 27th.**

JUST A REMINDER:

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM UNNECESSARY AND LOUD TALKING BEFORE, DURING AND ESPECIALLY AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY. DO YOUR VISITING IN THE SOCIAL HALL OR IN THE NARTHEX (VESTIBULE) OF THE CHURCH OR OUTSIDE.

27 NOVEMBER 2016

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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| Sunday | 27 November | <i>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Martyr James the Persian. Venerable Father Palladius. Holy Icon of the Mother of God, called “the Sign.”</i> |
| (Vigil Liturgy) | 5:00 PM | +Tom Vislosky – Vislosky family |
| (SM) | 8:30 AM | Health & Blessings for Marjorie Simon – Paul & Cheryl |
| (PP) | 11:00 AM | +Todd Zumerling – M/M Steve Wareham |
| Monday | 28 November | <i>Holy Venerable Martyr Stephen the Younger. Holy Martyr Irenarchus.</i> |
| | | No Divine Liturgy |
| Tuesday | 29 November | <i>Holy Martyr Paramon. Holy Martyr Philemon. Venerable Father Acacius, mentioned in the Ladder of St. John Climacus.</i> |
| (Chapel) | 8:30 AM | +Sister Julia Rohaly – M/M John Czopar |
| Wednesday | 30 November | <i>The Holy and Glorious Apostle Andrew the First-called.</i> |
| (Chapel) | 8:30 AM | +Patricia Mindek & +Julie Riggs - Friends |
| Thursday | 1 December | <i>The Holy Prophet Nahum.</i> |
| (Chapel) | 8:30 AM | Intention of Sr. Barbara Pavlik – Benedictine Sisters |
| Friday | 2 December | <i>The Holy Prophet Habakkuk. Passing of Blessed Confessor Ivan Slezyuk, Bishop of Ivano-Frankivsk (1973)</i> |
| | | No Divine Liturgy |
| Saturday | 3 December | <i>The Holy Prophet Zephaniah.</i> |
| (PP) | 5:00 PM | +Steve Zombar – Stephen, Betty, Jennifer & John |
| Sunday | 4 December | <i>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Great Martyr Barbara. Our Venerable Father John of Damascus.</i> |
| (SM) | 8:30 AM | +Anna Yencovcik – M/M Michael Johnson |
| (PP) | 11:00 AM | +Helen Sekula – M/M Richard McGrath, Sr. |



Attentive to the Word
Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Lk. 13: 10 - 17

Tone 3 Pg. 135 - 136

THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

It was not only the physical condition of this woman that was restored on that Sabbath day. Many scholars point to this text as the place where Jesus restored the dignity of all women. Jesus argues that this crippled woman is of more importance to God than livestock because she is a daughter of Abraham. And so, with the touch of his hand he not only restores her health but her place in the community. It reminds me of the song by the Christian artist Wayne Watson "The Touch of the Master's Hand," which coincidentally the lyrics were a poem written by a woman by the name of Myra Brooks Welch.

Listen to her words:

Tw'as battered and scarred, and the auctioneer
Thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste much time on the old violin,
But held it up with a smile.
"What am I bidden, good folks," he cried,
"Who will start bidding for me?
A dollar, a dollar" --then, "Two!" "Only two?
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?
Three dollars, twice;
"Going for three --" But no,
From the room, far back, a gray-haired man
Came forward and picked up the bow;
Then wiping the dust from the old violin,
And tightening the loose strings.
He played a melody pure and sweet
As sweet as a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased and the auctioneer
With a voice that was quiet and low,
Said what am I bidden for the old violin?
And he held it up with the bow.
A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two?

Two thousand! And who'll make it three?
Three thousand, once; three thousand twice;
And going, and gone!" said he.
The people cheered, but some of them cried,
"We do not quite understand
What changed its worth?" Swift came the reply:
"The touch of the master's hand.

And many a man with life out of tune,
And battered and scattered with sin,
Is auctioned off cheap to the thoughtless crowd,
Much like the old violin.
A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine;
A game -- and he travels on.
He's "going" once, and "going" twice,
He's "going" and "almost gone."

But the Master comes and the foolish crowd
Never quite understands
The worth of a soul and the change that's wrought
By the touch of the Master's hand.

I think Ms. Brooks understood what happened to the crippled woman in today's Gospel and how one touch from the Master's Hand can transform a life.

(Brett Blair)

