

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.

LIFE CHAIN 25 – TODAY – OCT. 4

This is the 25th year that Trumbull County LIFE CHAIN will take place. It is part of a national grassroots pro-life prayer event, and usually draws about 500 people from 40 churches across Trumbull County. The Chain is formed on both sides of the street along Elm Rd. from Warren Harding to Warren Plaza from 2:30 to 3:30 PM. SP&P has always been part of this event.

We encourage you to give an hour of your time and prayer to intercede for our nation and its leaders to get our laws in harmony with the laws of the Lord. Please meet near the front of Harding High School at 2:30 PM.

PRAYER FOR THE CONVERSION OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Lord for whom all things are possible, we are confronted with the evil of the abortion industry and the corruption found in the world's largest abortion business. Planned Parenthood. Lord, we pray for all who plan to be parents, and we ask your mercy on those who teach others to reject parenthood. In light of your Word, Lord, we affirm today that children are a blessing from You, the God of life and love.

Therefore, O God, we stand against the evil that has been exposed in Planned Parenthood and in the entire abortion industry. We stand today for the triumph of truth over falsehood, of light over darkness, and life over death. Bring an end to the killing of children in the womb, and bring an end to the sale of their body parts. Bring conversion to all who do this, and enlightenment to all who advocate it.

Close the doors to the death camps in our midst, and open the doors of your mercy and healing! Close the grisly trade of baby parts. And open the abundant gifts of your salvation and life! Hasten the day when our land will no longer be stained with innocent blood, and when the bodies of all your children will be raised from the dead and set free forever. Amen.

Rev. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life

Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of 27 September:

5:00 PM: **57**; 11:00 AM: **88**

Feast of the Protection – Oct. 1: **14**

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: \$2,895.85

Donations received in memory of Robert Kleese \$1,745.00

Donations received in memory of Donald Sutyak \$ 145.00

We thank the families of Robert Kleese and Donald Sutyak for requesting that donations in memory of their loved ones be made to SS. Peter and Paul Church.



- **Sun. Oct. 4** E.C.F. RELIGION CLASSES BEGIN TODAY FOR OUR CHILDREN. 9:30 AM TO 11:45 AM. Please try to have your children on time for classes. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope to have a very good year.
- **Sun. Oct. 4** PLEASE NOTE: Bible Study (Today only) will meet from 5 PM to 7PM
- **Wed. Oct. 7** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program – 9AM to 2 PM – we can use your help!
- **Sun. Oct.11** SP&P Ethnic Dinner and Basket Raffle after the 11 AM Divine Liturgy. Get your dinner tickets early. Very good food! And beautiful Baskets for the Raffle.
- **Tues. Oct. 13** Ladies Guild Meeting – 7 PM in the Social Hall.
- **Mon. Oct. 19** St. Benedict’s Auxiliary Craft Auction and Covered Dish – 5:30 PM in the Social Hall. A good opportunity to look ahead for your Thanksgiving needs and Christmas shopping.



ETHNIC DINNER AND BASKET RAFFLE

The Ladies Guild will be sponsoring an Ethnic Dinner and Gift Basket Raffle on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015**. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this delicious home-made dinner, invite your friends and relatives and give your support to our Ladies Guild, who do so much for us. **Dinner tickets will be available after both Liturgies this weekend of. Adults: \$10.00 Children: (6 and under) \$5.00. Carry-outs are available.** Hope to see you there!

ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION

Sunday October 4, 2015 at St. Michael’s Byzantine Catholic Church Center, 2140 Highland Road, Hermitage, PA. Doors open at 1:00 PM. Drawings start at 2:15 PM. Admission and refreshments are only \$5.00. Let’s give them our support.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FATHER ANDREW

A “Farewell” Reception for Father Andrew is being planned for October 17 and 18 after both Divine Liturgies in the Social Hall. SS. Peter and Paul and St. Michael parishioners are invited to attend to wish Father Andrew well in his new assignment and to thank him for all he has done for our Parish Families.

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday,	4 October	<i>NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Holy Martyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens. Venerable Father Francis of Assisi.</i>
(Vigil Liturgy)	5:00 PM	+Sr. Julia Rohaly (40th Day) – St. Benedict Auxiliary
(SM)	8:30 AM	Prayer Intentions of Rosary Society
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Rose Ann Fetsko – Richard E. Koziel
Monday,	5 October	<i>Holy Martyr Charitina.</i> Archieparchial Clergy Retreat
Tuesday,	6 October	<i>Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas.</i> Archieparchial Clergy Retreat
Wednesday,	7 October	<i>Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus.</i> Archieparchial Clergy Retreat
Thursday,	8 October	<i>Venerable Mother Pelagia.</i> Archieparchial Clergy Retreat
Friday,	9 October	<i>Holy Apostle James Alpheus. Venerable Father Andronicus and His Wife Athanasia. Righteous Forefather Abraham and his Nephew Lot. Holy Martyr Denis, Bishop of Paris.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	10 October	<i>Holy Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia.</i> +Donald Slovinsky – Dad and Family
(PP)	5:00 PM	
Sunday,	11 October	<i>TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL. Holy Apostle Phillip, one of the Seven Deacons. Venerable Father Theophane, the Artist and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicea. Holy Father John XXIII, Pope of Rome.</i>
(SM)	8:30 AM	+Jason Lazor – Greg and Cathie Lazor
(PP)	11:00 AM	+Helen Sekula – M/M Michael Bahrey



Attentive to the Word

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 6:31-36

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One of the most fascinating churchman in recent times was the late Pope John XXIII. He was Pope from 1958 to 1963. He was declared Saint John XXIII in April of 2014.

He is probably best known as the Pope who called for the Second Vatican Council to take place. Some people see Vatican II as the ruination of the church with all of the changes in liturgy or policy. Others see it as the open window of the fresh air of the Holy Spirit in a rigid, closed church at the time. Regardless of how you see Vatican II, Saint John XIII was a colorful, pastoral and holy man.

He had a marvelous quick wit and a sense of humor. He was the first pope to consent to a modern television interview. The television interviewer went to Vatican City and was so taken back about the size of St. Peter's Basilica, the various congregations, buildings, gardens and the sprawling expanse of Vatican City State he asked the Pope, "Holy Father with all of this at that Vatican how many people work here?" He paused a minute and with a big smile replied, "About half of them."

A great book to give you an insight into the heart and mind of this man is, "*A Journal of A Soul*." I recommend it highly.

Pope John XXIII said that the two greatest gifts God gave to us are our heads and our hearts. With our heads we learn; with our hearts, we love. He begged us to learn and to love to the utmost of our ability. Both are important. He said that people of this world need all the love we can give them.

Pope John XXIII was known for his love. He loved not only Catholics but all the peoples of the world. He turned former antagonists of the Church into friends. He did this with love and respect. He opened our hearts and minds to have an ecumenical spirit with those who do not believe the same way as we do.

Today's Gospel tells us the love we should have - not only for friends who love us - but even for our enemies. We can turn enemies into friends with genuine love. Our Lord said: "To you who hear Me, I say: *Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you - Do to others what you would have them do to you.*"

If Christians would live according to these words of Christ, the world would be a much better place in which to live.

We need to build bridges between people instead of walls. Bridges of love, understanding, and good will join people. Hatred, anger, revenge, and prejudice build walls that destroy friendship and understanding. Love can conquer all.

No one who bears the name of Christian can deny the essence of Christianity and the teaching of Christ is his law of love. It must be love in practice.... not just theory.

Many of us are like the child who prayed: "O Lord. I give you all that I am and all that I have." He read this out of his prayer book. Then, realizing what this meant, he hurriedly added: "...that is, all except my little white rabbit."

We all have little white rabbits in some way, stashed away in our minds and hearts. We love, but up to a point. When it means to sacrifice... like loving those who do not love us or those who or are downright mean.... the little white rabbit comes in,..... "all except..." and we fill in the blank.

Jesus' teaching is very clear! He says: "*If you do good to those who do good to you, how can you claim any credit? Sinners do as much. Love your enemy and do good; lend without expecting repayment. Then you will rightly be called sons and daughters of the Most High, since He, Himself is good to the ungrateful and the wicked.*"

Jesus made no exception. He loved everyone --- the old, young, poor, rich, sinner, saint, friends, different races and even enemies of his people. We must learn from Him and make no exceptions in our lives. Easy to say! Difficult to do! If we continue to try our best to live as Jesus has taught us...with His help, we will succeed and gain Eternal Life!