

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Parish 100th Anniversary

During 2017 Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage, observes the 100th Anniversary of its founding. A meeting was held this past week, to plan for this observance. The celebration of the 100th Anniversary is scheduled for Sunday, November 5. The *Hierarchical Divine Liturgy* with Metropolitan Archbishop William will be at 3:00 pm. There will be a festive Anniversary Banquet following the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.

The next meeting to plan for this observance is scheduled for Monday, June 26 at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall. Anyone who is willing to take part in the planning and to assist with the various details of this celebration is welcome to attend this meeting.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for June

- The Church Cleaning for June is scheduled for Monday, June 12, at 9:00 am. *Please note* this change in schedule from the usual first Monday, due to the *Feast of Pentecost Monday* on June 4
- A note of thanks to our volunteers for the monthly *Work Party* and for the *Church Cleaning*.

Annual Festival – Sunday, July 9, 2017

Our *Annual Ethnic Festival* is Sunday, July 9. It is an opportunity to share our heritage as Byzantine Catholics as we welcome friends and neighbors, to enjoy the food, entertainment and games. The next meeting for the Ethnic Festival is Wednesday, June 14, 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall.

- **Festival Tickets** for the prize drawings being distributed *today*. As you pick up the envelope addressed to you please also take envelopes for neighbors, relatives not present today.
- **Fliers/posters** for the Festival are in the narthex *today*. Please pick up some posters, and distribute them at locations throughout town, businesses you frequent, or at work.
- **Bake Sale**—Please make an extra effort to bring **Baked Goods** for this popular feature. Bring Baked Goods to the picnic grounds after the Divine Liturgy the day of the festival.
- **Cooking and Kitchen Tasks**—A schedule for tasks in the kitchen will be listed in the bulletin next Sunday. Volunteers will be needed and welcome during these times
- **Sign-ups** for the annual Ethnic Festival will be posted in the narthex. Please sign-up for one of the baskets for the **Basket Raffle** and to volunteer for the various areas listed.
- Donations for the **Basket of Cheer** are also requested. You may place them in the container in the ushers' room near the narthex.
- **We are eliciting sponsors** to help with the expense of the large tent set up for our patrons to enjoy the live music and for dancing. Please contact Fr. Jim if you know of a business or an individual who may be willing to be a sponsor for the tent.
- On **Saturday, July 8** [the day before the Festival] Help is needed to prepare the grounds and the picnic area, beginning at about 9:00 am.

T.O.R. Franciscan Ordinations to the Priesthood...

We extend congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Father Jason Wooleyhan T.O.R.** and **Father James Puglis T.O.R.** who were ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Mark Bartchak on Saturday, June 10 for the Third Order Regular Franciscans, Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, in Loretto. Father Jason Wooleyhan T.O.R. is a relative of Fr. Jim. **Many, happy years!**

Offering for “Peter’s Pence”

In your packet of offering envelopes is the envelope designated, **“Peter’s Pence”** [June 4]. The purpose of this collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

The **“Peter’s Pence Collection”** unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters.

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle at *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* is offered this week in memory of **+Georgianna Walters**, requested by her sister, Patty Haschak.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Frank Yetsko** [Conemaugh Memorial]’ **Kathryn Mackovyak; Pauline Barelich; George Yatsky; Ruby Moore; Charles and Joan Plishka; Charles Martin Plishka Tom Goncher; Joan Ditko; Cliff Inman; Shawn Crum;** infant **Basil; Ellen Colwell**, Fr. Jim’s sister; **Father Edward Lucas**, a retired priest of the Archeparchy; and all the ill & homebound.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Second Sunday after Pentecost [June 18]**, [Resurrection Troparion Tone 1](#), may be found on [p. 123-125](#).
- The **“Our Father”**, in [Tone 1](#) may be found on p.66.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Fatima Devotions in Loretto

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions, [Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 P.M.](#) at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

The singing will be led by the choir from Saint Benedict’s in Carrolltown and the sermon will be delivered by Fr. Nathan Malavolti, T.O.R. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

Resurrection Parish Annual Parish Summerfest and Picnic Grove

Resurrection Parish 8th Annual Parish Summerfest on Sunday, June 11 at their Picnic Grove in Tanneryville, 926 Cooper Ave. The festival begins at 10:30 AM with an outdoor Mass. Music: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM: Whiskey River Pan Handlers; 5:00 to 9:00 PM: Flood City Brass. Ethnic Food, Baked Goods, Games of Chance, Bar and much more. *Free admission.*

Young Adult Retreat

Mount St. Macrina House of Prayer invites young adults to the annual retreat for men and women, 18-35, **June 23-25**, [7pm Friday to 11am Sunday]. Offering: \$105; to register call 724-438-7149 or hpmsm@verizon.net. Sisters of St. Basil Facebook page has more information.

Questionnaire for the Upcoming Synod of Bishops

Metropolitan William asks for your participation in a questionnaire to gather information for the Synod of Bishops to be held in Rome, October, 2018. For the Questionnaire for the 2018 Synod of Bishops on "*Young People, The Faith and Vocational Discernment*" go to www.archpitt.org, then <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/archpitt>. Printed copies are in the narthex.

Summer Church Music Program for Cantors at Seminary

A summer church music program for cantors and choir directors will be held on July 12-14, 2017 at Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA.

- How to improve the flow, pacing, and effectiveness of liturgical singing
- How to use extemporized natural harmony to enhance plain chant
- How to renew liturgical music in the parish, and increase participation

Registration [\$200] by July 1. Call Deacon Jeffrey Mierzejewski, mci@archpitt.org; (412) 735-1676.

Used Magazines Needed...

A family with a family member with special needs requests *used magazines or merchandise catalogues* with photos. If you have used magazines, catalogues, please bring them to the ushers' room and place in the box designated for this purpose. A note of thanks to those who responded.

"Groovin at the Grove"

Resurrection parish is sponsoring "*Groovin at the Grove*" at their grove in Tanneryville Each Groovin will start with an Outdoor Mass at 5:30 PM, food will be available after Mass. Music from 7 PM to 10 PM. —June 17: *Boomer*; July 22: *Ground Zero*; August 19: *Flood City Brass*.

Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer

At Home: *SS Peter & Paul (Portage)*: Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Cathy Walters; Elsie Timura **St. Michael (South Fork)**: Michelle Maskal; Anna Garanich; Catherine Czapp **St. Mary (Beaverdale)**: Nancy Andrako; Catherine McGough; **SS Peter & Paul (Dunlo)**: Mary Louise Cimba.

Nursing & Other Care Facilities:

- **Saint Benedict Manor, Carrolltown,** Catherine Thrower [Dunlo];
- **Forest Hills Personal Care, Sidman:** Pauline Valko [Dunlo]
- **Meadow View Nursing Center [Berlin]:** Margaret Timura
- **Arbutus Park Manor:** Margaret Rachael [Dunlo]
- **Maple Winds:** June Nezeski; Mary Yetsko; Fred Tutsock
- **The Winds at Mattern Orchard, Duncansville:** Mary Vrabel
- **Brookside Manor, Portage:** Andrew Majer
- **Amber Hills Ebensburg:** Edward Andrykovitch [Beaverdale]; *Father Ronald Borsuk*
- **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak



The Sunday of All Saints

The observance of the ***Sunday of All Saints*** on the Sunday after Pentecost indicates that the Holy Spirit is given precisely to make us holy, sharers in the Divine Life. With the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the fullness of the church with its new life in Christ is now realized. It is through the Holy Spirit that the presence of God is extended through all ages, into our own day and time. The Holy Spirit actively leads and guides the church.

In his Homily on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017, Pope Francis reminded us *that "the Spirit makes of the disciples a new people"* and that *"the Holy Spirit creates in disciples a new heart."* He continued: *"The Holy Spirit is the fire of love burning in the Church and in our hearts, even though we often cover Him with the ash of our sins. Let us ask Him: 'Spirit of God, Lord, who dwell in my heart and in the heart of the Church, guiding and shaping her diversity, come! Like water, we need You to live. Come down upon us anew, teach us unity, renew our hearts and teach us to love as You love us, to forgive as You forgive us.'"*

The work of the Holy Spirit forms the church into a living temple of God. It is through the Holy Spirit that God works personally in our souls and collectively in the community of faith.

This is the work we celebrate and commemorate on this Sunday of All Saints. It is the Holy Spirit who has worked through the Church, inspiring gifts of holiness. We especially remember and honor today the heroes of faith and charity who have emerged as beacons for others.

"Come, O faithful, let us exalt with joy; let us celebrate in faith on this day the feast of all the Saints; and let us venerate their glorious memory, saying: 'Rejoice, Apostles, Prophets and Martyrs, O Bishops O Just and Blessed Ones together with the ranks of the Holy women. Intercede with Christ for us, that her grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.'"

[From Father David Petras, [Light for Life](#), Part Two pp. 37-38]

The Fast of the Holy Apostles

From earliest times, the Church has prepared the faithful with prayer and fasting for the Feast of the Preeminent Apostles Peter and Paul [June 29]. The Fast of the Holy Apostles is observed from the Sunday of All Saints to June 29 [Monday, June 12 to Wednesday, June 28].

The Apostles' Fast marks a recommitment to fasting after the Feast of Pentecost, and is one of five penitential seasons in the Byzantine-Ruthenian Church, and may be observed voluntarily as a time of renewal of faith. It holds particular significance for us, as *Ss. Peter & Paul* in both Portage and Dunlop, for whom this great Feast of the Apostles is the parish patronal feast.

Compline—Evening Prayer

The service of *Compline* [evening prayer] will be prayed at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, June 14.

This brief service consists of Psalms, Troparia, and other prayers to thank God for the day past and also for God's protection on the coming evening. It will be followed by the Festival meeting at 7:00 pm.



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 Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Dunlo)
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Mysteries of Christian Initiation: There is to be preparatory instruction for parents and godparents prior to the celebration of the **Mysteries of Christian Initiation – Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist**. It is desirable that Christian Initiation be celebrated together with the Sunday Divine Liturgy, as the entire faith community welcomes its newest member. Those selected to be sponsors must be persons who are qualified to be a sponsor according to the norms of Church law and practice.

Crowning in Marriage: A six month period of preparation is to precede the marriage. Couples are to meet with the pastor before other arrangements are scheduled. The **Pre-Cana Program** offered by the Archeparchy in the spring of each year is a **required** part of the marriage preparation for all couples.

Holy Anointing & Pastoral Care of the Ill: Please contact the pastor prior to surgery or in the event of illness to require the **Mystery of Holy Anointing**. When you or a family member are hospitalized or enter a nursing home or other facility, **please inform the pastor**. Due to privacy regulations, hospitals and other facilities do not always notify the pastor; and it is best for the family.

Mystery of Repentance (Confessions): Saturdays: 3:00 pm (Portage) and 4:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo). Also, ½ hour before services [except Sunday], and by appointment. Confessions are in the priest's sacristy area, before an icon of Christ, before whom we are confessing our sinfulness.

Opportunities for Stewardship: Parishioners are asked to make a commitment of **Time, Talent, and Treasure...** **Work Parties** are scheduled the first Saturday of each month, and **Church Cleaning** is scheduled the first Monday, unless a Church Feast Day falls on the same date.

Epistle Readers Schedule

<u>Sunday, June 11</u>	<i>Maddy Single</i>	<u>Sunday, June 18</u>	<i>Alex Bisaha</i>
<u>Sunday, June 25</u>	<i>Maddy Single</i>	<u>Sunday, July 2</u>	<i>Alex Bisaha</i>

Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule

<u>Sunday, June 18</u>	Troitsja: <i>Issabella Crum</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u> <i>Ryan Lenz & Christina Goral</i>
<u>Sunday, June 25</u>	Troitsja: <i>Evan Lenz</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u> <i>Hunter Whitcomb & Christina Goral</i>
<u>Sunday, July 2</u>	Troitsja: <i>Sydney Leturgey</i>	<u>Bulletins:</u> <i>Evan Lenz & Bella Crum</i>

Liturgical Schedule 2nd Week After Pentecost —June 11, 2017

Sunday of All Saints

Saturday June 10

Dunlo **5:00 PM** **Vigil Divine Liturgy**
[+Agnes Gindlesperger, by John Garanich & Family]

Sunday June 11

Portage **9:00 AM** **Sunday Divine Liturgy**

Monday June 12

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday June 13

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday June 14

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Betty Christina, by Mrs. William R. Christina, Sr.]
Portage 6:30 PM **Compline**—Evening Prayer

Thursday, June 15

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Charles Hufford, by Bulinsky Family]

Friday June 16

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday, June 17

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
Beaverdale 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

**Second Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day**

Saturday June 17

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** **Vigil Divine Liturgy**
We remember all our Fathers, Living & Deceased

Sunday June 18

Portage **9:00 AM** **Sunday Divine Liturgy**
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