



Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Portage)
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church (Beaverdale)
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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.

Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule

Sunday February 4 Troitsja Evan Lenz

Bulletins: Issabella Crum & Christina Goral

Sunday February 11 Troitsja Sydney Leturgey

Bulletins: Sydney Leturgey & Evan Lenz

Sunday February 18 Troitsja Ryan Lenz

Bulletins: Hunter Whitcomb & Cierra Goral



Meatfare Sunday: Love As the Foundation & the Goal

This Sunday is called **Meatfare Sunday** as the week which follows traditionally is a time of limited fasting. This is part of the Church's process of preparation for the Great Fast. Its design is to adjust us gradually to the efforts of the coming season of Lent.

In several respects, the key element of love as being central to our Christian faith is displayed as this point in our pre-Lenten journey. Yesterday was the commemoration of all the faithful departed. It is love which prompts us to pray for the deceased. We remember them because we love them. And in our prayer we ask God to remember them, that they not be lost or excluded from his kingdom. And so our prayer is for "*eternal memory*", that God remember them, include them, in his Kingdom and in his presence eternally.

So also love is the criterion of the last judgment which is portrayed in today's Gospel [Matthew 25:31-46]. The scene of Christ coming to judge all of humanity is described in a way that stirs up awe and elicits fear, trembling. The Gospel reminds us that it is love for he "*least of these*" by which our judgment is determined. This means not simply an abstract, impersonal idea of love or justice. It is rather concrete and personal love for the human person. And it is love for the unique human person whom God brings me to encounter in my life, at this particular time.

The awareness of this responsibility and the nearness of the Lord and of the prospect of that final and awesome judgment, is meant to assist us in our preparation in this final week before the Great Fast.

[Adapted from Father Alexander Schmemmann, Great Lent, pp. 23-26]

Lenten Study and Reflection Series

We plan to offer some classes of study and reflection during the weeks of the Great Fast. These are scheduled to begin on Sunday, February 18, the first Sunday of the Great Fast. If you have suggestions, ideas or comments in this regard please let Father Jim know. It is our hope to offer an opportunity that will help to instruct and build up the faith of our parish communities.

We hope to have more information on these sessions in next Sunday's bulletin.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program

This week, **Carol Goral** will have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon** Program to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, monastic and religious life. The **Pilgrim Vocation Icon** program is an opportunity to have this icon for the week to pray for and encourage vocations. There is a need for additional parishioners and families to sign up to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon. A list for the coming months is in the narthex.



Coffee Social for February – TODAY

There IS a **Coffee and Donut Social TODAY--Sunday, February 4**, following the 9 am Divine Liturgy. Please take this opportunity to greet fellow parishioners and enjoy the coffee and refreshments.

Statements of Parishioners' Offerings

Statements of 2017 parishioner offerings for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage are being distributed today. Statements for Beaverdale and Dunlo parishioners were distributed previously. If you have questions concerning your 2017 offerings statement, call the rectory office [814-736-9780] or send request to james_armand_spontak@verizon.net.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Church Cleaning & Work Party for February

- The *Church Cleaning* for February is scheduled for Monday, February 6, at 9:00 am.
- Thanks once again to those who volunteer for the monthly *Church Cleaning* and *Work Party*.

Parish Advisory Council Meetings

The next meeting of the *Parish Advisory Council* for Saints Peter & Paul, Portage is on Thursday, February 8, at 7:00pm. Minutes of previous meeting will be included in next Sunday's bulletin.

The next meeting of the *Parish Advisory Council* for Saint Mary's, Beaverdale and Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo is Monday, February 19, at 7:00 pm.

Church Kitchen Project-

A note of thanks to those who helped with the church kitchen project to organize and identify kitchen equipment and supplies which took place over several weeks in January. There are a variety of items that are no longer useful or needed. These are available for sale. These items are in the church hall, placed near the kitchen entrance. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, or if you know of someone who might have need of any of these items, please let Father Jim know.

Prayer Partners for the Great Fast

Following the Divine Liturgy for *Cheesefare Sunday [Forgiveness Sunday]* there will be an opportunity to select *Prayer Partners* for Great Lent. You may use the form below to enter your name in the box that will be in the back of church. There will also be blank forms available on the table which you may use to enter your name.

Names will be drawn at the conclusion of the Vigil Liturgy in Beaverdale next Saturday, February 10 and at the, and at the Divine Liturgy in Portage on Sunday February 11.

Name: _____

Thank you for praying for me!

"I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for you. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perfection, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God." [Philippians 1:3-4, 9-

State Representative Frank Burns Presents 100th Anniversary Citation

State Representative Frank Burns sponsored in the Pennsylvania State Assembly a Citation for the 100th Anniversary of Saints Peter and Paul Church Portage. Representative Burns presented this 100th Anniversary Citation here on Friday, February 2. A note of thanks to those who attended to welcome State Representative Frank Burns for the presentation of the 100th Anniversary Citation. Also, our thanks to those who helped prepare and arrange the Coffee Social for this occasion.

The citations for the 100th Anniversary both from the State Senate, sponsored by State Senator Wayne Langerholc and from Pennsylvania State Assembly sponsored by Representative Frank Burns will be displayed in the social room of the church hall.

Eternal Memory-

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+ Mary Yetsko** who fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, January 29. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to her daughter Karen Cehelnik and to all of her family.

The Byzantine Catholic World

The **Byzantine Catholic World [BCW]** is published once-a-month and provides news of our Archeparchy, its parishes and the church throughout the world. The annual subscription rate is \$14.

There is an envelope in your packet of offering envelopes dated January 28 which you may use to begin or renew your annual subscription. *Thank you!*

Memorial Donations...

We gratefully acknowledge donations to Saint Mary, Beaverdale In memory of **+Mildred Fedore** from the following donors:

- JoAnne & Joseph Salvatore, Greensburg, Pennsylvania
- Bill & Sherry Gillespie, Sewickley, Pennsylvania
- Arthur & Stacy Lynn Anastos, Norwell, Massachusetts
- Timothy & Jean Hughes, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania

Liturgical Chant –Pre-Lenten Sundays

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for Sunday, February 11, are: Resurrection Troparion Tone 3 on p. 135-137, and for **Cheesefare Sunday** on p. 218-219.
- The “*Our Father*”, in Tone 3 may be found on p. 68. Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns, and other alternate melodies etc.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Anna Bridge; Elaine Kachmar; Alina Rusnak; George Yatsky; Barbara Raptosh; Kathryn Mackovyak; Pauline Barelich; Ruby Moore; Charles and Joan Plishka; Tom Goncher; Patrick & Joan Ditko; Helena Ditko; Cliff Inman; Shawn Crum; Carson James; Basil; Ellen Colwell; Archpriest Dennis Bogda;; Father Paul Tigyer; Trevor & Tiffany** and their infant, **Lakota**; and all the ill & homebound.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

ByzanTEEN Youth Rally—July 5-8 2018 “Who Is My Neighbor?” Saint Vincent College, Latrobe Pennsylvania

Daily Email Prayers from Eastern Christian Publications

Eastern Christian Publications, supplier of our Sunday Bulletin covers, is offering daily email prayer service for Morning and Evening Prayer, including the 1st, 3rd 6th and 9th Hours; and Daily Vespers (not Sundays or Feast days) for FREE. Go to their website <http://ecpubs.com/byzantine-daily-office-bdo/> and sign up. This subscription service includes all the changeable parts you need according to the Byzantine Liturgical Calendar in various PDF files viewable on any portable device

Computer- And Internet-Based Education Program for Cantors

The Metropolitan Cantor Institute offers computer- and Internet-based education program for cantors. The **Introduction to Church Singing class** covers *the role of the cantor; fundamentals of music theory and sight-singing; basic vocal technique; psalms, basic responses, and litanies in our chant tradition and the spirit of our chant*. Later courses cover the Divine Liturgy, the Eight Tones, Vespers, and special services. Courses use recorded singing by students, with feedback from cantors and voice teachers to help students improve knowledge and performance of church singing. Contact **Deacon Jeffrey Mierzejewski** (412 735-1676); mci@archpitt.org; <http://mci.archpitt.org/MCI>.

Used Magazines Needed...

Please continue to bring *used magazines or merchandise catalogues* with photos at your convenience to ushers' room and place in the box designated for this purpose. Thanks to those who responded. A family with a family member with special needs requests these as an ongoing need.

Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer

At Home: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Cathy Walters; Elsie Timura; Catherine Czapp **St. Michael (South Fork):** Michelle Maskal; **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]
- **Autumn View:** June Nezneski
- **The Winds at Mattern Orchard, Duncansville:** Mary Vrabel
- **Amber Hills Ebensburg:** Edward Andrykovitch [Beaverdale]; *Father Ronald Borsuk*
- **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak
- **Rose of Sharon Home, Saint Michael:** Anna Garanich

A Prayer for Vocations...

“Lord, our God, You established the Church as a sign of your continuing presence in the world. We ask You to raise up faithful ministers in your Church to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life, so that the message of faith, justice and love contained in the Gospel may be brought into the hearts of all people. For You are holy our God, and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.”

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered this week for *+Fred Tutsock*, requested by Joyce Puch.

Liturgical Schedule Cheesefare Week — February 4, 2018

Sunday of Meatfare		
Saturday February 3		
Dunlo	5:00 PM	Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Walter Prozialeck, requested by Debby & John Yankoski]
Sunday February 4		
Portage	9:00 AM	Sunday Divine Liturgy

Monday, February 5

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday February 6

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday, February 7

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday, February 8

Portage	7:45 AM	The Third Hour [+Audrey Pyo, by Paul Vrabel]
	8:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

Friday, February 9

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday, February 10

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

Sunday of Cheesefare		
Saturday February 10		
Beaverdale	5:00 PM	Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sunday February 11		
Portage	9:00 AM	Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Joseph & +Anna Homa requested by Jackie and Amber Gordon]