



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

Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule

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| <u>Sunday April 29</u> | <u>Troitsja</u> Evan Lenz | <u>Bulletins:</u> Cierra Goral & Hunter Whitcomb |
| <u>Sunday May 6</u> | <u>Troitsja</u> Sydney Leturgey | <u>Bulletins</u> Christina Goral & Issabella Crum |
| <u>Sunday May 13</u> | <u>Troitsja</u> Ryan Lenz | <u>Bulletins:</u> Sydney Leturgey & Evan Lenz |

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!
Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!



The Samaritan Woman

The Week of the Samaritan Woman “The Samaritan woman, Photina, is an image of our baptism. Though the well of Jacob could not quench her thirst, the Lord revealed to her true worship of the Father in spirit and truth. In this week we draw of the water of the well of enlightenment and imitate the holy and repentant Photina, the woman enlightened by our Lord. Her feast day is February 26.”

[Father David Petras, Typicon, p.

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Mother’s Day/Father’s Day Breakfast—TODAY

The **Annual “Mother’s Day/Father’s Day” Breakfast** is TODAY, following the Divine Liturgy. Our thanks to **Kim Rocker** and the members of her family for preparing and cooking today’s breakfast as we gather to honor both all the *Mother* and *Fathers* of our parish communities. At the breakfast we will also acknowledge **Graduates of the Class of 2018** from our parish family.

Congratulations—Graduates—Class of 2017!

Today we recognize those from our parish family who have graduated or earned degrees. We offer them prayerful support as they pursue future goals:



Kayla Bergman, Portage Area High School; she will attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Issabella Crum, Portage Area High School; she will attend Mount Aloysius College.

Justin Fleck, Blacklick Valley High School; he will attend Mount Aloysius College and study Criminal Justice.

Samantha Hook, Robert Morris University, B.S. degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology, *Summa Cum Laude*.

Anastasia Miller, Forest Hills High School; she will attend Penn Highlands College to pursue Associated Degree in Medical Assistant Technology.

Christiauna Miller, Mount Aloysius College; Associated Degree in Nursing, Registered Nurse; she will continue her education for Bachelor’s in Nursing

Alyssa Murphy, Forest Hills High School with Highest Honors; she will attend Lehigh University majoring in Bioengineering.

John Rocker, Penn Cambria High School; he has enlisted in the *United States Air Force*.

Please let Father Jim know of any additions or corrections to this list. Thank you.

First Confession Celebration

In our Eastern Christian Formation program this year, **Jakob Czapp** has prepared for the Holy Mystery of Repentance and will have his first Confession on **Friday, May 4. Next Sunday, May 5** he will celebrate this important event together with our parish family at the Divine Liturgy.

Please remember in your prayers Jakob and his family on this happy occasion.

The Paschal Season

- We share the greeting “**Christ is risen!**”, “**Indeed He is risen!**” from now until Ascension, which is derived from the greeting of the disciples [[Luke 24:34](#)].
- Through the fifty days from Pascha [Sunday of the Resurrection] until Pentecost, there is no kneeling at any time of prayer.

Called by Name

The **Called by Name** program is an opportunity to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in the priesthood, diaconate, monastic and religious life.

Mail your “**Called By Name**” recommendation card to Fr. Kevin E. Marks, Director of Vocations. Copies of the brochure with the recommendation card are in the narthex. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, monastic and religious life.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

“Gob” Baking Project for Annual Festival

A “**Gob**” Baking project for the Annual Festival is being planned. The Gobs will be frozen and sold at the Bake Sale at the Festival. The **Gob Baking Project** is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 16** in the church kitchen, beginning at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to come and help.

The next meeting to plan for the **Annual Festival** is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 23** at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall. This year’s Festival is on Sunday, **July 8, 2018**.

Parish Advisory Council Meetings

- The next meeting of the **Parish Advisory Council** for *Saints Peter & Paul, Portage* is scheduled for **Thursday, May 3** at 7:00 pm in the conference of the rectory.
- The next meeting of the **Parish Advisory Council** for *Saint Mary’s, Beaverdale and Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo* **Monday, May 14** at 7:00 pm in the conference of the rectory.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for May

- The **Work Party** for May is scheduled for **Saturday, May 5**, at 9:00 am.
- The **Church Cleaning** for May is scheduled for **Monday, May 7**, at 9:00 am.
- A note of thanks to those who volunteer for the monthly **Church Cleaning** and **Work Party**.

Cemetery Project—*Thank You*

The strong winds of several storms in the winter and early spring resulted in tree limbs and branches being scattered at the Saints Peter and Paul, Portage cemetery.

A **note of thanks** to those volunteers who responded to the need to clear and dispose of the limbs and branches over the past week: Larry Dipko; Gene Krupa; Jonathan Mackovyak; Ernest Podrasky; and Dave Yetsko.

Covered Dish Social in Dunlo

A Covered Dish Social will be held **Saturday, May 5**, following the Vigil Divine Liturgy at Ss. Peter & Paul, Dunlo. Parishioners are asked to bring an *entrée, side dish, salad, bread or rolls, dessert, etc.*



ECF Students—Troitsja and Bulletins

A *note of thanks* to our junior high and high school students for their participation at the Divine Liturgy in holding the Troitsja at the Divine Liturgy and distributing bulletins.

We will continue to schedule the students over the summer months. Please let Father Jim know the Sundays or weeks when you will not be available [vacations, etc.]. *Thank you*

Liturgical Chant –Paschal Season

- The Troparion and other parts of the Divine Liturgy for **next Sunday, May 6**, the *Sunday of the Man Born Blind* may be found in the Divine Liturgy books from [pages 189-191](#).
- The Magnification [The Angel Exclaimed] and the *Our Father* in the Paschal Tone are on [page 167](#).
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of *Donald Timura; Andrew Merva* [Maple Winds]; *Shawn Crum; Dorothy, Phil* and *Cathy Walters; Elizabeth Maskal; Alina Rusnak; George* and *Nancy Yatsky; Barbara Raptosh; Ruby Moore; Charles* and *Joan Plishka; Tom Goncher; Patrick & Joan Ditko; Helena Ditko; Cliff Inman; Father Paul Tigyer*; and all the ill & homebound.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Byzantine Catholic Seminary—18th Annual Cyril & Methodius Lecture

Archbishop Alexander (Golitzin) will be the speaker at the 18th annual Ss. Cyril and Methodius Lecture of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm. He will speak on "*The Place of the Presence of God: Aphrahat of Persia's Portrait of the Christian Holy Man.*" The lecture will be held at St. John Cathedral Center, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, PA 15120.

For information, please call the Seminary office at 412-321-8383 or visit the website www.bcs.edu.

Women's Day of Reflection

The Archeparchial Office of Religious Education 15th annual *Day of Reflection for Women* is **Saturday, May 5**, 9 am-2:30 pm, at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, Munhall. The theme is "*Angels Build Bridges*". *Auction of Baskets* will benefit local women's shelters. Brochures are in the narthex or call [412-322-8773](tel:412-322-8773). The cost is \$25 and includes lunch.

"Rejoice and Be Glad!" Presented by Archeparchial Choir

The *Archeparchial Choir* offers an inspirational presentation "*Rejoice and Be Glad*" at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall **Sunday, May 6** at 3:00 p.m. The program celebrates the Resurrection in readings, hymns and songs. A hospitality reception with light snacks and beverages will follow the program in the Cathedral's lower level.

ByzanTEEN Youth Rally—July 5-8 2018 at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe

The ByzanTEEN Youth Rally will be July 5-8 2018—at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe Pennsylvania, on the theme, “*Who Is My Neighbor?*” Registration forms are available from Father Jim.

Rummage Sale at Saint Michael’s Church, Canonsburg

St. Michael's Church, 166 E. College Street, Canonsburg, PA 15317 is having a *Rummage & Bake Sale*, Saturday, May 5, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM. Clothing, tools, toys, household items, books, collectibles and much more. Baked goods will be for sale as well. If you have items to donate for the sale, contact Linda at 412-638-9941. Thank you very much.

Helping Hands Day 2018

The *Greek Catholic Union [GCU]* and the Sisters of St. Basil the Great invite you to *Helping Hands Day*, Mount Saint Macrina, Uniontown Saturday, June 2 at 9:30 am to help beautify the grounds. Monetary contributions toward the purchase of flowers at Mt. St. Macrina may be made to: *Helping Hands Day [Mt. St. Macrina]*; GCU Fraternal Department; 5400 Tuscarawas Rd.; Beaver, PA 15009.

Byzantine Catholic Seminary Master of Arts in Theology Online Courses

This fall 2018, the Byzantine Catholic Seminary is making available its *Master of Arts in Theology* degree program with fully online courses. Byzantine Online seeks to produce exceptional academic leaders in Eastern Christian theology, scripture and dogma. Information at online.bcs.edu.

Rural Conference for Cancer Survivors

The *Rural Conference for Cancer Survivors*, will be held Sat. May 5, at the *Living-Learning Center*, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. FREE admission and lunch. For cancer survivors, families, caregivers, and friends. The event includes speakers, panel discussions, interactive sessions, and exhibits from organizations helping improve the lives of cancer survivors. Brochures in the narthex.

Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer

At Home: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Catherine Czapp Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Cathy Walters; Elsie Timura; Helen Zaher; **St. Michael (South Fork):** Michelle Maskal; **St. Mary (Beaverdale):** Nancy Andrako; Elaine Kachmar; 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
- **Maple Winds, Portage:** Andrew Merva

Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program

This week, **Steve** and **Mary Lou Paluch** will have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon** to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and monastic religious life. During *April, May* and *June*, parishioners of Saint Mary's, Beaverdale and Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo, are invited to sign-up on the sheet in the narthex to volunteer to have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon** to pray for vocations.

Liturgical Schedule Fifth Paschal Week—April 29, 2018

Fifth Paschal Sunday--Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Post-festive Day of Mid-Pentecost

Saturday April 28

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday April 29

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+ Ed "Moose" Pyo by George Pyo, Brother]

Monday, April 30

Portage 7:40 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Marge Tigyer, by Barb & John Havrilla]

Tuesday May 1

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday May 2

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday May 3

Portage 7:40 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Jerry Kinback, by Debbie & Gary Krisko]

Friday May 4

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday May 5

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

Sixth Paschal Sunday--Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Saturday May 5

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy
[+Elizabeth Harrigal, requested by Doug & March Roxby]

Sunday May 6

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