



SS. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Portage)
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church (Beaverdale)
Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Dunlo)
Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh
Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla, D.D.
Served by: Very Rev. Fr. James A. Spontak
Fr. Deacon Daniel F. Perich
Rectory: 143 Church Drive Portage, PA 15946
Phone: 814-736-9780 Fax: 814-736-8701
Website: www.ByzantineCatholic.net

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

<u>Sunday June 3</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Christina Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Issabella Crum & Evan Lenz
<u>Sunday June 10</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Issabella Crum	<u>Bulletins:</u> Ryan Lenz & Sydney Leturgey
<u>Sunday June 17</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Evan Lenz	<u>Bulletins</u> Hunter Whitcomb & Cierra Goral



Sundays after Pentecost: The Gospel of Saint Matthew

Today, the Second Sunday after Pentecost, we have the first of the Sunday readings from Saint Matthew. The *Apostolic Readings* are from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans for the next six Sundays. Today the continuous reading of Saint Matthew begins with the call of the first disciples.

Throughout the Old and New Testaments the calls of a variety of significant participants in God's plan are recorded: Abraham, Moses, the prophets, the Apostle Paul, and Mary the Mother of God at the Annunciation. Each may face obstacles, personal limitations or hesitations. But for each the call from the Lord draws them into the design of God for their lives. Listening to today's Gospel may serve to awaken and alert each one of us to God's call in our own lives, to share in the path of being a disciple as those whose lives and witness proclaim the Kingdom of God.

Seminarian Kyprian Wojciechowski Assigned for Pastoral Practicum

Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla has appointed *Seminarian Kyprian Wojciechowski* as part of his seminary formation to serve a Pastoral Practicum Program at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage, from Friday, June 8 until Friday, July 27, 2018. Seminarian Kyprian Wojciechowski has completed his first year of theology in the formation program at Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh.

We are grateful to Metropolitan William for this opportunity to share in Kyprian's formation for the holy priesthood during his Pastoral Practicum Program this summer. We look forward to welcoming him this week. Following both the Vigil Divine Liturgy in Beavertown on Saturday, June 9 and the Divine Liturgy in Portage on Sunday, June 10 parishioners will have the opportunity to meet Kyprian and extend a welcome to him to our parish communities.

Deacon Formation Program Accepting New Applicants for 2019

The admissions process for the **2019 Deacon Formation Program** is now open. Men 30-60 who are discerning a call to service in the Church are encouraged to apply. **Deadline for registration form is July 8, 2018.** Classes for the first year of the four-year program will be held June 16-29, 2019 at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. A two-week residency is required each year.

Please submit the registration form and once received, candidates will then be mailed an application packet. For any further inquiries, you may see our pastor, e-mail vocations@archpitt.org, or phone the Office of Vocations at 412-231-4000 or 412-480-4508.

The Fast of the Holy Apostles

The Church prepares for the Feast of the Preeminent Apostles Peter and Paul [June 29] with the Fast of the Holy Apostles, Monday, May 28 to Thursday, June 28. The Apostles' Fast may be observed voluntarily as a time of renewal of faith. It holds particular significance for *Ss. Peter & Paul* in both Portage and Dunlop, for whom this Feast of the Apostles is the parish patronal feast.

Most Reverend Milan Lach, S.J. Named Bishop of Parma

On June 1, 2018, the Holy Father Francis has appointed as bishop of Parma of the Ruthenians, United States of America, **Most Reverend Milan Lach, S.J.** Bishop Milan had been appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy of Parma on June 24, 2017. *Many, Happy Years!*

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Church Cleaning & Work Party for June

- The **Church Cleaning** for June is scheduled for **Monday, June 4**, at 9:00 am.
- A note of thanks to those who come for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

“Gob” Baking Project for Annual Festival

Gobs for the Bake Sale at the Annual Festival will be made on Wednesday, June 13 and Thursday, June 14, at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to come and help.

Annual Festival-- Sunday, July 8, 2018

- **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.
- In the narthex are letters asking local businesses and merchants for donations of gift baskets, gift certificates, merchandise, for our basket raffle. Please take one or several to businesses or merchants you patronize, to request their support.
- Last year, there was a fine response to the appeal for an extra effort for the **Bake Sale**. Please help us again to have ample display of Baked Goods for this popular feature.
- Donations for the **Basket of Cheer** are also requested. You may place them in the container in the ushers' room near the narthex
- Please contact Fr. Jim if you know of a business or an individual who may be willing to be a *sponsor to help with the expense of the large tent* used to enjoy the bands and for dancing.
- The next meeting for the **Annual Festival** is **Wednesday, June 20** at 7:00 pm in the social room of the hall. This year's Festival is on **Sunday, July 8, 2018**.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Third Sunday after Pentecost [June 10]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 2, may be found on p. 130-132.
- The “*Our Father*”, in Tone 2 may be found on p.67.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Emily Nezniski; 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.

Offering for “Peter’s Pence”

In your packet of offering envelopes is the envelope designated, “*Peter’s Pence*” [June 3]. This collection provides the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. To learn more about the “*Peter’s Pence*” Collection, please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

22nd Annual Great Portage Yard Sale

This year's sale is **Saturday, June 9**, 8am--3pm. Participants have a numbered sign and balloons to mark sale site and are listed on the event map. Maps available at Portage Station Museum, 400 Lee Street, Tuesdays through Saturdays Noon to 4 pm, or the day of the event.

Pilgrimage Tour to Austria, Hungary, Slovakia and Ukraine

Bishop Milan Lach, SJ, apostolic administrator of Parma, will lead pilgrims to Austria, Hungary, Slovakia and Ukraine, September 16-28, 2018. The pilgrimage is in honor of Our Lady of Mariapoch and in the footsteps of our three Ruthenian martyred bishops, Paul Gojdich, Basil Hopko and Theodore Romzha. The itinerary and registration information for this pilgrimage are available and at www.parma.org. Brochures and registration forms are in the narthex.

9th Annual Parish Summerfest

Resurrection Parish is having their **9th Annual Parish Summerfest** Sunday, June 10 at their Picnic Grove in Tanneryville, (926 Cooper Ave.), from 10:30 AM [outdoor Mass] until 9:00 PM. Music: 1:00 to 4:30 PM 3 of Hearts —5:30 to 8:30PM Flood City Brass. Ethnic Food: Potato Pancakes, Haluski, German Potato Salad, Pierogi, Pigs, Kielbasa, Pulled Pork, Walking Taco, Grilled Chicken Salad, Hot Sausage, French Fries, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, and Baked Goods. There will be Games of Chance, a Bar and much more. *Free Admission*. Hope to see you there.

Oriente Lumen XXII Conference in Washington, DC

The ***Oriente Lumen XXII*** will be held June 18-21, 2018 at the Washington Retreat House, Washington, DC. The theme for the conference is "Sister Churches: Fact or Fiction?" Speakers will discuss the term "sister churches" from their own perspective. ***Oriente Lumen*** includes presentations by theologians, liturgical celebrations and a "*dialogue of love and understanding*."

Information, and registration available at www.olfoundation.com; or 703-691-8862.

Fatima Devotions in Loretto

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the ***Fatima Devotions*** on Wednesday June 13, at **6:30 P.M.** in the Sunken Gardens. (In case of inclement weather, the devotions will be at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the Saint Francis University Campus).

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

Young Adult Retreat

Young Adults are gathering Friday, June 22-Sunday, 24, for a weekend retreat, "*Joyfully Adulthood*" at the House of Prayer, Mount St. Macrina, Uniontown, Pennsylvania. The retreat begins Friday, 7:00 p.m. and concludes 12:00 p.m. on Sunday. Young adults are working with Sister Barbara Jean, OSBM to prepare the program which includes conferences, break-out groups, confessions, prayers services and Divine Liturgy. Offering: \$110.00 Registration June 15. Call 724-438-7149.

Resurrection Parish Picnic Grove Rental Dates Available

Check your calendars to see what important events are coming up in your life. *Resurrection Picnic Grove* can be rented for Wedding Receptions, Showers, Birthday Parties, Anniversary Parties, Graduation Parties, Reunions, etc. Call Joann at Parish Office [539-5788 #3] for details.

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 deadline: June 15 2018. The registration fee is \$335 [May 1-June 16]. Registration forms are available from Father Jim.

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. These classes are consistent with those offered on campus and utilize many of our in-house faculty. In keeping with our mission statement, "...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" (Mt. 28:20), Byzantine Online seeks to produce exceptional academic leaders in Eastern Christian theology, scripture and dogma. A new chaplaincy focus has been added as well. Through Byzantine Online, one has the chance to join with a Catholic community who by God's grace will form some of the Church's leaders. More information can be found at online.bcs.edu.

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 Nezniski
- **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:** Elsie Timura

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle at *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* is offered this week in memory of **+John Halovich**, requested by his Louise Halovich.

Liturgical Schedule 3rd Week After Pentecost —June 3, 2018

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday June 2

Dunlo **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday June 3

Portage

9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy [Health of Mary Zaliznock, by Julie Brenna]

Monday June 4

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday June 5

Portage

7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+George Raptosh, by Francis & Joan Grecek]

Wednesday, June 6

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday, June 7

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Friday June 8

Portage

7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Delores Hollop, by Mike Mazur & Family]

Saturday June 9

Portage

3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Beaverdale

4:30 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday June 9

Beaverdale

5:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Agnes Kuska by George T. Fedore]

Sunday June 10

Portage

9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy