



SS. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Portage)
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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 to notify the pastor.

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 July 1

Troitsja Ryan Lenz

Bulletins: Evan Lenz & Sydney Leturgey

Sunday July 8

Troitsja Hunter Whitcomb

Bulletins Hunter Whitcomb Ryan Lenz

Sunday July 15

Troitsja Cierra Goral

Bulletins: Christina Goral & Cierra Goral



Happy Fourth of July—Independence Day Holiday

During the *Anaphora* [prayer of offering the Eucharist] at the Divine Liturgy we pray for those who serve our nation: ***“We further offer you this spiritual sacrifice for the whole world; for our government and all in the service of our country. Let them govern in peace, O Lord, that in their tranquility we may lead a calm and quiet life in all piety and holiness.”*** These words reflect the same intentions expressed by Saint Paul in 1 Timothy 2:2. This week on Wednesday, July 4 we celebrate ***Independence Day***. Our Fourth of July holiday is an occasion for gratitude for our nation’s liberty and for the opportunities it provides us. We enjoy the blessing of religious liberty so that we might pursue the peaceful, godly life highlighted in the prayer of the Liturgy and by Saint Paul.

Have an enjoyable Fourth of July holiday. May we celebrate this observance with gratitude and prayerful remembrance of the needs of our nation and all of its people.

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. Submit the registration form; candidates will be mailed an application packet. For information, contact Fr. Jim, e-mail vocations@archpitt.org, or phone the Office of Vocations at 412-231-4000 or 412-480-4508.

Altar Servers

Saints Peter and Paul Church in Portage is in need of Altar Servers. Boys who have completed their first Confession preparation are encouraged to consider serving at the Divine Liturgy. Please contact Father Jim or Deacon Dan. Once we hear from prospective candidates for servers we will contact you to arrange practice sessions. Seminarian Kyprian will help in presenting these sessions.

A Celebration of Marriage

The annual celebration to honor married couples observing their ***Wedding Anniversaries of 10, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, or additional years that are multiples of five*** in 2018 is on **Sunday, September 9**. A Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by Metropolitan William at St. Elias Church in Munhall at 3 pm, followed by a dinner. Please inform Father Jim if you are observing one of these anniversaries in 2018 so that you may receive an invitation and a Certificate from Metropolitan William in commemoration of your jubilee.

Many, Happy Years!

Most Reverenced Milan Lach, SJ was enthroned as Bishop of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma on Saturday, June 30 at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Parma, Ohio.

We offer congratulations and our prayerful best wishes to Bishop Milan, the clergy and faithful of the Eparchy of Parma on this occasion. ***Many Happy Years! Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!***

"Faith & Fun Day" is Tuesday, July 31

Altar Servers! The annual "**Faith & Fun**" day is Tuesday, July 31. Open to all active altar servers (elementary through college), this day sponsored by the Office of Vocations is a way to say "thank you" to altar servers. From The Divine Liturgy, to a hearty lunch, to a visit to the Pittsburgh Zoo, and ending with a Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Game, you'll have a truly memorable experience. Don't delay — space is limited, so see your pastor to sign up!

Visits to the Homebound

Pastoral Visits to the homebound will be scheduled in the coming weeks. Seminarian Kyprian is serving a Pastoral Practicum Program through Friday, July 27 and will come with Father Jim for visits to the homebound. You will be contacted by telephone to arrange a day and time.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Annual Picnic--Festival Sunday, July 8, 2018

- Entertainment will feature great live music:
 - "**BRONCO and the RHINELANDERS**", playing from Noon to 3:30 pm.
 - "**FULL KILT**" *Celtic Rock*-- from 4:30 until 8:00 pm
- **This Saturday, July 7**, the day before the Festival, there will be many details to set up and prepare the picnic grounds. **Help is needed**—beginning at 9:00 am
- **Sign-up** lists to volunteer for the various areas listed for the picnic and for the **Basket Raffle** are posted in the narthex. Please sign-up to *volunteer* and for one of the Baskets.
- Please sell or buy **Festival Tickets** for the prize drawings and return them by next Sunday.
- **Fliers/posters** for the Festival are in the narthex. Please take some posters to distribute at locations throughout town, businesses you frequent, or at work.
- Deadline for donations for the **Basket of Cheer** [in the narthex] is **today—Sunday, July 1**.
- **Bake Sale**—*Bring Baked Goods to the picnic grounds after the Divine Liturgy the day of the festival.*
- **Plastic Shopping Bags**-- We are in need of plastic shopping bags [from supermarkets, etc.] for take-out food orders. Bring them to the ushers' room or to the outdoor kitchen.
- **We are eliciting sponsors** to help with the expense of the tent for the live music and for dancing. Contact Fr. Jim to identify a business or individual as a potential tent sponsor.

Homemade "Gobs" for the Festival

Gobs are available for sale, [\$1/each or \$11/dozen] after the Liturgy on Sunday, in the church kitchen. The **Gobs** were made for the Bake Sale at the Annual Festival.

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle at *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* is offered this week for the health of **Joan Ditko**, requested by Patrick & Joan Ditko.

Kitchen and Other Tasks for the Festival...

You are welcome to volunteer for any of these times when you may be available to assist

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| Tues. July 3: | <u>8:00 am</u> | <i>core cabbage; make hamburgers, "Sloppy Joes"</i> |
| Thurs. July 5: | <u>8:00 am</u> | <i>shred cabbage & steam; make halushki roast pork</i> |
| | <u> pm</u> | set up tents |
| Fri. July 6: | <u>8:00 am</u> | <i>make holubki; cut & boil hot sausage; cut kielbasa & green peppers</i> |

Church Cleaning for July

- The Church Cleaning for July is scheduled for **Monday, July 2**, at 9:00 am.
- Our thanks to the **Work Party Church Cleaning** monthly volunteers.

Parish Facebook Page

Parishioners who are on **Facebook** are asked to find us at **Sts Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church** and "*like*" the page. Also please share the post about the picnic with friends and family.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost [July 8]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 6, may be found on p. 152-153.
- The "*Our Father*", in Tone 6 may be found on p.71.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Elsie Timura** [Maple Winds]; **Lori Murphy**; **Emily Neznieski**; **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**; **Archpriest Dennis Bogda** and all the ill & homebound.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Summerfest Nameboard Tickets

\$10,000 Summerfest Nameboard Tickets are available at local business. The Nameboard is the main fundraiser for the Portage Endowment which benefits local organizations.

Fatima Devotions in Loretto

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the **Fatima Devotions** on Friday July 13, at **6:30 P.M.** in the Sunken Gardens. (In case of inclement weather, the devotions will be at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel). The singing will be led by the "T.O.R. Novitiate Choir" and the sermon will be delivered by Bro. Daniel-Maria Klimek, T.O.R.

We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

"Summer Food & Fun" at the Portage Library

Free for all kids 18 and under Summer Food Program offers: Free meals for anyone 18 and under. No registration required. Join us at Portage Public Library! June 12--July 26, Tuesday,-Wednesday,-Thursday/Lunch 12-1; Wednesdays/Snack 11:15-11:45 am.

Byzantine Family Day at Kennywood Park,

The **98th Annual GCU & Byzantine Family Day** is Thursday, July 26, at Kennywood Park, 10:30 am until Close. Prepaid, discounted ticket books and catered lunch tickets are available through the GCU. Deadline for tickets: Monday, July 9. *FunDay Ticket* (ages 3-54): \$24.00; *Senior FunDay Ticket* (55+): \$14.00; *Super Senior FunDay* (70+): \$10.00; *Catered Lunch* (11+): \$15.00 or \$8.00 for ages 3-10.

There is a Prayer Service at 11:30 am followed by a performance by the *Slavjane Folk Ensemble*. For tickets, contact Fr. Jim, or call the GCU [724-495-3400 ext. 3809]; or email events@GCUusa.com.

Saint Francis University's Adult Degree & Continuing Studies Program

Are you looking for a career change? Interested in going back to school?

Saint Francis University's Adult Degree & Continuing Studies offers programs in business, early childhood education, behavioral science, health studies, and more! We offer the lowest per credit tuition in the area. Classes are offered online, in the evenings, and on Saturdays; on campus, & also in Altoona, Johnstown and State College. If you're interested in learning more you can call us at 814-472-3012, email us at ocepfrancis.edu or visit: www.francis.edu/adcs. *Become that Someone today!*

Used Magazines Needed...

A note of thanks from Rita Thornton and daughter Charlet for the *used magazines or merchandise catalogues*. You may place your used magazines, catalogues *with photos* in the ushers' room in the box designated for this purpose.

Byzantine Catholic Seminary Master of Arts in Theology Online Courses

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary Master of Arts in Theology degree program is now available with fully online courses. Byzantine Online seeks to produce exceptional academic leaders in Eastern Christian theology, scripture and dogma. Through Byzantine Online, join with a Catholic community who by God's grace will form some of the Church's leaders. **Information 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; 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 Nezeski
- **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

Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program

Deacon Daniel and Mary Lou Perich will have the icon the week of July 1. You 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 7th Week After Pentecost —July 1, 2018

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday June 30

Dunlo **5:00 PM** **Vigil Divine Liturgy** [+John Kovalich, by Dave & Becky Single]

Sunday July 1

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

Monday July 2

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday July 3

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
 8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Ed Nezeski, by Marian Simala]

Wednesday, July 4

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday, July 5

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Friday, July 6

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
 8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Mary Yetsko, by Steve & Marge Fleck]

Saturday July 7

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

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday July 7

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** **Vigil Divine Liturgy** [+Catherine Selepak, by Barry & Kathy Grant]

Sunday July 8

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