



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*  
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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.

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### **Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule**

<b><u>Sunday July 22</u></b>	<u>Troitsja</u> Christina Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Evan Lenz & Issabella Crum
<b><u>Sunday July 29</u></b>	<u>Troitsja</u> Issabella Crum	<u>Bulletins</u> Sydney Leturgey & Ryan Lenz
<b><u>Sunday August 5</u></b>	<u>Troitsja</u> Evan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Hunter Whitcomb & Cierra Goral

### **Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program**

***Please sign up to have the Vocation Icon*** during one of the coming weeks, to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, monastic and religious life.



*From Seminarian Kyprian Wojciechowski...*

I would to extend a few words of gratitude to all of the wonderful parishioners of the Portage, Beavertdale and Dunlo Parishes for their warm hospitality, support and prayers. I was very excited when I received the notice that I am to serve my Pastoral Practicum here. I enjoyed being with everyone, getting to know everyone but most importantly of all praying with everyone.

It has been a true blessing to serve my Pastoral Practicum under the guidance and tutelage of Fr. Jim. I was also blessed to have Deacon Dan here to help guide me through the summer as well. I have really enjoyed my time here. I thank you for making me feel welcome and part of the parish family. I have learned many valuable lessons that I can take with into my studies and formation. I felt like I have made many great connections and memories here.

It was nice to return to many familiar faces and surroundings this summer. It was great to be here amongst very devout and pious people. Please be assured that you all will remain in my prayers as I in yours. "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you." (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

Again thank you for a great and memorable summer, *Seminarian Kyprian Wojciechowski*

**Reflections and Words of Acknowledgment...**

*Seminarian Kyprian Wojciechowski* completes his Pastoral Practicum Program on Friday, July 27. On behalf of our parish community and also on my own part, I would like to express sincere thanks to Kyprian. His spirit of cooperation and diligence over the past two months have been outstanding. He has contributed to our parish life in a variety of ways. His cantoring at the week day Divine Liturgy and Vespers, and chanting the Apostolic Reading have enhanced our worship. We are also grateful for his willingness to be available in so many areas of parish life. His participation during the Annual Festival, taking part in visits to the homebound parishioners and in nursing homes, and being fully involved in the daily matter of parish life have been most beneficial.

***Tuesday, July 24 is Kyprian's Birthday. The Divine Liturgy will be offered at 9:00 am that morning for his intention. Following Liturgy, birthday cake and refreshments will be served in his honor. You are invited and encouraged to attend the Divine Liturgy and social that morning.***

We assure Seminarian Kyprian of our prayers, support and encouragement as he continues his formation for the priesthood at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary.

**Eastern Christian Formation Program—Catechists Meeting**

There will be a meeting for **Catechists** on Wednesday, July 25 AT 7:00 PM in the social room of the church hall. As Father Jim and our Catechists prepare for the **2018-2019 Eastern Christian Formation** classes we ask you to remember in your prayers our Catechists and students. Seminarian Kyprian will also take part in the meeting and will offer his insights gathered from seminary courses in theology and scripture.

### **Charter Bus to Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

The **84<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help** takes place during the Labor Day Weekend, September 1-2, 2018. Transportation by charter bus to the Pilgrimage to Mount Saint Macrina is being scheduled for **Sunday, September 2**. The bus departs from our parking lot at **7:00 am**. Departure from Mount Saint Macrina will be at about 9:00 pm [following the candlelight procession]. There is a list in the back of church where you may sign up to reserve a seat on the bus. Please do so by **Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**.

An invitation is extended to families and those who have never attended the pilgrimage to take advantage of this opportunity to attend the Pilgrimage.

### **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.

## **PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS**

### **Church Cleaning & Work Party for August**

- The **Work Party** for August is scheduled for **Saturday, August 4**, at 9:00 am.
- The **Church Cleaning** for August is scheduled for **Monday, August 13**, at 9:00 am. *Please note this change from the usual first Monday because of the **Feast of Transfiguration** on Monday, August 6.*
- **Thank You** to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

### **Parish Advisory Council Meetings**

The meeting of the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saints Peter & Paul, Portage is scheduled for **Thursday, August 2**, 7:00pm in the conference room of the rectory.

The next meeting of the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saint Mary's, Beaverdale and Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo is **Monday, August 13**, at 7:00 in the conference room of the rectory.

### **Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost**

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost [July 29]**, Resurrection Troparion **Tone 1**, may be found on p. 125-126.
- 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.

### **Altar Servers**

We welcome and gratefully acknowledge **Josh Goral** who has been prepared recently by Seminarian Kyprian to assist as an Altar Server. Boys who have completed their first Confession preparation are encouraged to consider serving at the Divine Liturgy. Please contact Father Jim or Deacon Dan.

## Byzantine Archeparchy of Pittsburgh Plans for Assembly 2018

The Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh's **Assembly 2018**, September 16-18, 2018 at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall aims to develop a strategic plan of action to promote growth of the Church and to ensure its vitality into the 21st century. **Assembly 2018** will be attended by priests, deacons and faithful of the Archeparchy. Each parish is expected to send two representatives, ideally a man and woman. The theme of **Assembly 2018** is "**Concern for Our Future: Renew, Revitalize, Rejuvenate.**" Registration packets will be distributed in the near future

## Festival Thank You

An additional merchant who donated gift merchandise for the *Basket Raffle* was omitted in last Sunday's bulletin. We also gratefully acknowledge: **Sheetz Service Station**--Sidman

## Sanctuary Candle

The Candle at *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* is offered this week in memory of **+Steve Ditko**, by Patrick & Joan Ditko.

## Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Mary Lou Cimba** [Richland Health]; **Emily Nezeski; 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.

<u>Offerings for June</u>	<u>June 3</u>	<u>June 10</u>	<u>June 17</u>	<u>June 24</u>
<b>Portage:</b>	\$1,657.00	\$1,392.00	\$1,595.00	\$1,241.00
<b>Beaverdale:</b>	\$ 306.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 200.00	\$227.00
<b>Dunlo:</b>	\$ 339.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 227.00

## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

### Invitation to a Pilgrimage:

The Mother of God is believed to have appeared in a little village of Zarvanytsia in Ukraine. Every year millions of people go on pilgrimage to that holy place to renew their spiritual life. You are invited for the Pilgrimage to the **Mother of God of Zarvanytsia** at Protection of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church, in Revloc, Sunday, August 19 at 11AM. There will be Confessions, a prayer service to the Mother of God [Moleben], Divine Liturgy, and time for private meditation.

### Pilgrimage Preparation Day at Mount Saint Macrina--Saturday, August 18

Volunteers are needed to help prepare for the Annual Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina on **Saturday, August 18**. The group will meet in the Trinity Center for coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m. A brief prayer service will follow, and work begins at 10:00 a.m. Bring lawn tools (brooms, rakes, weed whackers) for outside work; brooms, mops, dust pans, for indoor cleaning. Lunch will be served.

To register or for information, call Sr. Joanne [724-439-4940.] Rain date: Saturday, August 25.

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

## **Saint Francis University's Adult Degree & Continuing Studies Program**

**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](http://ocepfrancis.edu) or visit: [www.francis.edu/adcs](http://www.francis.edu/adcs). *Become that Someone today!*

## **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](http://online.bcs.edu).**

## **“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. August 18: Flood City Brass Come and have a great time.

### **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 Nezneski
- **The Winds at Mattern Orchard, Duncansville:** Mary Vrabel
- **Amber Hills Ebsenburg:** Edward Andrykovitch [Beaverdale]; *Father Ronald Borsuk*
- **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak
- **Rose of Sharon Home, Saint Michael:** Anna Garanich
- **Richland Health,** Mary Louise Cimba [Dunlo]

## 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.

### Liturgical Schedule 10<sup>th</sup> Week after Pentecost —July 22, 2018

#### Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

##### Saturday July 21

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

##### Sunday July 22

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Audrey Pyo, by Cynthia & Michael Lewis]

##### Monday July 23

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

##### Tuesday July 24

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour  
**9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy--For *Seminarian Kyprian--Birthday*

##### Wednesday, July 25

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+James DeGaetano, by Helen DeGaetano & Family]

##### Thursday, July 26

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

##### Friday, July 27

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Mary Miterko, by John & Barb Havrilla]

##### Saturday July 28

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

#### Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

##### Saturday July 28

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

##### Sunday July 29

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy  
[+George & +Mae Haschak, by Patty Haschak]