



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 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

<u>Sunday August 5</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Evan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Hunter Whitcomb & Cierra Goral
<u>Sunday August 12</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Ryan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Christian Goral & Issabella Crum
<u>Sunday August 19</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Sydney Leturgey	<u>Bulletins</u> Sydney Leturgey & Evan Lenz

Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program

You are invited to sign-up in the narthex to have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon** to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, monastic and religious life.



An Invitation to Annual Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina

Dear Friends,

"Glory to Jesus Christ One of my earliest memories of my mother when I was but a toddler is holding her hand tightly as we walked across a drawbridge fearing that it might open while we were in the middle. Through school years, it was always a comfort to walk through the door after school to find her waiting. During my teens, she always stood her ground while I protested (often with tears) that "everybody's going." Years later as an adult, she would always admonish me for not wearing my scarf on a cold winter day. Even during her last illness, her main concern was that I was okay....

"I'm sure most of you can identify with these memories. Our mothers are always there for us, loving and reassuring us regardless of our age or circumstances. Even if they have passed on to eternal life, we can still call upon them to watch over us. How appropriate then that during this 84th Annual Pilgrimage, we honor our most holy Mother under the title of *"Hope of All Generations"*. Young or old we can always come to Mary and know that she is there to help us *and intercede* for us before her beloved Son Jesus. There is never a time when she is not ready to listen.

"We invite you to come to visit your heavenly Mother this year at Mount St. Macrina as we join together as one family to honor her under the title of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. For 84 years. Pilgrimage has brought together generations of young and old to pray, sing and share in the many blessings of this holy time. Come, bring your joys, sorrows, concerns and fears to *her*, and find peace and comfort in her loving care."

Sister Ruth Plante, OSBM, Provincial

The Sisters of St. Basil invite everyone to join them in honoring the Mother of God under the title of Mary, Hope of All Generations. Brochures with the Pilgrimage schedule and information are in the narthex; visit www.sistersofstbasil.org or call 724-438-8644.

The Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord

On Monday, August 6 we celebrate the ***Feast of Transfiguration of our Lord.***

"The Divine Master took apart Peter, James and John and led them to a high mountain, which Christian tradition designates as Mount Tabor near Nazareth. While praying there, He became transfigured: his face glowed with the effulgence of the sun and his garments became white as snow. The splendor of his divinity penetrated his human body and was seen in his human person. Jesus appeared in his splendor and glory as the Son of God and Eternal Word."[From Archbishop Joseph Raya, *Byzantine Daily Worship*, page 745]

The custom of blessing *grapes and other fruit* takes place in conjunction with this Feast, as we give thanks to God for the harvest of the summer fruits. You are encouraged to bring grapes and other fruit on this occasion. This blessing will follow both the Divine Liturgy at Saints Peter & Paul, Portage on Monday morning; and the Divine Liturgy at Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo on Monday evening.

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

The **84th 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 19th**.

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

The Dormition Fast

The **Dormition of the Theotokos** [August 15] is preceded by a two week fast or period of preparation, from **August 1-14**. Our Metropolitan Church identifies this as one of the four penitential seasons of the Church year. Its observance is voluntary.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Church Cleaning & Work Party for August

- The **Work Party** for August is scheduled for **Saturday, August 11**, at **9:00 am**. *Please note this change from the usual first Saturday of the month.*
- 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 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. Minutes from the previous meeting of **May 14, 2018** will be included in next Sunday's bulletin.

Minutes from the meeting of **May 3, 2018** of the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saints Peter & Paul, Portage are included in today's bulletin.

Sanctuary Candle

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

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 seeks 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 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

The Friar's Shop--Thank you

For many decades **The Friar's Shop** has served the local community providing religious gifts for every occasion. Through the years we have often sold both baptism and wedding gifts for the same recipient. It has been a true pleasure to build relationships with so many faithful, regular customers.

However, times have changed a great deal. It is hard for any brick and mortar store to compete with the online giants. It is with great sadness that we must announce that the Friar's Shop is closing. Our last day of operation will be Saturday September 15. We will be offering storewide discounts to help reduce inventory. We thank you all for your friendship and support through the years! May God Bless you all.

Fr. Richard Davis and the TOR Franciscans, Loretto

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Divine Liturgy for the **Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord [Monday, August 6]** may be found in the Divine Liturgy book on pages 346-350.
- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost [August 12]**, Resurrection Troparion Tone 3, may be found on p. 135-137; and for the **Postfestive Day of the Feast of the Transfiguration** on pages 346-351.
- The "Our Father", in Tone 3 may be found on p.68.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

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; Thomas Spontak**, Fr. Jim's brother; and all the ill & homebound.

Visits to the Homebound

Pastoral Visits to the homebound will continue in the coming weeks during the *Dormition Fast*. You will be contacted by telephone to arrange a day and time.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Fatima Devotions in Loretto

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Monday August 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 choir from Prince of Peace in Northern Cambria and the sermon will be delivered by Deacon Richard Golden. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

Annual Portage Summerfest

Annual Portage Summerfest August 10, 11, and 12 with events at Crichton McCormick Park. The Summerfest Parade on Main Street at 2:00 pm. Also featured is the Portage Area Cruisers Car Club Show. More information at www.portageareasummerfest.com.

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 11 AM. 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.

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 or visit: www.francis.edu/adcs. *Become that Someone today!*

"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 Ebensburg:** 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]

Liturgical Schedule 12th Week after Pentecost —August 5, 2018

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prefestive Day of the Feast of the Transfiguration

Saturday August 4

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

Sunday August 5

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

[+Timothy Hanna, by nieces Ashleigh and Kayla]

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday, August 5

Portage **5:00 PM** Vespers with Litija

Monday August 6

Portage **9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy

*Followed by **Blessing of Grapes & Fruit***

Dunlo **6:00 PM** Divine Liturgy [+Lillian Hutsky, by Family]

*Followed by **Blessing of Grapes & Fruit***

Tuesday, August 7

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday, August 8

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday, August 9

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour

8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Albert Lesko, by Walt & Mary Ann Hoberney]

Friday, August 10

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday August 11

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Postfestive Day of the Feast of the Transfiguration

Saturday August 11

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

Sunday August 12

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Jennie Letzo, by Julie Brenna]