



SS. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Portage)
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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 July 29</u>	<u>Troitsja</u> Issabella Crum	<u>Bulletins</u> Sydney Leturgey & Ryan Lenz
<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



84th Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Below is information on the chartered bus to the Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina. The tradition of the Uniontown pilgrimage is traced to the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help given to the Sisters of Saint Basil by Pope Pius XI. The theme for this year's Pilgrimage is: "*Mary, Hope of All Generations*".

When Pope Pius XI of blessed memory sent the gift of an Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to the Sisters of St. Basil, he requested that the Sisters spread devotion to the Mother of God under this title. In response, the Sisters initiated a Pilgrimage in her honor. Since 1934, thousands of Pilgrims have made the sacred journey of Pilgrimage to Mount St. Macrina. Here they place their needs, their hopes and desires in prayer at the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

This year, the Sisters of St. Basil the Great celebrate the 84th Annual Pilgrimage in honor of our Lady of Perpetual Help. Therefore, it is quite appropriate that the original icon that was presented to the Sisters by Pope Pius XI, will be the centerpiece of this year's sacred journey of the Pilgrimage.

The Pilgrimage provides for the diverse spiritual needs of many pilgrims who frequent this major unifying event in the life of the Byzantine Catholic Church. As the oldest and largest Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage in the United States, its participants include clergy and faithful from across the country.

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. With them, she waits to welcome all to her Shrine on Mount St. Macrina.

There are brochures with the Pilgrimage schedule and additional information in the narthex. You may also visit their website www.sistersofstbasil.org or call 724-438-8644.

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.

Thank You...

Seminarian Kyprian Wojciechowski expresses his thanks to our parishioners for their kindness, encouragement and support during his Pastoral Practicum Program with us during June and July. Thanks to all who came for the Divine Liturgy and birthday celebration for Kyprian this past Tuesday, and for your gracious and very warm response to him during his weeks here.

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.

Loretto

Fr. Richard Davis and the TOR Franciscans,

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 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. Minutes from the previous meeting of May 3, 2018 will be included in next Sunday's bulletin.

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

Many Happy Years!

We extend congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Jim** and **Barbara Koban** on their **60th Wedding anniversary**, which they celebrated on July 5, 2018. They will commemorate their **60th Anniversary** with a blessing bestowed in thanksgiving for this occasion during today's Divine Liturgy.

Eastern Christian Formation Program

Catechists met this past week to continue planning for the 2018-2019 Eastern Christian Formation classes. Plans were discussed at the meeting to enhance the high school program with opportunities for projects that engage the students for service to the parish and community. Volunteers to help coordinate these efforts would be needed. We also seek to recruit candidates to serve as Catechists or substitutes.

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle at *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* is offered this week for the health of **Helen**, 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

Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program

Julie Brenna had the icon the week of July 22.

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.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost* [August 5], Resurrection Troparion Tone 2, may be found on p. 130-132; and for the *Prefestive Day of the Feast of the Transfiguration* on p. 345.
- 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 *Mary Lou Cimba* [Richland Health]; *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.

Congratulations

Heather Tomko of Pittsburgh, Father Jim's niece, was selected *Ms. Wheelchair USA* on July 21, 2018. The competition was sponsored by the Dane Foundation and was held in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Congratulations to Heather, her parents Tom and Carol Tomko, and sister Jessi.

More information is available from Heather's blog, www.theheatherreport.com.

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

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. 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://information.at.online.bcs.edu).

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.

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]**

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.

Liturgical Schedule 11th Week after Pentecost —July 29, 2018

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]

Monday July 30

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday July 31

Portage 7:45 AM
8:00 AM

The Third Hour
Divine Liturgy [+Michael Senkovich, by Michael Pobiney]

Wednesday, August 1

Portage 7:45 AM
8:00 AM

The Third Hour
Divine Liturgy [+Helen Spontak, by Family]

Thursday, August 2

Portage 7:45 AM
8:00 AM

The Third Hour
Divine Liturgy [+Helen Verbickey, by Pataluna Family]

Friday, August 3

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday August 4

Portage 3:00 PM
Beaverdale 4:30 PM

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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]

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