



SS. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church (Portage)
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church (Beaverdale)
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

<u>Sunday January 13</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Ryan Lenz	<u>Bulletins:</u> Christina Goral & Bella Koban
<u>Sunday January 20</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Christina Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Evan Lenz & Lexie Slanoc
<u>Sunday January 27</u>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Abby Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u> Hunter Whitcomb & Bella Koban

Parish Sunday Bulletin Available Online and by Email Transmission

The Sunday bulletin is posted on the parish website, www.ByzantineCatholic.net. To receive an email bulletin, send your email address to james_armand_spontak@verizon.net with this request.



Sunday after the Feast of Theophany

There are specific readings [Epistle and Gospel] assigned to both the Saturday and Sunday after Theophany. This feature highlights the significance and importance of Theophany. The Jordan water reminds us of and renews the grace of Baptism. Our lessons and reflections at this time are to guide us and inform us in this process.

The Saturday after Theophany features the Temptation of [Matthew 4:1]. The Baptism and temptation of Jesus happened in the Judean desert, south of Jerusalem, The public ministry of Jesus would begin in Galilee, to the north, and the region where Jesus was raised. The final destination is Capernaum, a town on the Seas of Galilee. And it is here that Jesus will for the first time announce his message: "*Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand*" [Matthew 4:17]. In a sense, this is the "theme", the "keynote" which will echo and be repeated in essentially all of his works and words throughout his ministry.

[From Father Jack Custer, The Holy Gospel, pages 45-49]

All Souls Commemoration for 2018

The first *All Souls Commemoration* is **Saturday, February 23 [Meatfare Saturday]**. There is an envelope provided for the All Souls Commemoration in your packet of offering envelopes.

Please use this envelope to enter names of deceased family members or relatives who are to be remembered at the Divine Liturgy and Panachida on the All Souls Saturdays. You may also confirm or renew your list of previous years. Returning this envelope at your earliest convenience will be helpful in updating and maintaining the All Souls listing.



Coffee Social for January

The January *Coffee and Donut Social* is **TODAY--Sunday--January 13**, following the 9 am Divine Liturgy. This change from the usual first Sunday is because of the Feast of Theophany and Great Sanctification of Water on Sunday, January 6.

Please take this opportunity to greet fellow parishioners and enjoy the refreshments.

Eastern Christian Formation Resume

Our *Eastern Christian* classes resume today, Sunday, January 13. Next Sunday, January 20, the ECF students and Catechists will participate in a blessing of their classrooms. Students will also receive a container of the blessed Jordan Water for them to take home.

Containers for Blessed Water

Blessed water will be used by the priest to sprinkle the homes of the faithful, and also is taken by the faithful for use at home for various occasions and needs. Plastic containers with an Icon of the Baptism of the Lord imprinted are available in the narthex for your use. A donation of \$2/container is requested for the cost of the container and shipping.

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Grateful Acknowledgments..

I want to acknowledge with sincere thanks your cards, greetings, and gifts during the Christmas season. Your generous expressions of prayerful support and kindness are sincerely appreciated.

Much time, preparation and effort are devoted to preparing for the celebrations of the feasts of Christmas and Theophany in the church. Our thanks to all those who helped with decorating, preparing the altar, ushers, cantors and choir members, servers, and all who contributed to this festive observance. Your generous offering and contributions at this time and throughout the year are likewise sincerely appreciated.

Offering Envelopes for 2019

A number **2019 Offertory Envelopes** remain in the usher's room. Please pick up your box of envelopes. Please write your name and address on your envelope for the first few weeks of the New Year, and continue to write your name on your envelope each week to ensure proper credit. If you are not registered to receive envelopes, contact the parish office at-736-9780.

Synagogue Offerings Acknowledgment

Metropolitan William Skurla has written to acknowledge contributions for the Tree of Life Synagogue and the Jewish Community Center in Pittsburgh: \$375 [Saints Peter and Paul, Portage]; \$35. [Saint Mary, Beaverdale]; and \$10 [Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo.]

In acknowledging these "gestures of compassion and solidarity to those affected by this terrible tragedy and sadness", Metropolitan William asked that "our prayers continue for all those touched by this event" and "that every community and house of worship be preserved from a hateful attack such as this."

The Byzantine Catholic World

Since 1955 the **Byzantine Catholic World [BCW]** has been the definitive source of news pertinent to the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh and an invaluable historical chronicle of events in the life of our Church. The **BCW** is published once-a-month and provides news of our Archeparchy, parishes, and the church throughout the world, and articles on faith and spirituality.

The annual subscription rate is \$14. There is an envelope in your packet of offering envelopes dated January 27 which you may use to begin or renew your annual subscription. *Thank you!*

Blessing of Homes

To request the blessing of your home by Father Jim, please fill out this form, and place it in the offering basket or return by mailing it. In arranging an appointment, try to make it a convenient time for family members to be at home. Have a lighted candle and an icon on the table. Copies of the service for the blessing of the home will be provided for you to participate in this prayer.

I/we would like to have my/our home blessed:

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Happy 102nd Birthday—Mrs. Anna Garanich

Mrs. Anna Garanich from the former Saint Michael's Parish South Fork, will celebrate her **102nd Birthday** on Sunday, January 20, 2019. Birthday greetings to **Anna Garanich** may be sent c/o **Rose of Sharon Home, 135 Main Street, Saint Michael PA 15951.**

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Anna Garanich.** Many, happy years!

Liturgical Chant—Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for **Sunday January 20, 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.

Offerings for December	<u>Dec 2</u>	<u>Dec 9</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Dec 30</u>	<u>Christmas</u>
Portage:	\$1,560.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,009.00	\$2,505.00	\$1,566.00	
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Beaverdale:	\$ 443.00	\$ 396.00	\$405.00	\$469.00	\$388.00	\$810.00
Dunlo:	\$ 364.00	\$ 310.00	\$230.00	\$85.00	\$109.00	\$435.00

Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered this week for the intention of the **Protection of Human Life on the occasion of the Annual March for Life**, requested by Julie Brenna.

Eternal Memory-

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Harold Cain**, the Grandfather of Rachel Cain; and also for the repose of the soul of **Madeline Chesky**, Rachel's aunt's mother-in-law, both of whom fell asleep in the Lord recently.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **John Slivenik** of Saint Mary's, Beaverdale, [Maple Winds]; **Mary Donnelly**, sister of Pauline Barelick; **George Pyo Jr.**; **Daniel Zalznock**; **Father Edward Pyo**; **Marge Fleck**; **Dorothy Resconich**; **Joseph Raptosh**; **John Rakar**; **Bernadette Kostan**, **Brother Sean Mary Fitzwater, TOR**; **Patty Haschak**; **Emily Nezneski**; **Shawn Crum**; **Dorothy, Phil and Cathy Walters**; **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**; **Kelly Colwell** Father Jim's niece; and all the ill & homebound.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Mount Aloysius College annual MLK Jr. Day Open House

Mount Aloysius College annual **MLK Jr. Day Open House**, will be Monday, January 21.

Mount Aloysius College's mission rooted in the values of the Religious Sisters of Mercy provides an environment encouraging students to synthesize faith with learning, develop competence with compassion, put talents at the service of others, and assume leadership in the world community.

Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer Open House and Schedule of Events

Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer Open House on Sunday, January 13, 2019 1:30-3:30 PM.

Come and spend some time with the Staff in the warmth of the House of Prayer.

"Winter Respite" presented by Sr. Carol Petrasovich, OSBM on Saturday, February 2, 10:00 am—1:00 pm; includes Lunch. Offering: \$35, registration by January 30.

Bread Baking Retreat presented by Sr. Carol Petrasovich, OSBM on Saturday, February 16 or Saturday, March 16 10:00 am-1:30 pm; lunch Included. Offering: \$20, Registration by February 11.

To register for above programs, call 724-438-7149; or email hpmsm@verizon.net

Sacred Heart Sisters Retreats Offered in 2019

The Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus extend an invitation to these retreat programs offered at St. Joseph Convent, 1872 Munster Road, Portage:

Girls' Retreat: Generosity: For girls in grades 7-12, January 25-27, 2019; begins Friday 6:00 pm until Sunday 1:00 pm with a meal. Register by Wednesday, January 23. Suggested donation \$45.

A Married Couples Weekend Get-Away: Each Day is a New Start: Begins Friday, February 8 at 5:30pm to Sunday, February 10 Noon with brunch. Suggested donation of \$75 Weekend/\$35 Day is requested to cover meals and costs. Register by Wednesday, February 6.

Boys' Retreat: Bravery: From February 15-17, 2019; begins Friday 6:00 pm with dinner and ends Sunday at 1:00pm with a meal. Register by Wednesday, February 6th. Suggested donation \$45.

Women's Retreat: "Learn from Me for I am Meek and Humble of Heart. Women [18 and older]; March 8-10. Register by Wednesday, March 6. Suggested donation \$65.

To register for any of the above contact Sister Jacinta: sisterjacinta@gmail.com or 814-886-4459.

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):** George Yatsky.

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
- **Maple Winds:** John Slivenik [Beaverdale]
- **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
- **Just Like Home Personal Care, Cresson:** Dorothy Resconich

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of January 13, *Paulette Fedorko* will have the *Pilgrim Vocation Icon*. Please sign-up in the narthex to have the *Pilgrim Vocation Icon*.

Remember in your prayers the seminarians of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh: **Deacon Tom Wells; Seminarian Kyprian Wojciechowski; Seminarian Robert Jones; and Seminarian John Welch;** and all the Seminarians and Seminary community.

Liturgical Schedule Sunday after Theophany —January 13 2019

Sunday after the Theophany of Our Lord

Saturday January 12

Dunlo **5:00 PM** *Vigil Divine Liturgy* [+Walter Prozialeck, by Bill Koshute Family]

Sunday January 13

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

Monday, January 14

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday, January 15

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Marge Tigyer., by Kathy Sekerak]

Wednesday, January 16

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Janet Spaid, by Pam & Norm Fish]

Thursday, January 17

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Nick Yetsko, by Karen & Bob Cehelnik]

Friday, January 18

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday, January 19

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

Thirty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday January 19

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

Sunday January 20

Portage **9:00 AM** **Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+John Havrilla, by Barbara & John Havrilla]