



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 January 20</u></b>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Christina Goral	<u>Bulletins:</u> Evan Lenz & Lexie Slanoc
<b><u>Sunday January 27</u></b>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Abby Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u> Hunter Whitcomb & Bella Koban
<b><u>Sunday February 3</u></b>	<u>Troitsja:</u> Bella Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u> Abby Koban & Ryan Lenz

### **Parish Sunday Bulletin Available Online and by Email Transmission**

The Sunday bulletin is posted on the parish website, [www.ByzantineCatholic.net](http://www.ByzantineCatholic.net). To receive an email bulletin, send your email address to [james\\_armand\\_spontak@verizon.net](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net) with this request.



**Question & Answer Box: “Symbolism of Priest’s & Deacon’s Vestments”**

One of the questions submitted to the “*Question and Answer*” box in the narthex asks: “**What is the symbolism behind the priest’s vestments?**” In responding to this question, there is need for some of the historical background on how the use of liturgical vestments developed. In the Old Testament, the Jewish high priests wore official vestments for offering sacrifices in the Temple. However, during the first three centuries Christians had no special vestments for liturgical use. Priests offering the Eucharist wore ordinary clothes. These were expected to be especially clean and perhaps of finer quality.

The development by which vestments of specific purpose were used for the Liturgy occurred gradually. For example, during the fourth century, the vestments for liturgical services were identical in form with secular holiday clothing, but they were used exclusively for liturgical functions. So the clergy could not celebrate the Eucharist in their ordinary clothes, nor could they go out into the streets in vestments used for church. By about the year 400 AD we have the first indication of distinctive liturgical vestments. This was the *omophorion* worn by bishops, symbolic of their duties as shepherds of their flock. Byzantine Catholic bishops continue to use this, worn over the shoulders as symbolic of the good shepherd carrying the rescued lost sheep on his back.

To respond to this inquiry about the *symbolism* and *meaning* of the vestments, we can examine the prayers prescribed for the priest and deacon as they put on each vestments.

[From Casimir Kucharek, *The Byzantine-Slav Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*, pages 3324-326]

**All Souls Commemoration for 2019**

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.

**No Eastern Christian Formation Classes Today**

Because of the winter storm, today’s **Eastern Christian Formation** classes are being cancelled. The blessing of the classrooms for the students and Catechists is postponed until next Sunday January 27. Students will receive a container of the blessed Jordan Water to take home.

**Acknowledgments from Food Pantries, & Giving Tree Project**

We have received acknowledgments from the **Portage Food Pantry** and the **Forest Hills Food Pantry** to thank our parish communities for donations of food items and cash during the Christmas season; and also from Terri Doyka acknowledging the **Giving Tree Project** to provide gifts at Christmas for children in need. Letters and notes of thanks are posted on in the narthex.

## 2019 March for Life at Saint Francis University

Join the Saint Francis University community as we welcome Bishop Mark Bartchak for our **6th Annual March on the Mountain** on **Tuesday, January 22**. We gather to unite our prayers and proclaim the sanctity of human life with Pro-Life advocates around the country on the 46th Anniversary of Roe v Wade.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited prior to the March in the Immaculate Conception Chapel, located on the campus, at 10:30 a.m. This will be followed by several guest speakers. The March itself will begin with a short prayer at 11:00 a.m. in front of the Chapel. The walk will then commence around the mall in the center of campus and will conclude at approximately 11:55 a.m., for those that wish to attend the 12:00 p.m. Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held immediately following the Mass until 4:00 p.m.

If you can join us for the entire walk or for only 5 – 10 minutes, come out and show your support. Some signs will be provided but feel free to bring your own. The March on the Mountain is sponsored by the Saint Francis University Campus Ministry Department and Students for Life. Hope to see you there!

## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Sponsored by Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh, a **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** is being sponsored by Archeparchy of Pittsburgh from September 15–24, 2019. This pilgrimage is planned to provide a prayerful environment, to allow time for reflection, prayer and group interactions. The itinerary includes: Nazareth; Capernaum; the Judean Desert; Qasr el Yahoud; Jerusalem; and Bethlehem.

The cost is \$3,350 per person in double occupancy. Single supplement pricing upon request. Registration deadline has been extended to February 15. There are brochures in the narthex or contact Patrizia de Libero at 978-772-2467 for information or questions.

## PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

### Church Cleaning & Work Party for February

- The **Church Cleaning** for February is scheduled for **Monday, February 4**, at **9:00 am**.
- The **Work Party** for February will be on **Saturday, February 9** at **9:00 am**. Please note this change from the first Saturday because of the Feast of the Encounter of our Lord on Saturday, February 2.

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Benefit Basket Auction and Bake Sale

A **Benefit Basket Auction and Bake Sale** will be held Sunday, January 27, at Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church 907 6th Avenue Patton, 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Drawing at 3:00PM.

Proceeds from the sale and auction will benefit Sarah Kelt, wife of Fr. Andriy Kelt, pastor of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Northern Cambria and Protection of the BVM in Revloc. Sarah was recently diagnosed with brain cancer, and the proceeds will help defray costs of chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

### Statements of Parishioners' Offerings

Statements of 2018 parishioner offerings for Beaverdale and Dunlo parishioners are being distributed this week. Statements of 2018 parishioner offerings for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage are being prepared for distribution by the end of January. If you have need of your 2018 offerings sooner, call the rectory [814-736-9780] or send request to [james\\_armand\\_spontak@verizon.net](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net).

### Happy 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday—Anna Garanich-- Many, happy years!

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Mrs. Anna Garanich** from the former Saint Michael's Parish South Fork, who celebrates her **102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday** on Sunday, January 20. Birthday greetings to **Anna Garanich** may be sent c/o **Rose of Sharon Home, 135 Main Street, Saint Michael PA 15951**.

### 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!*

### Liturgical Chant—Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for **Sunday January 27, Resurrection Troparion Tone 3**, may be found on p. 135-137.
- 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 **John Slivenik; Mary Donnelly; George Pyo Jr.; Daniel Zalznock; Marge Fleck; Dorothy Resconich; Joseph Raptosh; John Rakar; Bernadette Kostan, Brother Sean Mary Fitzwater, TOR; Patty Haschak; Emily Neznieski; 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; **Christopher Juba**, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Juba, CEO of the GCU, injured in an automobile accident; 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 Schedule of Events**

**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](mailto: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; **A Married Couples Weekend Get-Away: Each Day is a New Start:** Friday, February 8 to Sunday, February 10; **Boys' Retreat: Bravery:** February 15-17; **Women's Retreat: "Learn from Me for I am Meek and Humble of Heart.** Women [18 and older]; March 8-10.

For more information or to register for any of the above contact Sister Jacinta: [sisterjacinta@gmail.com](mailto: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

## Sanctuary Candle

The Candle is offered this week in memory of **+John & +Regina Havrilla**, by Barbara & John Havrilla.

## Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of January 20, **Carol Goral** 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; Seminarians Kyprian Wojciechowski; Robert Jones; John Welch**; and all the Seminary community.

## Liturgical Schedule 36<sup>th</sup> Week after Pentecost —January 20 2019

### 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]

#### Monday, January 21

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

#### Tuesday, January 22

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

#### Wednesday, January 23

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Ed Nezeski, by Dale & Regina Goughnour]

#### Thursday, January 24

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Peter Bulinsky, by Alice Ference]

#### Friday, January 25

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

#### Saturday, January 26

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

### Thirty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Saturday January 26

Dunlo **5:00 PM** *Vigil Divine Liturgy*  
[+Mary Louise Cimba, by Michael & Pauline Barelick]

#### Sunday January 27

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