



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 an 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 held in the priest's sacristy area, before an icon of Christ, before whom we are confessing our sinfulness. The service is scheduled the first Monday, unless a Church Feast Day falls on the same date. .

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**

Troitsja & Bulletin Schedule

Sunday June 30 Troitsja: Evan Lenz
Sunday July 7 Troitsja: Christina Goral
Sunday July 14 Troitsja: Ryan Lenz

Bulletins: Christina Goral & Ryan Lenz
Bulletins: Cierra Goral & Evan Lenz
Bulletins: Hunter Whitcomb & Lexie Slanoc

Parish Sunday Bulletin Available Online and by Email Transmission

The Sunday bulletin is posted on the parish website, www.ByzantineCatholic.net. Also, like us on **Facebook.** To receive weekly bulletin by email send your email address to james_armand_spontak@verizon.net with this request.



Feast of the Holy Apostles

Yesterday we observed the Patronal Feast, of both the Portage and Dunlo parishes. The ***Holy Apostles Peter and Paul*** are called “two great luminaries of the Church”. Together they gave eloquent testimony by their preaching and witness as martyrs. They are described in the Hymns of Litija of Vespers with these words:

“...Intercessors for the world, the teachers and foundations of the Church of Christ, its true pillars and walls, trumpets of the divine teachings and sufferings of Christ, the prime apostles Peter and Paul. They traveled throughout the earth, as though with a plow, sowing the faith, and planted a knowledge of God in all, revealing the Word of the Trinity. O Peter, rock of foundation, and Paul, O chosen vessel, you were harnessed together to the will of Christ. You raised up all creation to a knowledge of God: the nations, the cities, and the islands. “

Immediately following their feast is a *commemoration of the Twelve Apostles*, today June 30. They constitute together the “*Apostolic Community*” which our Lord gathered during his ministry. By his instructions and by their being with him, the apostles are the guarantees that the faith we have received within the Church is indeed genuine.

“You are the spears of fishermen and the eloquence of philosophers. You are the lofty words of debaters. You are the teachings of those who are wise in God, the models for all doctrine, and you clearly explained the mysteries of the Gospel. You are the partakers of the everlasting nourishment and the delight of the angels. You live forever in glory!”

[Hymns of Vespers, Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles]

Meeting of the Assembly

This past week, in conjunction with the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh was the continuation of the Assembly of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. The gathering of laity, clergy and monastics with Metropolitan Archbishop William seeks to discern and implement ways to promote the vitality of our parishes and of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. On Monday, June 24 a panel representing several parishes recounted some efforts and strategies to work to up build their parish communities. This in turn was to serve to encourage all present to continue efforts in each local parish.

Those attending from our parish communities are: Father James Spontak; Deacon Daniel and Mar Lou Perich; Julie Brenna; Stephen Paluch; and Kathy Sekerak. Efforts to continue to develop a “*action plan*” are to take place at each local parish to contribute to this ongoing effort and process. Thank you for your prayers on behalf of the Assembly and its participants

Happy Independence Day!

The ***Fourth of July*** holiday is a highlight of the summer events and festivities. The celebration of our nation’s birth is a worthy occasion to remember and appreciate our heritage of liberty and justice for all. Indeed, it calls forth a deep thankfulness with profound respect for being gifted this great country by God. ***Happy Fourth of July!***

Annual Festival—Sunday, July 14, 2019

Please make note of the date of this year's Annual Festival: **Sunday, July 14, 2019**.

Sign-up Lists for the annual Ethnic Festival are posted in the narthex. Please sign-up for one of the baskets for the ***Basket Raffle*** and to volunteer for the various areas listed.

"Gobs" for Annual Festival Pre-Sale: Gobs are available for pre-sale and also will be sold at the Bake Sale at the Festival. Gobs are \$1.25; and \$15/"*Baker's Dozen*".

Festival Tickets for the prize drawings are in the narthex. As you pick up the envelope addressed to you please also take envelopes for neighbors and relatives not present today.

Festival Posters are also in the narthex. Please take some to distribute in your neighborhood.

Bake Sale: Please continue the fine response to the appeal for an extra effort for the ***Bake Sale***. Please help us again to have ample display of Baked Goods for this popular feature.

Basket of Cheer: Donations for the ***Basket of Cheer*** are also requested. You may place them in the container in the ushers' room near the narthex.

A note of thanks to those who volunteered for the ***Outdoor Work Project*** at the picnic grounds on Wednesday, June 26, as well as other tasks in preparing for the picnic thus far —"Gob" making and the various kitchen improvements and new benches throughout the Picnic grounds. *Please join your efforts to the cooperation of those who volunteered for these and other projects to help the success of the Festival!*

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Church Cleaning & Work Party for July

- The ***Church Cleaning*** for July is scheduled for Monday, July 1, at 9:00 am.
- The ***Work Party*** for July is scheduled for Saturday, July 6 at 9:00 am,
- Our thanks to the volunteers for the monthly ***Church Cleaning*** and ***Work Party***.

Many Happy Years!

We extend congratulations and prayerful best wishes to ***Richard*** and ***Nancy Whitcomb*** on their 50th *Wedding anniversary*, June 14, 2019. They commemorate their 50th Anniversary with a blessing bestowed in thanksgiving for this occasion during today's Divine Liturgy.

Schedule Change for Beaverdale & Dunlo Saturday Vigil Liturgy

The ***Vigil Divine Liturgy*** on Saturday, July 13 will be at Saint Mary, Beaverdale. This is a change in the usual alternating weeks because of a social event on Roberts Street in Dunlo that afternoon, out of consideration for parking, etc.

Liturgical Chant –Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts of the Divine Liturgy for the **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost [July 7]**, 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.

Parish “Facebook” Page

Saints Peter and Paul Church “**Facebook Page**” for the parish includes information about the annual Parish Festival on Sunday, July 14. Parishioners who are on **Facebook** are asked to find us at **Ss Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church** and “like” the page. *Thank you!*

Saint Michael’s Byzantine Catholic Church Memorial Monument Appeal

Thank you for your generosity to the appeal for a **Saint Michael’s Byzantine Catholic Church Memorial Monument Appeal**. As of June 28, \$5,455.00 has been received. The next meeting planning this project is Tuesday, July 23 at 5:00 pm at Saint Peter and Paul Church in Portage.

The Memorial is to include a granite memorial marker and also incorporate one of the bells from the church. The existing wall is to be cleaned and refurbished. As we elicit proposals for these areas of work an estimate of the overall cost can be determined. Any amount that might be in excess would be available for ongoing maintenance of Saint Michael’s Cemetery.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of **Melody Voss; Dorothy Majer; Connie Glasko,; Mary Donnell; George Pyo Jr.; Daniel Zaliznock; Joseph Raptosh; John Rakar; Bernadette Kostan, Patty Hascha; Emily Nezneski; Shawn Crum; Dennis Ratosky, Sr.; Dorothy, Phil and Cathy Walters; Alina Rusna; Ruby Moore; Charles and Joan Plishka; Tom Goncher; Patrick & Joan Ditko; Helena Ditko; Cliff Inman; Father Joseph Borodach; Father Paul Tigyer; Kelly Colwell; Sarah Kelt; Mary Beth Blackburn;** and all the ill & homebound. Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Richard Schlosser**, brother of Abbot Leo Schlosser who fell asleep in the Lord on June 27

Cemetery Acknowledgements...

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to **Saint Peter and Paul’s Cemetery, Dunlop** from **Robert and Sharon Kachmar** of Johnstown.

Also, A note of thanks to volunteers at each of our parish cemeteries, for your offerings for **Cemetery Care** throughout the year and for cemetery maintenance during these summer months.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Fatima Devotions in Loretto

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to the **Fatima Devotions** Saturday July 1 6:30 P.M. in the Gardens at Mount Assisi. In case of inclement weather, at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The singing will be led by St. John the Evangelist in Altoona and the sermon will be delivered by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, JCD. *We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.*

Byzantine Family Day at Kennywood Park,

The **99th Annual GCU & Byzantine Family Day** is **Thursday, July 25**, at Kennywood Park, 10:30 am until Close. Prepaid, discounted ticket books and catered lunch tickets are available through the GCU. Deadline for tickets: Monday, July 8. *FunDay Ticket* (ages 4-54): \$25.00; *Senior FunDay Ticket* (55+): \$15.00; *Super Senior FunDay* (70+): \$11.00; *Catered Lunch* (11+): \$15.00 or \$8.00 [ages 3-10]

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

Summerfest Nameboard Tickets

The Portage Endowment **\$10,000 Summerfest Tickets** are now on sale at area merchants. The tickets are a fundraiser for the Portage Endowment, which benefits area non-profits; Portage Park; Portage Fire Department and Portage Ambulance Association, Portage Public Library, Portage Historical Association, etc. Over \$16,000 in cash prizes awarded Summerfest Sunday August 11th. Last ticket pulled wins the \$10,000, and seller of the winning ticket gets \$500.

Group Guitar Lessons at Trinity UMC

Group Guitar Lessons will be offered at Trinity United Methodist Church 817 Caldwell Avenue Portage at 6:00 pm on the following **Mondays**: July 8; July 22; August 5; August 19; August 26. \$10/person for one hour lesson. Participants should have their own guitar. Intended as a refresh course for those with some familiarity with a guitar, but prior experience is not a requirement.

Mount Aloysius College Summer Admissions Events

Open House: Friday, July 19; Come and tour campus with a group of prospective students and their families. While you're here, you'll hear from Admissions and Financial Aid and have an opportunity to speak individually with a professor from the academic division of your choice.

Schedule your visit: 814-886-6383; admissions@mtaloy.edu www.mtaloy.edu/event-registration

Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer

At Home: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Catherine Czapp Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Stella Raptosh; Cathy Walters; Helen Zaher; **St. Michael (South Fork):** Michelle Maskal; **Saint Mary (Beaverdale):** Nancy Andrako; Catherine McGough; **SS Peter & Paul (Dunlo):**.

Nursing & Other Care Facilities:

- **Saint Benedict Manor, Carrolltown,** Catherine Thrower [Dunlo];
- **Forest Hills Personal Care, Sidman:** Pauline Valko [Dunlo]
- **Meadow View Nursing Center [Berlin]:**
- **Arbutus Park Manor:** Margaret Rachael [Dunlo];
- **Autumn View:** June Nezeski;
- **The Winds at Mattern Orchard, Duncansville:** Mary Vrabel
- **Amber Hills Ebensburg:** Father Ronald Borsuk
- **Cambria Care, Ebensburg:** Edward Andrykovitch [Beaverdale]
- **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 weeks of June 23 and 30, **Michael** and **Pauline Barelich** have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon**.

Parishioners of Beaverdale and Dunlo are asked to sign up for the months of July and August to have the **Pilgrim Vocation Icon**. Please remember seminarians of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh: **Deacon Tom Wells; Seminarians Kyprian Wojciechowski, Robert Jones, John Welch**; and all the Seminary community; and the new candidates for the Deacon Formation Program.

Liturgical Schedule 4th Week After Pentecost—June 30, 2019

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday June 29

Dunlo **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

[Theresa and Bill Garanich--50th Wedding Anniversary]

Sunday June 30

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Monday July 1

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday July 2

Portage 7:45 AM
8:00 AM

The Third Hour
Divine Liturgy

[+Paul & Margaret Timura by Paul and Patty Timura & Family]

Wednesday July 3

Portage 7:45 AM
8:00 AM

The Third Hour
Divine Liturgy

[+Patrick Aungst, by Terri Raptosh Kinsella]

Thursday, July 4

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Friday, July 5

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Saturday July 6

Portage 3:00 PM
Beaverdale 4:30 PM

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday July 6

Beaverdale **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy [Elizabeth Harrigal, by Mike Blazosky]

Sunday July 7

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy