



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 p.m. (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

Sunday January 19 2020

Lenz

Troitsja: Jakob Czapp

Bulletins: Abby Koban & Ryan

Sunday January 26 2020

Slanoc

Troitsja: Abby Koban

Bulletins: Lexi Slanoc & Easton

Sunday February 2 2020

Castel

Troitsja: Ryan Lenz

Bulletins: Bella Koban & Kaleb

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 at Sts Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church**. To receive weekly bulletin by email send your email address to james_armand_spontak@verizon.net with this request.



Living the Gospel of Life

On Friday January 24 is the **Annual March for Life** in Washington, DC. This occasion brings together thousands of people working together for the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. In Living the Gospel of Life the Catholic Bishops of the United States reminds us: ***“The basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in his image. Direct abortion is never a morally tolerable option. Similarly, euthanasia and assisted suicide are never acceptable acts of mercy.”***

Saint Francis University in Loretto will host the **7th Annual March on the Mountain** on **Wednesday, January 22**. The march begins with prayer at 11:00 am and concludes at 11:55 am for those who wish to attend noon Mass.

Please join in prayer on this occasion to renew our commitment for the defense and protection of human life, especially the most vulnerable.

Annual “Appreciation Dinner”—Sunday, February 9

The Annual “Appreciation Dinner” is Sunday, February 9, following the Divine Liturgy. Please make note this date and plan to attend. *The RSVP form is included in today’s bulletin.*

All Souls Commemoration for 2020

The first **All Souls Commemoration** is Saturday, February 15 [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. *Please indicate if names listed are in addition to previous years’ lists or to replace the previous years.* Returning this envelope at your earliest convenience will be helpful in updating and maintaining the All Souls listing.

Many, Happy Years!

Please remember in your prayers **Father Thomas Wells** who was ordained to the priesthood by Metropolitan Archbishop William, on Sunday, January 18, 2020. ***Axios! He is worthy!***

The Byzantine Catholic World

The **Byzantine Catholic World [BCW]** is the definitive source of news pertinent to the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. Published once-a-month, the **BCW** 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 26 which you may use to begin or renew your annual subscription. *Thank you!*

Appreciation Dinner—Sunday, February 9

Our annual **Appreciation Dinner** on **Sunday, February 9** will follow immediately after the Divine Liturgy. As in past years, the **Parish** will provide the main course for this catered dinner.

Everyone is asked to complete the menu by bringing either a side dish or dessert:

Names from A to L: Dessert

Names from M thru Z: Side dish [bread/rolls, salad, vegetable, pasta salad, etc.]

There is no charge for the dinner, but those who wish to do so may offer a donation.

All of our Parish Family is most welcome. A cordial invitation is extended to parishioners of Saint Mary's, Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo to attend and bring a side dish or dessert.

RSVP for Appreciation Dinner—Sunday, February 9

Name of family/individual[s]:

Number of persons attending:

I/we will help with preparations on Sat. Feb. 8:

Please reply by Sunday, February 2—or at your earliest convenience

PARISH NEWS & COMING EVENTS

Parish Advisory Council Meetings

The next meeting of the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saints Peter & Paul, Portage is on **Thursday, February 6**, at 7:00 pm.

The next meeting of the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saint Mary's, Beaverdale and Saints Peter & Paul, Dunlo is **Wednesday, February 12**, at 7:00 pm.

Minutes of previous meetings will be included in the Sunday bulletin prior to meetings.

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:** _____

"O Lord, be in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, in our tears and in our laughter. O Lord, let your presence be felt in this house, and in those who enter therein, as it was felt by John as You were baptized in the Jordan River." [From the Prayer for Blessing of Homes]

Happy 103rd 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 *103rd Birthday* on Monday January 20. Birthday greetings to *Anna Garanich* may be sent c/o *Rose of Sharon Home, 135 Main Street, Saint Michael PA 15951*.

This Week...

Father Jim is scheduled for cataract surgery on Tuesday, January 21. Adjustments in schedule for the weekday Divine Liturgy and appointments may be made during this time.

Thank you for your prayers and consideration.

| Offerings for December | | | | | | |
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| | <u>Dec 1</u> | <u>Dec 8</u> | <u>Dec 15</u> | <u>Dec 22</u> | <u>Christmas</u> | <u>Dec 29</u> |
| Portage: | \$1,014.00 | \$2,784.80 | \$2,376.00 | \$3,012.00 | \$5,165.00 | \$4,278.00 |
| Beaverdale: | \$289.00 | \$ 852.00 | \$296.75 | \$435.00 | | \$1,221.00 |
| Dunlo: | \$ 71.00 | \$ 189.00 | \$77.00 | \$531.00 | | \$796.50 |

Statements of Parishioners' Offerings

Statements of 2019 parishioner offerings for parishioners are being prepared for distribution by the end of January. If you have need of your 2019 offerings sooner, call the rectory [814-736-9780] or send request to james_armand_spontak@verizon.net.

"Question and Answer" Box

There are several questions submitted to the "Question and Answer" box for which a response has not yet appeared. As space allows in coming weeks, I hope to respond to these. I appreciate your questions, and the concerns of these various topics present. Thanks again for your patience.

Church Music Day for Cantors

On Saturday, February 22, the Archeparchy will hold a **Church Music Day** for Cantors at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall. The morning session [9:00 am-Noon] will be a **Meeting of Archieparchial Cantors and Assistant Cantors**, to discuss the state of our church music and ways we can foster the singing in our parishes. In the afternoon [2:00-4:00 pm] will be a **Presentation and Sing-Along for All Clergy, Cantors, And Faithful**, covering Lenten and Holy Week hymns in the proposed comprehensive hymnal for our church, and teaching basic harmonization of plain chant.

Church Offering Envelopes for 2020

Because **Offering Envelopes** envelope numbers change; please **write your name and address on your envelope each week** to ensure proper credit. A line for writing your name is printed on the 2020 envelopes. If you are not registered to receive envelopes, contact the parish office.

Liturgical Chant—Sundays after Pentecost

- The Troparion and other prescribed parts for Sunday, January 26, Resurrection Troparion Tone 8, may be found on p. 161-163.
- The *Our Father* in Tone 8 may be found on p. 73.
- Please note instructions at the beginning of the Liturgy for opening hymns etc.

Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the health of *Katie Czapp* [Memorial Hospital]; *Ella Hoffman*; *Marian Simala*; *Jennifer Crum Bailey*; *Michael Barelick*; *Kennady Grace Spaid*; *Joseph Lysic*; *Rose Single*; *Mary Donnelly*; *George Pyo Jr.*; *Daniel Zaliznock*; *John Rakar*; *Bernadette Kostan*, *Patty Haschak*; *Shawn Crum*; *Dennis Ratosky, Sr.*; *Dorothy, Phil* and *Cathy Walters*; *Alina Rusnak*; *Ruby Moore*; *Charles* and *Joan Plishka*; *Tom Goncher*; *Patrick & Joan Ditko*; *Helena Ditko*; *Cliff Inman*; *Father Paul Tigyer*; *Kelly Colwell*; *Sarah Kelt*; *Mary Beth Blackburn*; and all the ill & homebound.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Tony Melendez Concert

On Tuesday, January 21, world renowned Catholic Musician and Speaker **Tony Melendez** will be performing a concert at 7:00 PM at Holy Name Church, Ebensburg. Tony was born with no arms, but learned to play the guitar with his feet from a young age. In 1987 in Los Angeles, he famously performed in front of Pope John Paul II.

The concert is free, but a free will offering will be taken for the parish and then for Tony.

Holy Name in Hawaii

Holy Name Home and School Association is sponsoring **Holy Name in Hawaii** on Saturday, January 25, starting at 5:00 PM in the Holy Name Church Hall, Ebensburg.

Tickets are on sale at Holy Name School at a cost of \$25.00 per person (advance tickets only). For tickets or for more information, please call Holy Name School at 814-472-8817. *Aloha!*

Catholic Counselors of America LLC

Catholic Counselors of America LLC has an office at St. Aloysius Faith Education and Community Center, located at 7911 Admiral Peary Highway in Cresson.

For information contact Leorosie "Rose" Trexler, M.S., Counselor. 814-505-7178.

Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer

At Home: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Catherine Czapp Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Joseph Raptosh [*St. Michael's, Canonsburg*]; Stella Raptosh;; Cathy Walters; Helen Zaher; **St. Mary (Beaverdale)**: Nancy Andrako; Catherine McGough;

Nursing & Other Care Facilities:

- **Saint Benedict Manor, Carrolltown,** Catherine Thrower [Dunlo];
- **Arbutus Park Manor:** Margaret Rachael [Dunlo];
- **Maple Winds:** Rita Thornton;
- **Autumn View:** June Nezneski;
- **Amber Hills Ebensburg:** *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 for the intention of the *Protection of Human Life on the occasion of the Annual March for Life*, requested by Julie Brenna.

Pilgrim Vocation Icon

During the week of January 19, *Paulette & Ed Fedorko* will have the *Pilgrim Vocation Icon*.

The list to sign up for the *Pilgrim Vocation Icon* to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and monastic religious life is in the narthex. Please remember seminarians of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh: **Lector Kyprian Wojciechowski; Lector Robert Jones; Seminarians John Welch; Luke Iyengar Nathaniel Tapsak**; Diaconate Studies candidates; and all of the Seminary community.

Liturgical Schedule 32nd Sunday after Pentecost—January 19, 2020

Thirty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday January 18

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

Sunday January 19

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy
[For the *Protection of Human Life* on the occasion of the Annual March for Life, by Julie Brenna]

Monday, January 20

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday, January 24

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Wednesday, January 22

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Thursday, January 23

No Divine Liturgy scheduled

Friday, January 24

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** [+Edward Olshavsky Jr., by Maxine Olshavsky]

Saturday, January 25

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

Thirty-third Sunday after Pentecost—Sunday of Zacchaeus

Saturday January 25

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

Sunday January 26

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