

Liturgical Schedule Seventeenth Week after Pentecost—September 12, 2021

Sunday Before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Saturday September 11

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday September 12

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Vaughn George, by Albert & MaryAnn Kissell]

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Monday September 13

Dunlo 6:00 PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy
[Catherine Thrower, by John & Irene Gindlesperger]

Tuesday, September 14

Portage 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Thursday, September 16

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Catherine Czapp, by Family]

Saturday September 18

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

Sunday After the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Saturday September 18

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday September 19

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Charles Serenko, by Mary Ann & Chip Kissell]

This Week: The *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*, Tuesday, September 14, observes the veneration of the Cross as the symbol, or emblem, representing the mystery of our redemption.

Celebration of Marriage to honor married couples *Wedding Jubilee Anniversaries* today at Saint Elias, Munhall. Congratulations to parishioners celebrating Jubilee Anniversaries in 2021:

Saints Peter and Paul, Portage

<i>Albert & Mary Jane Bihary</i>	50 Years	<i>Jason & Noel Miller</i>	25 Years
<i>Kenneth & Connie Crum</i>	40 Years	<i>Dennis & Kathy Ratosky</i>	50 Years
<i>Daniel & Sara Erzal</i>	10 Years	<i>David & Rebecca Single</i>	25 Years
<i>Darryl & Sharon Hanna</i>	60 Years	<i>Demetrius & Tammy Whitcomb</i>	35 Years

Many, Happy Years! If there are others we are not aware of please inform Father Jim.

Church Cleaning for September is **Monday, September 13**, at 9:00 am. Thank You to those who volunteer for the monthly *Work Party* and *Church Cleaning*

Parish Advisory Council: Minutes of the meeting of Thursday, March 18 2021 of the *Parish Advisory Council* of Saints Peter and Paul, Portage are included in today's Sunday's bulletin.

Eastern Christian Formation: A meeting with Catechists for the 2021-2022 *Eastern Christian Formation Program* is being re-scheduled for next weekend. Catechists will be contacted with details on meeting day and time.

A webinar, **Rethinking Sunday School: The Problem and Practical Solutions**, will be offered Monday, September 20. For more information: info@easterncatholic.org.

Eternal Memory: You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of ***+Joan Plishka*** of Saint Mary's Beavertdale, who fell asleep in the Lord on September 7. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to her husband Charles; to Theresa, Annette, Charles Martin, and Stephen; and to all of her family.

"Come and See" Weekend at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary for men ages 18 to 35 who are fully vaccinated and who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church; Friday November 5-Sunday November 7 at the Seminary. *Online registration* at www.bcs.edu. Deadline for registrations is October 13, 2021

Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church Assembly 2021: "One Body in Christ: Re-Emerging from the Pandemic", November 5 & 6, 2021 at Saint John's Cathedral in Munhall.

There are brochures in the narthex with details of the program schedule and speakers and information for registration.

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate in celebrating *Fatima Devotions*, Monday, September 13 in the gardens at Mount Assisi, 6:30pm. In case of inclement weather, they will be held at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.

Saint Demetrius Church BBQ Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 26, Take-Out Dinner only. \$12.00/dinner includes 1/2 BBQ Chicken, 2-Sides and Dessert. Dinners available from 11:00 am until sold out. Basket raffle, theme games, and other small games of chance will be available as well. Location: Parish Activity Center at 714 Foster Street (enter below 616 Church St.)

Remember in Prayer

For the Health of: *Dorothy Resconich; Larry Sasek; Carol Slifko; Catherine McGough; Alice Ference; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Marge Fleck; Michael & Pauline Barelick; and all the ill, homebound.*

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh;; Cathy Walters; Helen Zaher.

St. Mary (Beavertdale): Catherine McGough;

NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: **Presbyterian Home** [Hollidaysburg] *Charles Plishka* [Beavertdale]; **Arbutus Park Manor:** Margaret Rachael [Dunlo]; **Autumn View:** June Nezneski; **Amber Hills:** *Father Ronald Borsuk*; **The Palms** [McKeesport]: Marian Simala; **John Paul II Manor,** *Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak*; **Just Like Home Personal Care,** *Cresson: Dorothy Resconich*; **Forest Hills Personal Care,** *Sidman: Kathryn Malley.*

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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.** Christian Initiation may be celebrated with the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Those selected to be sponsors must be persons who are qualified to be a sponsor according 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.**

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.

Opportunities for Stewardship: Parishioners are asked to make a commitment of **Time, Talent, and Treasure...** **Work Parties:** first Saturday of each month; **Church Cleaning** the first Monday.