

Liturgical Schedule Twenty-Seventh Week after Pentecost December 4, 2022

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday December 3

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday December 4

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Frank Yetsko, by Jim & Gail Koban]

Feast of our Holy Father Nicholas Archbishop of Myra and Wonderworker

Monday, December 5

Beaverdale 6:00 PM Great Vespers with Litija

Tuesday, December 6

Portage 8:45 AM The Third Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Feast of the Maternity of Holy Anna

Wednesday, December 7

Beaverdale 6:00 PM Vespers with the Divine Liturgy [+Margaret Prudhoe, by Jim Afton]

Thursday, December 8

Portage 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday December 10

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

Sunday of the Forefathers

Saturday December 10

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday December 11

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Charles Christina, by Ernest & Andrea Podrasky]]

This Week...we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Nicholas Archbishop of Myra and Wonderworker* [December 6]; and also the *Feast of the Maternity of Holy Anna* [December 8]. Both feasts serve to enhance our preparation for Christmas. In particular, the practical virtues of Saint Nicholas are a model to guide us in emulating his spirit of generosity and genuine concern for others.

The Season of Philip's Fast in preparation for Christmas is November 15-December 24. Canned goods, non-perishable food, donations of cash are collected for the **Portage Food Pantry** and the **Forest Hills Food Pantry** [Beaverdale and Dunlo].

Portage Advent and Christmas Carol Fest: Sponsored by the **Portage Area Ministerial Association** and hosted at **Holy Family Catholic Church**, on Sunday, December 18, at 2 PM. All **Portage Churches** members are invited to the event, even if you are not sending a choir.
At the end of the carol fest, share in refreshments in Holy Family's parish hall.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for December

- The **Church Cleaning** for December is scheduled for **Monday, December 5**, at **9:00 am**.
- **Thank You** to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

David Mayernik, Editor of the Byzantine Catholic World...asks us to share a Christmas memory for a BCW feature. Everyone loves Christmas carols and music. Please consider writing about a memory connected with music at Christmas. Does your family have a tradition of singing a Christmas carols? Do you have a favorite Christmas hymn/carol that's sung every year at your church? Have you ever gone Christmas caroling around your neighborhood? Please send by December 8 to: bcw@archpitt.org. Photos to go with your memory may also be sent.

Forest Hills Community Band Christmas Concert Schedule:

- Sunday, December 4, 4 pm: *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Windber.*
- Sunday, December 11, 2 pm: *Galleria Mall*
- Saturday, December 17, 7 pm: *New Germany Church Hall.*
- Sunday, December 18, 6 pm: *Mount Hope Church.*

Memorial Donations: We gratefully acknowledge the following donations, to Saint Mary's Church, Beavertdale in memory of **+Charles Plishka** from: *Paulette Plishka King*, Winter Garden, Florida; and *Steve & Marion Plishka*, Port Richey Florida. **Eternal Memory**

Maple Winds Healthcare & Rehabilitation Operation Santa Program! If you would like to sponsor one of our residents for Christmas, you may call the facility to obtain an ornament. On the ornament you will find a wish list with the residents' Christmas wishes.

Please purchase the desired items, wrap them and return them to the facility by December 16, 2022. We thank you in advance for your gracious generosity! Please call our Life Enrichment Director Julia Williams: (814) 736-6000 option 3 for details

Eternal Memory: You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Father Edward Semko**, a retired priest of the Eparchy of Passaic, who fell asleep in the Lord November 27.

"Troitsja" Candle & Carillon Bells; Bulletins:

December 4	<u>Candle & Bells:</u>	Bella Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc
December 11	<u>Candle & Bells:</u>	Abby Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Abby Koban & Bella Koban
December 18	<u>Candle & Bells</u>	Easton Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: The Health of: *Katie Czapp; Diane Shaner; Angeline Pieraccini; Shawn Crum; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Holly Pawwluk; 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;. **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** **Rebekah Manor**, Portage: Helen Zaher; **Maple Winds:** June Nezneski; **John Paul II Manor**, Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care**, Ebensburg: Dorothy Resconich; **Forest Hills Personal Care**, Sidman: Kathryn Malley; **Quality Life [Johnstown];** *Catherine McGough [Beavertdale].*

Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church--

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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 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**.

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.

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