

**Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church—Beaverdale
Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church--Dunlo**

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Liturgical Schedule 3rd Week after Pentecost June 14, 2020

Second Sunday after Pentecost

<u>Sat. June 13</u>	Beaverdale	<u>5:00 pm</u>	Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Ed Andrykovitch, by Emily Holgash]
<u>Sun. June 14</u>	Portage	<u>9:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy
<u>Wed. June 17</u>	Portage	<u>8:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy [+Mary Yetsko, by Debbie & Gary Krisko]
<u>Thurs. June 18</u>	Portage	<u>8:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy [+Emile Billy, Sr., by Rodney, Mary Hughes]
<u>Fri. June 19</u>	Portage	<u>8:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy [+Anne Lazor, by M/M G. Secrisky]
<u>Sat. June 20</u>	Portage	<u>3:00 pm</u>	<i>Confessions-Mystery of Repentance</i>
	Dunlo	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<i>Confessions-Mystery of Repentance</i>

Third Sunday after Pentecost--Father's Day

<u>Sat. June 20</u>	Dunlo	<u>5:00 pm</u>	Vigil Divine Liturgy <i>We remember all our Fathers, Living & Deceased</i>
<u>Sun. June 21</u>	Portage	<u>9:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy <i>We remember all our Fathers, Living & Deceased</i>

Welcome...

A word of welcome to Saints Peter and Paul Parish to:

- ***Dane Nesbella*** is from Lilly and has been worshipping with us for some time. We also gratefully acknowledge his beginning as an Altar Server at the Divine Liturgy last month.
- ***Matt Kohan*** who presently resides in the Loretto area and is originally from Erie. Matt has joined our parish community over the past months.

Please take the opportunity to extend a cordial welcome to Dane Nesbella and Matt Kohan.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for July

- The ***Work Party*** for July will be on **Saturday, June 27**, at 9:00 am. Please note this change from the usual first Saturday because of the ***Independence Day Holiday*** on Saturday, July 4.
- The ***Church Cleaning*** for July is scheduled for **Monday, July 6**, at 9:00 am.
- Thanks once again to those who volunteer for these monthly projects.

A Note of Thanks...

Thank you for your cooperation in accommodating the various adjustments for gathering for worship at this present time. Please continue to be attentive to the guidelines provided and other necessary provisions of distance, etc., as posted in the narthex. Your consideration, patience and cooperation are valued and appreciated. Let us continue to remember in prayer those who are ill with the Coronavirus; and the needs of parish family and of one another at this time of pandemic.

2020 Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina Cancelled

The Mount Saint Macrina newsletter *In Touch*, includes this letter regarding the cancellation of the Annual Pilgrimage due to the Covid-19 Pandemic: ***“One of the most difficult changes that we need to accept is the decision to cancel the Pilgrimage gathering in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. In the interest of safety and well-being of all, we will follow the lead of so many others and adhere to the guidelines provided. It is our intent, however, to work on providing a series of internet services which pilgrims can watch from their own homes. So, this year we will be making a pilgrimage of the “heart” rather than a pilgrimage of the “feet”.***

Offering for “Peter’s Pence”

In your packet of offering envelopes is the envelope designated, ***“Peter’s Pence”*** [June 7]. The purpose of this collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

Eternal Memory

Please pray for the response of the soul of ***+Sister Mary Ann Botsko, SSMI***, the twin Sister of Father Jerome Botsko, Chaplain at Mount Saint Macrina and pastor of St. Mary’s, Morgantown WV, who fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, June 10. Sr. Mary Ann was a member of the community of the Sisters Servants Mary Immaculate, in Sloatsburg New York.

Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer

Please remember in your prayers ***Joseph Mandichak*** who is a patient at Select Specialty [Lee Campus]; and all of the ill and homebound.

At Home: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Dorothy Billy; Catherine Czapp Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; 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

Scripture Reflections—Second Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 2:20-16: In his letter to the Church in Rome, St. Paul teaches that God will bestow His blessings upon the Jews who do good works and fulfill the Law of Moses. For St. Paul, those who do not know the Law and have never heard the commandments will be rewarded according to how well they follow their conscience. The Gentiles fulfill the Law according to natural reasoning by following their conscience. God's will is written into the human heart, speaking to us through our conscience and reason. Both Jews and Gentiles (the non-Jews) can taste Paradise. For us Christians, who know the Gospel and have heard the Lord's call to turn away from sin, to love God and our neighbor, our burden is two-fold. We must be obedient to the Word of God as well as to our conscience and reason. Through harmony between our conscience, the Lord's commands, and our words and actions, God will bestow upon us His glory, honor and peace.

Matthew 4:18-23: We are not meant to hear the Gospel with our ears only, but to hear with faith and obedience. With faith and obedience, Jesus calls us to follow Him with our whole lives. The Gospel presents the faith and obedience of these four Apostles when they are first called. They have a difficult but pleasant life, fishing on the Sea of Galilee with their family and friends. But, Jesus calls them to leave their old life behind, to come and follow Him. They trust that the Lord will lead them to a better life. And so, by faith, they leave everything behind and immediately follow. When they leave their nets and boat, they leave trusting the Lord, but not knowing what lies ahead. They do not know, at the time, that they will be filled with wisdom and the Holy Spirit and that their lives will be an offering for the salvation of the whole world. If the Lord is calling us to follow Him, to leave behind our old life, we may not see where we will end up. But, through faith today and hope for tomorrow, we too can leave behind our nets and follow the Lord Jesus Christ. If we follow His call, we will have life in abundance, beyond anything we could achieve on our own. [From *God With Us Online*]

The Fathers on Scripture: *"The kingdom of heaven has no price tag on it: It is worth as much as you have. For Zacchaeus it was worth half of what he owned, because the other half that he had unjustly pocketed he promised to restore fourfold. For Peter and Andrew it was worth the nets and vessel they had left behind; for the widow it was worth two copper coins; for another it was worth a cup of cold water. So, as we said, the kingdom of heaven is worth as much as you have.*

St. Gregory the Dialogist, Forty Gospel Homilies 5.2.

Fast of the Holy Apostles

The *Fast of the Holy Apostles*, is observed from Monday, June 8 to Sunday, June 28]. The Apostles' Fast marks a recommitment to fasting after the Feast of Pentecost. It may be observed voluntarily as a time of renewal of faith.

It holds particular significance for *Ss. Peter & Paul* in both Portage and Dunlo, for whom this Feast of the Apostles is the parish patronal feast [June 29].

2020 Ethnic Festival

At recent meetings of the Parish Advisory Council [Wednesday, May 20] and the **Festival Committee** [Thursday, May 28] it was determined that it would not be feasible to host the festival this year. The impact of the Coronavirus and the required restrictions and social distance concerns made it necessary to cancel the 2020 Ethnic Festival. The uncertainties of the response of the public would present too great a risk for us to invest the expense and time of preparing for the Festival.

The Festival Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 22 to consider a possible alternative event for later this year. The meeting will be at 7:00 pm in the Social Room of the church hall.

We look forward to continuing the festival and welcoming our patrons and guests next year.

Projects at our Parish in Recent Months...

In the interval during which public worship in our churches was interrupted. There were several noteworthy projects of repair, improvement, etc. which took place in our parishes.

•**Resurrection Icon: A new icon of the Resurrection**, a vinyl banner placed on the frame of our old church sign, was displayed near the Munster Road entrance to Church Road during the Paschal season. Also planned is an icon of the Nativity for Christmas; and a banner with time of Divine Liturgy and a *Welcome* message for other seasons of the year. A note of thanks to Jim Koban, Dr. Jim Koban, and Bob Koban for placing the new icon on the sign board in time for Pascha-Easter Sunday.

•**New LED Lighting**: All of the lights at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage, in the church, social hall, and rectory were converted to **LED Light Fixtures**. FirstEnergy, which includes our electric supplier Penelec, has a program of incentives for commercial customers. This includes a percentage of the cost of the new equipment being returned as a rebate. Also, the energy savings of the electric bill is projected to pay back the cost of the new equipment in two years because of the improved efficiency of the LED lights. Our thanks to Larry Dipko and Deacon Daniel Perich for volunteering to the work for the conversion and installation of these lights.

•**Ceiling Painting in Beavertdale**: The ceiling at Saint Mary's, Beavertdale was repainted over the recent months. Our thanks to Deacon Daniel Perich, who volunteered to paint the ceiling after having made repairs to the plaster in the ceiling.

Graduates 2020

Please submit the names of parishioners who have graduated in 2020 from high school, college, professional schools, etc. and include degrees earned and any special awards, recognitions, etc. We would like to acknowledge these achievements and milestones.

Please place information in an envelope in the offering basket, or call the rectory [736-9780] or send to: james_armand_spontak@verizon.net, by June 21st. Thank you