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Liturgical Schedule 4th Week after Pentecost June 21, 2020

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>

Feast of the Birth of the Holy Prophet Forerunner & Baptist John

<u>Tuesday June 24</u>			
Beaverdale	<u>6:00 PM</u>	Great Vespers with Litija	
<u>Wednesday June 24</u>			
Portage	<u>9:00 AM</u>	Divine Liturgy	
<u>Thurs. June 25</u>	Portage	<u>8:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy [+Ed Raptosh, by Dennis, Cheryl, Lydia & Meredith Takacs]
<u>Sat. June 27</u>	Portage	<u>3:00 pm</u>	<i>Confessions-Mystery of Repentance</i>
	Beaverdale	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<i>Confessions-Mystery of Repentance</i>
<u>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</u>			
<u>Sat. June 27</u>	Beaverdale	<u>5:00 pm</u>	Vigil Divine Liturgy [+John & +Margaret "Peg" Slifko; +Andrew Slifko; by Jack and Annie Slifko]
<u>Sun. June 28</u>	Portage	<u>9:00 am</u>	Divine Liturgy

Happy Father's Day!

We extend best wishes and prayers for a **Happy Father's Day** to all the fathers in our parish. Honoring you is a way to offer thanks for so much that you do all throughout the year. Today is a day to express sentiments and affections that too often remain unspoken.

The Scriptures are replete with examples of fathers and models of genuine fatherhood. From Abraham, our *'father in faith'*; Joseph spouse of Mary, the "foster father" of Jesus; the Apostle Paul, who wrote "I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel" [[I Corinthians 4:15](#)].

Our prayer is that you may be a model, example and guide for your children all throughout their lives. We pray with particular fondness for our deceased fathers, that they enjoy the light, peace and repose of God's kingdom.

A Celebration of Marriage

Each year, the Archeparchy hosts a celebration to honor married couples observing their **Wedding Anniversaries of 10, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, or additional years that are multiples of five.** The date for this event is **Sunday, September 13, 2020.**

It has not been determined as of the present time if this celebration can be held. However, we are requesting names of those having any of these wedding anniversaries in 2020, so that they may be honored appropriately. Please inform Father Jim by **Sunday, July 26** if you are observing one of these anniversaries in 2020.

Cemetery Donations

We gratefully acknowledge donation to the Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo Cemetery from **Sharon and Mack Duplaga** of Parma Heights, Ohio, in memory of **+Bill and +Lorraine Valko.**

We also gratefully acknowledge the generosity of our parishioners for your regular cemetery offerings. Cemetery offering envelopes are in the packet of offering envelopes for each parish.

A Note of Thanks...

Thank you for your cooperation in accommodating the various adjustments for worship at this present time. Please continue to be attentive to the guidelines and provisions of distance, etc., as posted in the narthex. 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.

Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer

Please remember in your prayers **Marge Fleck; 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 Neznieski;
- **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

Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church

Feast of the Birth of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John

Wednesday, June 24 is the observance of the *Birth of John the Baptist*. His role is always in relation to our Lord Jesus Christ. As the *Forerunner*, he the one sent to prepare the way. He is also of course, the *Baptist* as the one who baptized Jesus.

His birth is the cause of great joy to Zechariah and Elizabeth his parents who welcomed him late in life. Likewise, the church observes the feast of his birth as a day of particular joy.

“Today the joy-creating birth of the Forerunner ends the sadness of his father's muteness and the barrenness of his mother. Indeed, his birth heralds the present joy and happiness. Therefore, all creation celebrates in splendor.” [Hymn of Light, Matins of the Feast]

Scripture Reflections—Third Sunday after Pentecost

Both Scripture readings today speak of faith, which is “the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” [Hebrews 11:1]. The Epistle [Romans 5:1-10] tells us, “now that we have been justified through faith, let us have peace with God.” We desire and seek peace in a restless, troubled world. Yet St Paul says that we Christians “exult in tribulations.” That’s not to say that we are glad there exists disease, unrest, injustice. But we rejoice because through them God works good: “tribulation produces endurance, and endurance challenge, and challenge hope, and hope does not deceive, for God’s love is poured forth in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” By suffering, God makes us stronger, better people. Through the gift of faith, we have hope, we can be sure of God’s love for us, and that He has a plan. God is taking care of us, and St Paul explains why we can be sure of this, saying that, though we would be hesitant to give our lives even for righteous men, Jesus gave His life for us, even though we are sinners!

The Gospel reading [Matthew 6:22-33] uses the analogies of the birds and the flowers. Jesus says “But if God so clothes the wildflower of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more you, O you of little faith! Therefore do not be anxious.” Jesus is telling us to trust Him completely, not worrying about tomorrow. But this doesn’t mean that we should do nothing. We should give ourselves over to God completely. In the last verse of today’s gospel, Jesus says, “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” In other words, if we seek God in all things and at all times, and we strive to do His will and follow His commandments, then He will take care of us and make sure that we have what we need. Jesus tells us that, to do this, we must make sure our spiritual eyes are healthy. We need to pray often, and look at God, and not look at the chaos and evil in the world around us, lest we forget Him. If we do this, as Saint Paul tells us, we will have peace. (But that doesn’t mean we won’t have trials and troubles, because remember, trials and tribulations make us stronger!) [From [God With Us Online](#)]

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.

“Joyful Light” Seminary Newsletter

Enclosed in today’s bulletin are copies of **“Joyful Light”** the newsletter of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius. This edition of the newsletter features the reaffirmation of the accreditation of the seminary for a period of ten years, which occurred in November, 2019. In addition there are other items highlighting faculty and students of the Seminary.

You may also access the newsletter and other information about the Seminary at the website: www.bcs.edu.

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

This year our annual festival will not be held. The restrictions and social distance required due to the Coronavirus have made it necessary to cancel the 2020 Ethnic 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.

Graduates 2020

Please submit the names of parishioners who have graduated in 2020 from high school, college, etc. and include degrees earned, special awards, recognitions. 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!

2020 Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina Cancelled

The Annual Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Mount Saint Macrina newsletter *In Touch* has indicated plans to work on providing a series of internet services which pilgrims can watch from their own homes, “a pilgrimage of the “heart” rather than a pilgrimage of the “feet””.