

**Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church—Beaverdale
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Liturgical Schedule 12th Week after Pentecost August 16, 2020

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Postfestive Day of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Sat. August 15 Dunlo 5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sun. August 16 Portage 9:00 am Divine Liturgy [+Jennie Letzo, by Julie Brenna]

Wednesday August 19

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
Portage 8:00 am Divine Liturgy [+Mary Vrabel, by Jim Afton and Marty & Marie Johnson]

Thursday August 20

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
Portage 8:00 am Divine Liturgy [+Ed Raptosh, by Mary Miterko]

Sat. August 22 Portage 3:00 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*
 Beaverdale 4:30 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sat. August 22 Beaverdale 5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
 [+Elizabeth Harrigal, by Marcie & Doug Roxby]
Sun. August 23 Portage 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Parish Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saints Peter & Paul, Portage from the Wednesday, May 20 meeting are in today's bulletin.

Coming Events in the Byzantine Catholic Church...

National Byzantine Catholic Convention (NBCC) has been rescheduled as a *Virtual event* for the original dates of **November 13 and 14, 2020**. More info to come. Mark your calendar!

The **ByzanTEEN Youth Rally** is scheduled for July 1-4 2021 at Mount St. Mary's University, 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Keynote Address by *Superbowl Champion Matt Birk*. Closing Hierarchical Liturgy at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Basilica. More information to follow.

Scripture Reflection...

A common point of instruction and exhortation links the lesson from I Corinthians 9:2-12, our Apostolic Reading; and the Gospel we hear from Matthew 18:23-35. The Gospel parables illustrates how the forgiveness we have received from God compels us to respond in forgiveness to others. Demanding what is due to us must never cancel this primary Christian virtue and responsibility of mercy.

So also, Saint Paul reflects on a number of circumstances in which he and Barnabas might be entitled to or insist upon certain claims or rights. But something more important, more urgent overrides any such demands or rightful claims. He would rather forgo these than "*put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ*" [I Corinthians 9:12].

This entails much the same principle or teaching as the Gospel parable, that we make available to others and not interfere with, or obstruct, the same grace and mercy of God which we have experienced and received.

Meeting for Proposed Pavilion at Picnic Grounds

A meeting to review proposed plans for a pavilion on the picnic grounds is scheduled for this Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the site of the picnic grounds.

Members of the Parish Advisory Council and those involved on the Festival/Picnic Committee are invited and encouraged to attend.

Additional Handicapped Parking Spaces

Two additional handicapped parking spaces have been identified in the front of the parking lot, the first two spaces in the parking lot across from the entrance to church. These spaces are in addition to the handicapped parking spaces in front of the rectory. Thank you for your cooperation in reserving these spaces for those who are eligible for handicapped parking and have need of this accommodation to access more easily and safely entering the church.

Remember in Prayer...

Please remember in your prayers: *Deacon Robert Jones; Subdeacon Kyprian Wojciechowski*; and all of the seminarians and seminary community; and all of those discerning a call to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or monastic and religious life.

Carpatho-Rusyn Research Center 2020 Summer Seminars

The *Carpatho-Rusyn Research Center 2020 Summer Seminars*, presented by the John and Helen Timo Foundation. To register: <https://www.c-rrc.org/2020-summer-seminars/>. You will receive an email with a link unique to you to join the webinar. For, information email orders@c-rrc.org.

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 - 11am ET: A conversation with Bogdan Horbal (New York Public Library) about his professional successes as a Lemko Rusyn in the United States. Moderated by Professor Nick Kupensky (United States Air Force Academy). [Register here](#).

Chicken Bar-B-Que--Saturday, September 26 2020

Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage, is planning a take-out *Chicken Bar-B-Que* for **Saturday, September 26**, from Noon-3 pm *[or until sold out]*.

- The *Chicken-Bar-B-Que* will feature **Tony Pyo's bacon-wrapped chicken; homemade cole slaw; baked beans; and sheet cake**. The cost will be **\$9.00**.
 - **Tickets are available today** and over the next several Sundays. Please come to the parish office after Divine Liturgy. The pre-sale of tickets will be helpful in planning for the amount of chicken, etc. to be purchased and prepared.
 - Please consider taking some tickets to sell family members, friends and neighbors to help publicize and support this event.
 - Parishioners are invited to make and donate a **9" X 13" sheet cake** for the bar-b-que. A sign-up list is in the narthex next Sunday, August 16 for those willing to make sheet cakes.
- Plan to come and invite others to come and support this event.**

Thank You for Your Cooperation...

- The Communion spoon is sanitized after each person has received the Body and Blood of the Lord. After each person has received, the Communion spoon is placed into a second vessel containing an alcohol product of 75% alcohol, an adequate percentage to sanitize. The alcohol is not the type typically purchased for sterilizing or health purposes, but is drinkable and safe should any drops remain on the spoon. This adjustment is to encourage participation in receiving in the Eucharist. It is understood and respected that some elect to exercise a greater measure of caution because of the virus.

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

- *Face masks* are provided in the narthex. Using the face masks is asked of us for the sake of protecting one another.

- 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.

A Prayerful & Thoughtful Word

St Tikhon of Zadonsk was a Russian Bishop in the 18th Century. Coming from an extremely poor family, he always remained close in spirit to the people. His many writings are direct and practical, an attempt to formulate a living theology founded on experience. He offers these words on the value and practice of reading the Gospels:

"If an earthly king wrote you a letter, would you not read it with joy? Certainly, with great rejoicing and careful attention. The King of heaven has sent a letter to you, an earthly and mortal man: yet you almost despise such a gift, so priceless a treasure. Whenever you read the Gospel, Christ himself is speaking to you. And while you read, you are praying and talking with him."

Offerings for July

	<u>July 5</u>	<u>July 12</u>	<u>July 19</u>	<u>July 26</u>
<u>Portage:</u>	\$1,978.85	\$1,451.00	\$1,115.00	\$1,220.00
<u>Beaverdale:</u>	\$ 295.00	\$ 492.00	\$230.00	\$312.00
<u>Dunlo:</u>	\$ 63.00	\$ 53.00	\$528.00	\$41.00

Parish Life---Guidelines and Practices

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.

Homebound and Nursing Home Residents—Remember in Prayer

Please remember in your prayers **Marge Fleck; Joseph Mandichak**; 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 Nezeski;
- **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