

Liturgical Schedule Sunday after Exaltation of the Cross September 20, 2020

Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sat. September 19

Beaverdale 5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy--]

Sun. September 20

Portage 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
[+Vaughn George, by Grandchildren Lexi, Easton, Owen & Alejandra]

Monday, September 21

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour

Portage 8:00 am Divine Liturgy--[+Joseph Raptosh, by Larry & Dawn Raptosh]

Wednesday, September 23

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour

Portage 8:00 am Divine Liturgy--[+Robert Bulinsky, by Mary Pikus Brodbeck]

Sat. September 26

Portage 3:00 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*
Dunlo 4:30 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sat. September 26

Dunlo 5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy--]

Sun. September 27

Portage 9:00 am Divine Liturgy [+John & +Catherine Sekerak by Kathy Sekerak]

Chicken BBQ--Saturday, September 26--Noon-3 pm [or till 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* after Divine Liturgy; or call the parish office [814-736-9780].
- Please bring the **9" X 13" sheet cakes** to the church kitchen on Thursday, September 24 [9:00 am-7:00 pm]; or Friday, September 25 by Noon.
- On Friday, September 25 preparations will begin at 9:00 am, to prepare the cole-slaw, baked beans, cut sheet cakes etc.
- On Saturday, September 26 preparations will begin at 9:00 am for details of preparing, serving the meals at the drive-through take out. **Volunteers** are needed both on Friday and Saturday
- For the **Drive-through Pick Up** vehicles will be directed to turn right onto Vlabel Road and will be directed around the back of the Picnic area, then down the parking area parallel to Church Road. This is to prevent traffic backing up on Route 164-Munster Road.

Thank you for your cooperation with guidelines posted in the narthex. Face masks are required to protect one another. After each person has received, the Communion spoon is sanitized in a vessel containing an alcohol product of 75% alcohol, which is drinkable should any remain on the spoon. This adjustment is to encourage participation in the Eucharist.

Eastern Christian Formation: Catechetical Sunday will be on Sunday, October 4; and the **2020-2021 Eastern Christian Formation** classes begin on Sunday, October 4. There is ample room in the class room areas to provide the appropriate distance for students. We ask students to have their own masks. We will follow protocols of the public schools for “mask breaks” etc. These plans will be reviewed as circumstances may warrant adjustments.

God With Us Publications, the publishers for our **ECF** texts is offering a variety of *weekly online resources* to assist Catechists and parents for the religious education and formation of our children. Those include alternatives for parents who prefer to have instruction for their children at home. Parents are encouraged to register at info@easterncatholic.org. Each week you will receive an email offering resources for at-home catechesis as well as resources for the programs at our parish. Please select “*Ruthenian Catechetical Resources*” for those appropriate for our parish.

Catechists will meet next Sunday, September 27 in the social room of the church hall, following the Divine Liturgy for preparations for **Catechetical Sunday** and the beginning of the 2020-2021 Eastern Christian Formation Program and class sessions.

Offerings for August					
	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30
Portage:	\$2,209.00	\$1,156.00	\$1,536.00	\$1,094.00	\$1,065.00
Beaverdale:	\$ 357.00	\$ 410.00	\$392.00	\$464.00	\$ 358.00
Dunlo:	\$ 49.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 265.00

Annual Fall Basket Auction at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 719 Chestnut Avenue, Northern Cambria Saturday, October 3 5:00 pm to 7:00pm; Sunday, October 4, 11:30am to 3:00pm. The drawing begins at 3:00pm on Sunday in the Church Hall. All winners will be called and can pick up their baskets between 4pm and 6pm at the church hall. Tickets are \$5.00 for 26 tickets and will be available for purchase at the Church Hall. Take-out food is also available for purchase.

Coronavirus guidelines will be followed: Wear masks; Keep 6 feet apart; follow arrows marked on the floor. Basket auction benefits expenses for the repair and repainting of the church tower.

BBQ Chicken Dinner in Gallitzin: St. Demetrius Church in Gallitzin, famous **BBQ Chicken Dinner**, Sunday, Sept. 27; a “*Drive-thru/Pick-up Dinner*” only. \$10.00/dinner will include their Delicious 1/2 BBQ Chicken; 2-Sides and Dessert. Dinners available from 11:00 am until sold out.

Come and get one of the best Chicken BBQ Dinners in the area! Please note this is a Drive-up dinner only. No festival will be held this year due to coronavirus guidelines. Enter via the Activities Center driveway below 611 Church Street, obtain your meals, and exit onto Convent St

Remember in Prayer: *Rochelle Berzansky; Marge Fleck*; and all the ill, homebound of our parish communities. We also remember those who are ill with the Coronavirus and the needs of parish family and one another at this time of pandemic

Also Deacon Robert Jones, Deacon Brian Norrell, Subdeacon. Kyprian Wojciechowski, John Welch, Luke Iyengar, Nate Tapsak, Ryan Black, Tyler Wisniewski.; all the seminary community; and all of those discerning a call to the priesthood, diaconate, or monastic and religious life

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St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church—Beaverdale;
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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.

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.