

Liturgical Schedule Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 4, 2020

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Sat. October 3

Beaverdale 5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy--]

Sun. October 4

Portage 9:00 am Divine Liturgy [+Steven Thomas Vrabel, by Fred & Elaine Vrabel]

Friday, October 9

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour

Portage 8:00 am Divine Liturgy--[+Ed Nezneski, by M/M Richard Sweeney]

Sat. October 10

Portage 3:00 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Dunlo 4:30 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Sat. October 10

Dunlo 5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sun. October 11

Portage 9:00 am Divine Liturgy — [+Joseph & +Anna Homa, by Jackie & Amber Gordon]

Many, Happy Years!

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes are extended to **Paul Anthony Hook** and **Abigail Rose Shaffer** who were united in the Mystery of Crowning in Marriage at Saints Peter & Paul Church Portage on Saturday, October 3.

"O God, our God, You came to Cana in Galilee and blessed the marriage there; now bless your servants who through your providence are united in the common life of marriage. Bless their daily course of their life; fill their life with good things; and accept their crowns into your kingdom, keeping them pure, blameless, and above reproach."

[Blessing, Holy Mystery of Crowning in Marriage]

Eastern Christian Formation: Catechetical Sunday and the blessing of students and commissioning of Catechists is delayed until next Sunday, October 11. The **2020-2021 Eastern Christian Formation** classes begin immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Parents are reminded of the *weekly online resources* for Catechists from **God With Us Publications** and the classes by Fr. David Anderson, **God With Us: The Art of Catechesis in the Orthodox Tradition**, Wednesdays October 7-28, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. Register at info@easterncatholic.org

This Week: The Annual Retreat for priests and deacons scheduled for October 4-9 had to be cancelled. Antiochian Village where the Retreat was to be hosted, is closed due to the pandemic through December 2020. Father Jim will participate in a virtual retreat hosted by the Eparchy of Passaic, October 5-9. During this time, emergencies and funerals will be attended to. Other messages received will be returned and responded to on Thursday or Friday.

Thank you for your consideration and for your prayers for the clergy taking part in this retreat.

Parking Lot Maintenance: On Friday, October 2 cleaning and filling cracks in the parking lot was performed by Mattas Asphalt Maintenance of Duncansville. Thank you for your support and generosity which allows us to care for and maintain the parish properties and facilities.

Chicken BBQ: A note of thanks to the volunteers who came on Friday and Saturday, September 25 & 26 for last week's Chicken BBQ; and also to those who donated sheet cakes. Our thanks to Tony Pyo for preparing and cooking the chicken. About 330 dinners were served.

The proceeds from this event will be posted in the bulletin within the coming weeks.

Eternal Memory You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Rosemarie Single**, the mother of David Single, who fell asleep in the Lord on September 28. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to David, Rebecca, Maddy, Jack and Bella; and to all of their families and for the repose of the soul of **+Becky Eger** who fell asleep in the Lord September 25. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Rodney Wisen and his sons Rodney and Randy.

Church Cleaning: The **Church Cleaning** for October will be **Monday, October 12**. Please note this change from the usual first Monday.

Our thanks to the volunteers for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., invite you to participate with them in celebrating the last **Fatima Devotions** of 2020, Tuesday October 13, 6:30 P.M. at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The singing will be led by Monica Hogue of Loretto and the sermon by Fr. Joseph Lehman, T.O.R., Minister Provincial. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

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.

Remember in Prayer: *Donna Block* of Saint Mary's, Beavertown [Windber Medical Center]; *Rochelle Berzansky*; *Marge Fleck*; *Father John Kovach*, a retired priest of the Eparchy of Parma.; 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 Welton, Luke Iyengar, Nate Tapsak, Ryan Black, Tyler Wisniewski.; all the seminary community; and all those discerning a call to the priesthood, diaconate, or monastic and religious life.

Annual Fall Basket Auction at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 719 Chestnut Avenue, Northern Cambria Sunday, October 4, 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. Drawing at 3:00 pm Sunday. Auction winners can pick up their baskets 4 pm—6 pm at the church hall. Tickets: \$5/26 tickets. Take-out food available. *Coronavirus guidelines* followed; wear masks.

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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 p.m. (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.