

Liturgical Schedule Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost November 8, 2020

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers

Sat. November 7

Dunlo 5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy]

Sun. November 8

Portage 9:00 am Divine Liturgy [+Audrey Pyo, by Julie Brenna

Tuesday, November 10

Portage 10:00 AM Funeral Divine Liturgy of +Rita Thornton

Thursday, November 12

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour

Portage 8:00 am Divine Liturgy--[+ Mary Bulinsky, by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kiel]

Sat. November 14

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

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sat. November 14

Beaverdale 5:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Ed Andrykovitch, by Frank S. Hribar

Sun. November 15

Portage 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

The Feast of Saint Michael and All Angelic Power: Today we honor these divine ministers as our intercessors and guardians. Angels are pure spirit but created spirits who adore and reflect the infinite divine beauty. They are “*sent forth to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation*” [Hebrews 1:14]. Today’s feast recalls in particular *the Holy Archangels Michael and Gabriel*. The name Michael means “*Who is like God?*” and Gabriel means, “*God is powerful*”.

Eternal Memory: You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Anna Garanich**, of the former Saint Michael’s parish, South Fork, who fell asleep in the Lord on November 2. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to her grandchildren John Garanich of Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo; and Kathy and John Yanez of Chandler Arizona; and to all of her family.

You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Rita Thornton** who fell asleep in the Lord on November 7. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Jason and Charlet; and to all of her family

Eastern Christian Formation classes following Divine Liturgy [10:15-11:15 am].

Online resources are provided weekly from **God With Us Publications**; and classes **Crowned With Glory: Understanding the Marriage Covenant** on, Wednesday, November 11; 8-9 p.m. Presented by Rev. Stephen Freeman Register at info@easterncatholic.org.

Giving Tree Project: Our *Giving Tree* provides gifts at Christmas for children in need. The **Giving Tree** with tags listing gifts, will be in the back of church next Sunday. When you select one of the decorations, sign on the list next to the tree, to keep track of the Christmas wish requests.

This year there are a limited number of requests. Information will be given next week on the **Portage Area School District Secret Santa** program as an option for those for who a **Giving Tree** name is not available.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting: The next meeting of the **Parish Advisory Council** for Saints Peter & Paul, Portage is on **Thursday, November 12**, at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be in *social room* of the church hall.

Minutes of previous meeting Wednesday, May 20 will be included in next Sunday's bulletin.

Cemetery Trees: The trees on the border of Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Portage were cut down this past week. Dying and deterioration of these trees have presented a serious risk to safety of visitors and damage to monuments. It seemed prudent to have the trees removed to prevent further risk and damage. Your donations and generosity for the parish cemeteries are appreciated. These allow this work and other ongoing cemetery maintenance to be done. Thank you.

Homemade Sauerkraut Available: All of the *frozen homemade Pirohi* have been sold. There are containers of *frozen homemade sauerkraut* [\$4/quart] are available in the church kitchen. You may call the rectory [814-736-9780] to arrange to purchase some.

Thank you for your support in these purchases of items prepared for the annual festival

National Byzantine Catholic Convention: The **National Byzantine Catholic Convention** on the theme "**Growing A Vibrant Byzantine Church**". Presentations on ways to grow as missionary disciples in Churches where Christ is encountered and worshipped. Virtual Convention Presentations: Available Online Sunday, November 1; Live Panel Discussions Saturday, November 14, 11:00am-3:00pm *Zoom Webinar*. **Registration** at: byzantineconvention.com.

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: *Joan Plishka; Donna Block; Rochelle Berzansky; Marge Fleck; Joseph Lysic; Mr. Andy Deskevich*, father of Very Reverend Andrew Deskevich; the ill, homebound of our parishes; those ill with the Coronavirus and all the needs of parish family at this time of pandemic. Also Deacons Robert Jones and Brian Norrell, Subdeacon. Kyprian Wojciechowski, John Welch, Luke Iyengar, Nate Tapsak, Ryan Black, Tyler Wisniewski; and all the seminary community.

Saint Nicholas Celebration for the benefit of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary is canceled this year. To assist the Seminary, **a Raffle** with an all cash prize of \$2,000 is being held. Each parish has received 17 tickets for this raffle. The winning number will be based on the PA Lottery Pick 3 drawn Sunday, December 6. If you are interested in a ticket for this raffle [\$10] contact Father Jim.

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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 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.