

Liturgical Schedule 32nd Week after Pentecost January 10 2021

Sunday after Theophany

Saturday January 9, 2021

Beaverdale 5:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Elaine Kachmar, by Marie & Marty Johnson]

Sunday January 10, 2021

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Thursday January 14

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

Portage 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy--[+ Mary Yetsko, by Diane Kinback]

Friday January 15

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

Portage 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy--[+Mary Vrabel, by Paul Vrabel]

Sat. January 16, 2021

Portage 3:00 pm

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo 4:30 pm

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Thirty-third Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of Zacchaeus

Saturday January 16, 2021

Dunlo 5:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday January 17, 2021

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy

[For the *Protection of Human Life* on the occasion of the Annual March for Life, by Julie Brenna]

Sunday after Theophany: On Wednesday we celebrated *Theophany* one of the greatest feasts of our church. His Baptism at the Jordan is the first manifestation of the Trinity. The *Sunday after Theophany* further highlights this observance. Jesus was revealed as the “*Messiah*” or the “*Anointed One of God*” in the Jordan. Today’s Gospel [Matthew 4:12-17] describes the beginning of that ministry. It identifies the coming of Jesus, and his ministry which begins in Galilee, and the town of Capernaum. This is seen as a “*great light*” for people sitting in darkness and a dawning of light upon those in the shadow of death [Matthew 4:16].

Blessed Water: In approaching to draw the blessed water from Theophany, please *maintain six feet distance* as kept when approaching for Communion. *Hand Sanitizer* and *face masks* are on a table next to the blessed water. Use the hand sanitizer and wear a mask before you draw water.

Blessing of Homes Those who wish to have their home blessed with the water blessed on Theophany are asked to contact Father Jim to determine appropriate date as circumstances allow.

Eastern Christian Formation The *Christmas-Theophany vacation* for *ECF Classes* is from Sunday, December 27 to January 10. Classes are to resume Sunday, January 17.

Thank You: Our parish family expresses thanks and appreciation to all of those who helped prepare for the feasts of Christmas and Theophany, and to all who helped in any way in the celebration of this festal season. Your help with decorating the churches, caring for the altars, serving as cantors, ushers, readers and servers and in many other ways has allowed our celebrations to be edifying and fitting occasions for these great feasts of the Church.

Thank you also for your generosity in your contributions to our parish communities with your Christmas offerings. Father Jim is also most grateful for your cards and remembrances at this Christmas season. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

All Souls Commemoration for 2021: The first *All Souls Commemoration* is **Saturday, February 6 [Meatfare Saturday]**. Please use the envelope for the All Souls Commemoration to enter names of deceased family members to be remembered at the Divine Liturgy and Panachida on the All Souls Saturdays or to confirm or renew your list of previous years. *It is helpful if you indicate if the names listed are in addition to previous years' lists or to replace the previous years.* Returning this envelope at your earliest convenience is helpful in updating and maintaining the All Souls listing.

Your cooperation with guidelines posted in the narthex is appreciated.

- **Face masks** are required to protect one another [provided in narthex for your convenience.]
- After each person has received, the **Communion spoon** is sanitized in a vessel containing an alcohol product [75% alcohol] which is drinkable, to encourage participation in the Eucharist.

Church Offering Envelopes for 2021: Envelope numbers change; please **write your name and address** on your envelope and continue to **write your name on your envelope each week** to ensure proper credit. If you are not registered to receive envelopes, please contact the parish office.

Visits to Homebound made in preparation for Christmas and Theophany have for the most part been delayed. Father Jim will contact those usually visited to discuss their disposition as far as making this pastoral visit. These visits will be scheduled accordingly, as circumstances allow

Remember in Prayer

For our Nation: Amidst the troubling and chaotic events of the past week, please pray for and promote respect for order and public safety, and for the values and principles of our Democracy.

For the Health of: *Deacon Daniel Perich; Joan Plishka; Donna Block; Marge Fleck; Father Richard Lambert, Pastor of Saint Mary's, Youngstown Ohio; and all the ill and homebound of our parishes*

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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): Catherine McGough.

NURSING & OTHER CARE FACILITIES: **Saint Benedict Manor, Carrolltown:** Catherine Thrower [Dunlo]; **Arbutus Park Manor:** Margaret Rachael [Dunlo]; **Autumn View:** June Nezeski;

Amber Hills: Ebensburg: *Father Ronald Borsuk;* **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak

Just Like Home Personal Care, Cresson: Dorothy Resconich

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Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church--Dunlo

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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.