

Liturgical Schedule 34th Week after Pentecost January 24, 2021

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Saturday January 23, 2021

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+ Elizabeth Harrigal, by Marcie and Doug Roxby]

Sunday January 24, 2021

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy-Mysteries of Christian Initiation for *Eve Margo Zock*

Tuesday January 26

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

Portage 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy--[+Mike Mazur, by Charles & Joan Plishka]

Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs

Friday, January 29

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Great Vespers with Litija

Saturday, January 30

Portage 8:40 AM The Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Sat. January 30, 2021

Portage 3:00 pm

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo 4:30 pm

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Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Saturday January 30, 2021

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Jim Jenkins, by Marilyn Jenkins]

Sunday January 31, 2021

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

Mysteries of Christian Initiation: *Eve Margo Zock* receives the **Mysteries of Christian Initiation** – Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist at today's Divine Liturgy. She is the daughter of Kevin and Becky Zock. *Many happy years!*

"O Lord, our Master and God, call your servant to Your holy enlightenment, and count her worthy of this great gift of Your holy baptism. Wash away her old self, and give her a new birth into everlasting life. Fill her with the power of Your Holy Spirit that she may be one with Your Christ..." [Service of Holy Baptism and Chrismation]

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.

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee: As noted on the church calendars, there is *no fasting* during the week following the ***Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee.***

Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs commemorates *Saint Basil the Great; Saint John Chrysostom; and Saint Gregory the Theologian*. This feast was initiated in response to a quarrel over which of these is greatest. To demonstrate that they are equal before God and each had his own gifts and talents, a common feast [January 30] was established to honor all of them together.

Annual March for Life: The 2021 *March for Life* rally will take place in a virtual format. In announcing this change, the Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Committee on Pro-Life Activities* said, "Peaceful prayer and witness must and will continue this year—just in a different format." You may join in these activities Friday, January 29 at 11:00 am at marchforlife.org/2021-virtual-events.

Statements of Parishioners' Offerings for 2020 for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage will be available for those requesting their statement. The 2020 Offering Statements are being prepared and should be available in early February. If you have need of your 2020 offerings, call the rectory [814-736-9780] or send request to james_armand_spontak@verizon.net.

CARES Act: Charitable Contributions in 2020: Taxpayers who don't itemize deductions may take a charitable deduction of up to \$300 for contributions made in 2020 to qualifying organizations [religious, charitable, educational, etc.] The law changed in this area due to the *CARES Act*. More information about these changes is available on IRS.gov.

Sanctuary Candle: The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage for the health of *Marge Fleck*, requested by friend.

The Byzantine Catholic World...is the definitive source of news for the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. Published once-a-month, the **BCW** provides news of our Archeparchy, parishes, and the church throughout the world, and articles on faith and spirituality. Use the envelope in your packet of offering envelopes [January 31] to begin or renew your annual subscription [\$14]. *Thank you!*

All Souls Commemoration for 2021: The first *All Souls Commemoration* is **Saturday, February 6 [Meatfare Saturday]**. Use the *All Souls* envelope to enter names of deceased family members to be remembered at the Divine Liturgy and Panachida on the All Souls Saturdays.

Please return the envelope at your earliest convenience to help in maintaining All Souls listing.

Remember in Prayer

For the Health of: *Deacon Daniel Perich; Ann Mishock; Joan Plishka; Donna Block; Marge Fleck; Pauline Barelick* 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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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.