

Liturgical Schedule Meatfare Week--January 31, 2021

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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

Feast of the Meeting of our Lord with Simeon and Anna

Tuesday February 2

Portage 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

Thursday, February 4

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

Portage 8:00 am

Divine Liturgy--[+ Janet Spaid, by Paul & Dorothy Molnar, niece]

First All Souls Saturday

Friday, February 5

Beaverdale 5:00 PM

Vespers for the Deceased, followed by
Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Saturday, February 6

Portage 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy followed by
Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased
Confessions-Mystery of Repentance
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Portage 3:00 pm

Beaverdale 4:30 pm

Meatfare Sunday

Saturday February 6

Beaverdale 5:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy
[+Catherine Selepak, +George Selepak, & +Susan Rusnak by Carol Krieger]

Sunday February 7

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy

The Sunday of the Prodigal Son: The younger son in the Gospel makes a dramatic impact by his resolute decision to “rise and go to my father” after his reckless and self-centered adventure. And yet the central figure is the father, by his unselfish and compassionate desire for the return of his son. It is this which conveys the abundance of God’s grace made available to the sinner, summoning us to repentance and a change of heart.

Feast of the Encounter of our Lord with Simeon, Tuesday, February 2, is the first “encounter” of our Lord with his people, as Mary presents him in the temple in fulfillment of the Law of Moses.

First All Souls Commemoration is Saturday February 6. Please submit names of deceased family to be remembered at the Divine Liturgy and Panachida to the rectory.

Church Cleaning & Work Party: The *Church Cleaning* is **Monday, February 1**, at 9:00 am. The *Work Party* is **Saturday, February 6** at 10:30 am; follows Divine Liturgy for All Souls Saturday.

Eternal Memory:- You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Catherine Thrower** of Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo who fell asleep in the Lord on January 24. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to her sons Joseph and wife, Ruth Ann; to David and wife, Terri; and to all of her family. Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of **+George M. Plishka** of Saint Mary, Beaverdale who fell asleep in the Lord on January 24. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to his brother Gregory; to Charles and Joan Plishka; and to all of his family.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting: The next meeting of the *Parish Advisory Council* for Saints Peter and Paul, Portage is on **Thursday, February 11**, at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the social room of the church hall. Minutes of the meeting of Thursday, November 12, 2020 will be included in next Sunday's bulletin.

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.

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**.

Sanctuary Candle: The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage for the health of **Deacon Daniel Perich**, requested by Patty Haschak.

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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.

For the repose of the soul of *+Helen Meaders*, mother of Deacon Michael Meaders

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: **Arbutus Park Manor:** Margaret Rachael [Dunlo]; **Autumn View:** June Nezneski; **Amber Hills:** *Eensburg: 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.