

Liturgical Schedule Fifth Week of the Great Fast— March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

Saturday March 13

Dunlo 5:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy

[+Katherine Thrower-40th Day Remembrance, by Karen Valko]
Followed by Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Sunday March 14

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, March 16

Portage 10:00 AM

Funeral Liturgy of +*George Pyo Jr.*

Wednesday, March 17

Portage 6:30 PM

7:00 PM

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 19

Portage 6:30 PM

7:00 PM

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, March 20

Portage 2:30 pm

Beaverdale 4:30 pm

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Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

Saturday March 20

Beaverdale 5:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday March 21

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Frank Yetsko, by Rochelle Berzansky]

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast: *"We know the utility of prayer from the efforts of the wicked spirits to distract us when we pray; and we experience the fruit of prayer in the defeat of our enemies."* [St. John Climacus]. Having arrived at the halfway mark of the Great Fast, this Sunday we honor our **Holy Father St. John Climacus**, also known as *St. John of the Ladder*, who offered many rich insights about perseverance in prayer. Let us persevere and not be discouraged by the distractions we face!

Eternal Memory: - You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+George Pyo** who fell asleep in the Lord on March 11. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to his children George and Andrea; Pamela and Tim; Thomas and Lisa; Katrina and Rick; and all his family.

PASKA Baking Activity for ECF Students: The ***Paska Baking Activity*** for ECF Students and Youth will be this **Saturday, March 20** beginning at 10:00 am. Each year our students learn about baking ***Paska***—Easter bread—and help to prepare Easter baskets for our parishioners who are homebound and in nursing homes. ***Please sign-up on the list in the narthex***

The Great Fast: The *Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts* is on the Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent.

Simple abstinence: The law of simple abstinence forbids the use of meat, but permits eggs and dairy products. All faithful of the Archeparchy who receive the Eucharist are obliged to observe simple abstinence when prescribed. Abstinence is obligatory on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast. Also, please continue to remember *Prayer Partner* daily.

Pussy-Willow Branches: If you have *pussy-willow branches* for Palm-Flowery Sunday [Sunday, March 28], please bring them to the church in the week prior to Palm Sunday. Thank you.

Parish Advisory Council: The *Parish Advisory Council* meeting for Saints Peter and Paul, Portage is rescheduled for Thursday, March 18 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 are inserted in today's bulletin.

Rebate Received for LED Lighting: Saints Peter and Paul Church received an energy rebate check for \$595.55 from *FirstEnergy*, parent company of *Penelec*, our electric provider. This rebate was received as part of the *Energy solutions for business incentive* for the conversion to LED lighting in the church, social hall and rectory completed this past spring. The conversion of the lighting as done during the weeks of the interruptions of church services due to the virus pandemic.

Offerings for February

| | <u>Feb 7</u> | <u>Feb 14</u> | <u>Feb 21</u> | <u>Feb 28</u> |
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| <u>Portage:</u> | \$2,271.00 | \$1,767.00 | \$1,451.00 | \$2,065.55 |
| <u>Beaverdale:</u> | \$ 361.00 | \$ 903.00 | \$407.00 | \$ 723.00 |
| <u>Dunlo:</u> | \$ 86.00 | \$ 122.00 | \$ 308.00 | \$ 461.00 |

Sanctuary Candle: The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage for the health of Father Jim, requested by Kathy Sekerak.

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.

Remember in Prayer

For the Health of: *Joan Plishka* [Crichton Center]; *Deacon Daniel Perich*; *Steve Koshute* [Transitional Care Unit]; *Donna Block*; *Marge Fleck*; *Michael & Pauline Barelick*; *Paul Kozak*; and all the ill, and homebound.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS At home: *SS Peter & Paul (Portage):* Dorothy Billy; 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: 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.

