

Liturgical Schedule Third Week of the Great Fast—February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of the Great Fast

Saturday February 27

Dunlo 5:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+George C. Yatsky Sr., by Barry & Kimberly Chernicky]
Followed by Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Sunday February 28

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 3

Portage 6:30 PM

7:00 PM

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 5

Portage 6:30 PM

7:00 PM

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Third All Souls Saturday

Saturday, March 6

Portage 9:00 AM

Portage 3:00 pm

Beaverdale 4:30 pm

Divine Liturgy followed by Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

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Third Sunday of the Great Fast

Saturday March 6

Beaverdale 5:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Elizabeth Andrykovitch, by Michael Andrykovitch]

Followed by Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Sunday March 7

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy

Second Sunday of the Great Fast: The Gospel which is read today [Mark 2:1-12] shows how people are eager to be in the presence of Jesus, to hear him as “*he preached the word to them*” [Mark 2: 2. There are so many that they would not all fit in the house.

Lent is an opportunity to be in the presence of Jesus, to hear his word. And also, the Lord pronounces a word of forgiveness for the paralytic lowered through the roof and placed before Jesus. Lent is especially a time to seek that word of forgiveness which Jesus also announces to us. This happens in the *Holy Mysteries* [Sacraments]. We are counselled to make use of Confession—*The Mystery of Repentance*. And when we receive the Body and Blood of the Lord in Holy Communion, it is “for the remission of sins and life everlasting”

Church Cleaning & Work Party for March: The *Church Cleaning* is scheduled for **Monday, March 1**, at 9:00 am. The *Work Party* for March will be on **Saturday, March 6**, at 10:30 am. Please note this *change in time* due to the second **All Souls Saturday** on Saturday, March 6.

Thanks once again to those who volunteer for these monthly *Church Cleaning* and *Work Party*.

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

On Saturday, March 6, the Third *All Souls Saturday* the *Divine Liturgy* and *Panachida* at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage is at 9:00 am. The *Panachida* and Reading of the Names of the Deceased follow the Vigil Divine Liturgy in Beavertdale on March 6.

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: "**And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perfection, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.**" [Philippians 1:9-11]

Thank You: A replacement starter switch to operate the electric heat in the church was donated this month to Saints Peter and Paul Church by **CAMCO** in Ebsenburg. The failure of the switch several weeks ago caused the need for replacement of the switch.

We thank **CAMCO** for donating this equipment. Our thanks also to Jim Koban, Bob Koban, and John Havrilla for the work in installing and connecting this replacement switch.

Memorial Donation: - We gratefully acknowledge additional donations to *Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo* In memory of **+Catherine Thrower** from: **Theresa & Bertram Heyn**; Charlotte NC; **Ray & Constance Huff**, Johnstown; **George & Kelly Moore**, Ashburn, VA; and **friends and family of +Catherine Thrower**, received from Joe and David Thrower. **Eternal Memory!**

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.

Homemade Sauerkraut Available: There are containers of **frozen homemade sauerkraut** [\$4/quart] are available in the church kitchen. Call the rectory [814-736-9780] to purchase some.

Remember in Prayer

For the Health of: *Deacon Daniel Perich*; Steve Koshute [Memorial Hospital]; *Carol Slifko* [Memorial Hospital]; *Ann Mishock*; *Joan Plishka*; *Donna Block*; *Marge Fleck*; *Michael & Pauline Barelick*; *Paul Kozak* a friend of Father Jim; 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 (Beavertdale): Catherine McGough.

NURSING & OTHER CARE FACILITIES: **Arbutus Park Manor:** Margaret Rachael [Dunlo]; **Autumn View:** June Nezneski; **Amber Hills:** *Ebsenburg: 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 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.