

Liturgical Schedule Seventh Paschal Week May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday May 22

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy [+Catherine Thrower, by Marilyn Jenkins]

Sunday May 23

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

Pentecost Monday

Monday, May 24

Portage 6:30 PM Divine Liturgy *Procession with Reading of Gospels of the Holy Spirit*

Thursday, May 27

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Mary Lesko, by Mary Ann and Walt Hoberney]

Saturday May 29

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Beaverdale 4:30 PM

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Sunday of All Saints-

Saturday May 29

Beaverdale 5:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy]

Sunday May 30

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+George Pyo, by Tony and Carol Pyo]

The Feast of Pentecost *“On this the last and greatest day of the feast, the Lord pours forth the Holy Spirit in the form of tongues of fire upon his followers. On this day we are reminded of our baptism in fire and the Spirit, we are anointed with the manifold gifts of the Spirit, and we receive the courage and wisdom to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord.”* [Father David Petras, Typicon, p. 48]

Following the Ambon Prayer at the Divine Liturgy on ***Pentecost*** one of the ***Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost*** from Vespers of Sunday evening is prayed. On ***Pentecost Monday***, after the Ambon Prayer, a procession takes place around the church, with the singing of the Pentecost Troparion and Kontakion. A Gospel is read at each side of the Church: 1) ***Matthew 12:30-36***; 2) ***Mark 13:9-13***; 3) ***Luke 11:9-13***; 4) ***John 16:2-14***. Each Gospel reading is a lesson on the Holy Spirit.

Please note that the Divine Liturgy on ***Monday, May 24*** is at ***6:30 pm***.

There is *no fasting* during this week, to manifest the spirit of joy at the Descent of the Holy Spirit

Seminarian Nate Tapsak: Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla has appointed ***Seminarian Nate Tapsak*** to serve a Pastoral Practicum Program at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Portage, from Saturday, May 29 until Sunday June 27. We look forward to welcoming him and to this opportunity for him to be with us as part of his Seminary formation.

Annual Festival—Church Picnic

Our **Annual Festival—Church Picnic** is **Sunday, July 11, 2021**. This is the customary date with which our many patrons, benefactors and friends have become familiar over the years. It seems preferable to schedule this event on the customary second Sunday of July.

There is a meeting to continue the planning for the **Annual Festival—Church Picnic** this week, on **Thursday, May 27** at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall. It is important to identify and confirm the volunteers who are available to help with the particular areas of the Festival. Those involved in planning the Festival with Father Jim are presently seeking to contact those who assist in the various specific areas. We hope to confirm your help in the coming week.

Your cooperation and assistance to promote the festival and helping with the preparations and details is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

This Week: There is a meeting for the Clergy of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh with Metropolitan William at Saint John's Cathedral in Munhall on **Tuesday, May 25**. Father Jim will participate in this Clergy Day meeting. Your prayers for the participants in this event are appreciated.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for June

- The **Work Party** for June is scheduled for **Saturday, June 5**, at **9:00 am**.
- The **Church Cleaning** for June is scheduled for **Monday, June 7**, at **9:00 am**.
- A note of thanks to those who volunteer for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

Graduates 2021: Please submit the names of parishioners who are graduating in 2021 from high school, college, etc. and include degrees earned and special awards. . Place information in an envelope in the offering box, or call [736-9780] or send to: james_armand_spontak@verizon.net

Helping Hands Day at Mt. St. Macrina: The annual **GCU Helping Hands** Day at Mt. St. Macrina 500 West Main Street, Uniontown, to assist the Sisters of St. Basil, resumes this year on **Saturday, June 5**, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The registration form are available from the parish office.

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: *Alice Ference; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Marge Fleck; Michael & Pauline Barelick; and all the ill, 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; *Charles and Joan Plishka*

NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Arbutus Park Manor: Margaret Rachael [Dunlo]; **Autumn View:** June Nezneski; **Amber Hills:** *Father Ronald Borsuk*; **The Palms** [McKeesport]: Marian Simala; **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.