

Liturgical Schedule Sixth Paschal Week May 9, 2021

Sixth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Man Born Blind Mother's Day

Saturday May 8

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy
We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased

Sunday May 9

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy
We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased
Mysteries of Christian Initiation—Joy Alyson Forshey

Monday, May 10

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+John Hutsky, by Hutsky Family]

Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Wednesday May 12

Beaverdale 6:00 PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy

Thursday, May 13

Portage 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Saturday May 15

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
Beaverdale 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Saturday May 15

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Elizabeth Harrigal, by Elaine Barton]

Sunday May 16

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

Happy Mother's Day! Today we honor our Mothers, with our gratitude, affection and love.

At the Divine Liturgy we pray for all of our living Mothers in all of their needs; and for peaceful and blessed repose in the Lord for those who are already deceased. And with gratitude we remember all of them for the gift of life they have shared, as well as so many other wonderful gifts

Feast of the Ascension is Thursday, May 13. We come to this 40th Day of the Paschal Season, a *Feast of Obligation* of our church. It is day of joy and also begins a time of expectation and making ready for the coming renewal of the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

First Penance for *Joseph Blazosky* will be celebrated at the Divine Liturgy, Sunday, May 16. Please remember Joseph in your prayers as he prepares for this occasion.

Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Joy Alyson Forshey receives the **Mysteries of Christian Initiation** – Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist--today, Sunday, May 9. She is the daughter of Joel and Julie Forshey. **Many happy years!**

“O Lord, our Master and God, call your servant to Your holy enlightenment, 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]

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.

Meeting for Annual Festival: A meeting regarding the ***Annual Festival*** is scheduled for **Thursday, May 20** at 7:00 pm in the social room of the church hall

Everyone is welcome to attend. Members of the Parish Advisory Council, and those involved in the specific areas of the festival are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them on **Thursday, May 13** in celebrating Mass for the Ascension of Lord with ***Fatima Devotions*** following immediately after. We will begin at 6pm and they will be held at the Immaculate Conception Chapel at Saint Francis University. We are really looking forward to seeing you.

Annual Ss. Cyril and Methodius Lecture: ***Father Deacon Daniel Galadza*** will present ***"The Liturgy of Jerusalem: History, Theology, and Lessons for Today"***; **Tuesday May 18** 7:00 pm.

Live-Streamed [only]: www.youtube.com/c/ByzantineCatholicSeminary or www.bcs.edu.

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; Mary Beth Blackman,*** wife of Pastor Jeff Blackburn of the Hammer Street Church of God; 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 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.

