

Liturgical Schedule Third Week of the Great Fast — March 13, 2022

Second Sunday of the Great Fast

Saturday March 12, 2022

Beaverdale **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy, followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased

Sunday March 13, 2022

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+George Pyo, by John Shaner]

Wednesday, March 16

Portage 6:30 PM

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

7:00 PM

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 18

Portage 6:30 PM

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

7:00 PM

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Third All Souls Saturday

Saturday, March 19

Portage **9:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy, followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased

Portage **3:00 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Dunlo **4:30 pm**

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Third Sunday of the Great Fast—Veneration of the Holy Cross

Saturday March 19, 2022

Dunlo **5:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy, followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased

Sunday March 20, 2022

Portage **9:00 AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy

[+Charles & +Madge Marino, by Barbara and John Havrilla]

Special Offering for Ukraine:

Next Sunday March 20, an offering will be taken for our Byzantine Catholic Church in Ukraine during this time of the invasion and war there. This collection will be forwarded to the Greek Catholic Eparchy of Mukachevo in Ukraine. *Envelopes designated for this offering are in the back of church*; or use one of the *“Special Offering”* envelopes in your packet of envelopes. Please make out checks to the parish. The parish will write one check to the Archeparchy and the funds will be forwarded to the Eparchy of Mukachevo.

Prayers for this concern will be included in the services during Lent. Thank you for your generosity in this appeal and for your continued prayers.

The Lenten Journey: Lent is a time of giving our Christian life more depth and seriousness of purpose. St. Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome observes how we are distracted by the many cares of life, and writes: *“It is provided by the great benefit of this divine institution [of Lent] that the purity of our minds be restored in this forty-day exercise during which we can repair our failings of other times, do good work, and train ourselves in religious fasting.”* [Archbishop Joseph Raya, *Byzantine Daily Worship*, page 787]

Lenten regulations: Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence from meat.

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is on Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 pm. *The Third All Souls Saturday* is March 19, with Divine Liturgy and Panachida at 9:00 am.

Adult Education sessions for the Great Fast begin *today--Sunday March 13*, 4:00-5:30 pm.

- Our Scripture study will be directed to exercises in reading and praying with the Scripture. This will include a time for quiet prayer with a Scripture passage.
- *The survey questionnaire for the 2023 Synod of Bishops* will also be discussed. Some clarification of this questionnaire and guidelines on using it will be offered. This will hopefully serve in preparing a summary of our parish response.

Parish Advisory Council Meetings: For *Saint Mary, Beavertdale* and *Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo* is scheduled for Monday March 21 at 7:00 pm., in the conference room of the rectory at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage.

Easter Bake Sale: *Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church*, Windber is baking *Nutroll* [\$12]; *Poppyseed Roll* [\$12]; *Apricot Roll* [\$12]; and *Pascha Bread* [\$10]. To order, call Theresa [814-266-3717] or Shirley [814-467-8816]. Order by March 31; pick up on Saturday, April 2 or April 9.

2023 Synod of Bishops Preparation Process: In preparation for the **2023 Synod of Bishops**, Pope Francis is asking Catholics worldwide to take part in a survey questionnaire. Copies of this questionnaire are in the narthex. The questions ask how we can better live out the mission of Christ. You are encouraged to take part in this questionnaire. The insights and contributions of all of our faithful are appreciated. *You do not need to respond to all of the question. Focus upon those most pertinent to our community.* Please return the survey by Sunday April 24, 2022.

Memorial Donations: We gratefully acknowledge donations in memory of **+Margaret Prudhoe** from:

- **Donations to Saint Mary', Beavertdale:** From Sharon and David Daniels;
- **Donations to Saints Peter and Paul, Portage** From Catherine Prudhoe; Thomas Civic; Donnie and Kim Deaner [Deaner Funeral Home]; Krystyna and James McCabe; Mary Tygh; Michael and Rita Jones; *Eternal Memory.*

Sanctuary Candle: The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **+Peter** and **+Anna Pyo**, requested by their daughter Betty Phillips. *Eternal Memory.*

Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:

Sunday March 13:	Candle: Evan Lenz	Bulletins:	Abby Koban & Bella Koban
Sunday March 20:	Candle: Lexie Slanoc	Bulletins:	Evan Lenz & Ryan Lenz

Remember in Prayer: The Health of Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Holly Pawvluk; Michael & Pauline Barelick; and all the ill, homebound. The **2023 Synod of Bishops**, "For Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.". **HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:: SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Cathy Walters;. **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** **Homewood**, Martinsburg: Charles Plishka [Beavertdale]; **Rebekah Manor**, Portage: Helen Zaher; **Autumn View:** June Nezneski; **Amber Hills:** Father Ronald Borsuk; **The Palms** [McKeesport]: Marian Simala; **John Paul II Manor**, Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care**, Ebensburg: Dorothy Resconich; **Forest Hills Personal Care**, Sidman: Kathryn Malley.

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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.