

## Liturgical Schedule Twenty-Eighth Week after Pentecost December 11, 2022

### Sunday of the Forefathers

#### Saturday December 10

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

#### Sunday December 11

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Charles Christina, by Ernest & Andrea Podrasky]]

#### Monday, December 12

Portage 11:00 AM Funeral Divine Liturgy of +*Kathryn Malley*

#### Thursday, December 15

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Janet Spaid, by Patricia Rocker (Sister in Law)]

#### Saturday December 17

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Beaverdale 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

### Sunday Before Christmas, of the Holy Ancestors

#### Saturday December 17

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

#### Sunday December 18

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy  
[+Elena & Pasquale Pieraccini, by John & Barbara Havrilla]]

### *Parish Saint Nicholas Celebration—Sunday, December 18*

Please come and enjoy our Parish *Saint Nicholas Celebration* on Sunday, December 18, following the Divine Liturgy. There will be a *Coffee Social* with treats and refreshments. We look forward to a visit from *Saint Nicholas of Myra*, with some treats for our children and youth.

Mystery of Repentance [Confession] in preparation for Christmas is scheduled for:

- Saturday, December 17 *Saints Peter & Paul*, Portage: 2:30 pm; *Saint Mary, Beaverdale*: 4:30 pm.
- Thursday, December 22, at *Saints Peter & Paul*, Portage at 7:00 pm. *Father Ivan Rusyn* from *Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Windber* will be here with Father Jim for Confessions. A *Penance Service* at 7:00 pm, followed by Confessions.

**Sunday of the Forefathers:** Our point of reference on this second Sunday before Christmas are those from the Old Testament who “*preached Christ, the Life and Resurrection of our race*”. They did this by foreshadowing the coming of Christ, as part of God’s plan to be made known in the Birth of Christ,

**The Season of Philip’s Fast** in preparation for Christmas is November 15-December 24. Canned goods, non-perishable food, donations of cash are collected for the *Portage Food Pantry* and the *Forest Hills Food Pantry* [Beaverdale and Dunlo].

**Eternal Memory:** You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of + **Kathryn Malley**, the wife of Michael Malley, who fell asleep in the Lord this past week. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Michael, his children, and to all of their family.

**Portage Advent and Christmas Carol Fest:** Sponsored by the **Portage Area Ministerial Association** and hosted at **Holy Family Catholic Church**, on Sunday, December 18, at 2 PM. All **Portage Churches** members are invited to the event.

At the end of the carol fest, share in refreshments in Holy Family's parish hall.

**Portage Winterfest 2022** is this weekend December 9-11. Visit **Portage WinterFest** on Facebook for a complete schedule.

Parishioner **Dr. Jim Koban** will play Christmas Carols on guitar on Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 pm at the **Chatter Box** on Main Street

**Forest Hills Community Band Christmas Concert Schedule:**

- Sunday, December 11, 2 pm: *Galleria Mall*
- Saturday, December 17, 7 pm: *New Germany Church Hall.*
- Sunday, December 18, 6 pm: *Mount Hope Church.*

**Memorial Donations:** We gratefully acknowledge the following donations, to Saint Mary's Church, Beavertdale in memory of +**Charles Plishka** from:

- *Mark & Carol Selepak Krieger* of Dumfries, Virginia;
- *Mark & Cindalee Notich* of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

*Eternal Memory.*

**Maple Winds Healthcare & Rehabilitation Operation Santa Program!** If you would like to sponsor one of our residents for Christmas, you may call the facility to obtain an ornament. On the ornament you will find a wish list with the residents' Christmas wishes. Please purchase the desired items, wrap, and return them to the facility by December 16. Thank you for your gracious generosity!

Call *Life Enrichment Director* Julia Williams: (814) 736-6000 option 3 for details

**"Troitsja" Candle & Carillon Bells; Bulletins:**

<b><u>December 11</u></b>	<u>Candle &amp; Bells:</u>	Abby Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Abby Koban & Bella Koban
<b><u>December 18</u></b>	<u>Candle &amp; Bells</u>	Easton Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc
<b><u>December 25</u></b>	<u>Christmas</u>			

**Remember in Prayer: The Health of:** *Katie Czapp; Darlene Shaner; Angeline Pieraccini; Shawn Crum; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Holly Pawwluk; Michael & Pauline Barelick; and all the ill, homebound.*

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Cathy Walters;. **Saint Mary, Beavertdale:** Catherine McGough; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** **Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Helen Zaher; **Maple Winds:** June Nezneski; **John Paul II Manor,** Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care,** Ebsenburg: Dorothy Resconich.

**Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church--**

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**St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church—Beaverdale;**

**Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church--Dunlo**

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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.

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