

Liturgical Schedule Meatfare Week—February 5, 2023

Sunday of The Prodigal Son

Saturday February 4, 2023

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Elizabeth Harrigal, by Marcie and Doug Roxby]

Sunday February 5, 2023

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, February 8

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Alick Prudhoe, by Leonard Fornadel & Karen Neff]

First All Souls Saturday

Friday February 10 2022

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vespers for the Deceased, followed by
Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased

Saturday, February 11

Portage 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by
Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased
Portage 3:00 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*
Dunlo 4:30 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Sunday of Meatfare

Saturday February 11, 2023

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday February 12, 2023

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+John &+ Regina Havrilla, by John and Barbara Havrilla]

All Souls Commemoration for 2023: The first ***All Souls Commemoration*** is **this Saturday, February 11 [Meatfare Saturday]**. You may use an ordinary envelope to enter names of deceased family members to be remembered at the Divine Liturgy and Panachida on the ***All Souls Saturdays***.

Please indicate if the names listed are in addition to previous years' lists or to replace the previous years; and return the envelope at your earliest convenience to help in maintaining All Souls listing.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for February:

- The ***Church Cleaning*** is **Monday, February 6**, at 9:00 am.
- Our thanks to the volunteers for the monthly ***Work Party*** and ***Church Cleaning***

Statements of Parishioners' Offerings for 2022 for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage are available for those requesting their statement. The 2022 Offering Statements should be available in early February. Call the rectory [814-736-9780]; or send request to **james armand spontak@verizon.net**

Parish Advisory Council Meeting: For ***Saints Peter and Paul, Portage***, will be **Thursday, February 16**, at 7:00 pm., in the conference room of the rectory. *Please note* this change from the date of Thursday, February 9, which had been originally scheduled for this meeting.

Gospel Reflection: The *Prodigal Son* gospel heard today highlights the joy of the father upon the return of his younger son [[Luke 15:24 and 32](#)]. The same mood was struck by the story of *Zacchaeus* two weeks ago. When Zacchaeus was beckoned by Jesus to come down from the sycamore tree, he does so joyfully. Repentance, the change of heart which is to be the fruit of our Lenten efforts, is neither gloomy nor burdensome. It sparks joy and brightens our hearts with the knowledge the Father eagerly and joyfully welcomes us when we return to him.

2023 Church Offering Envelopes: *Church Budget Envelopes*, our envelope supplier, has sent a quantity of complementary “all-purpose envelopes” with room for name and the amount. You are welcome to take some for your use. You may also continue to use a plain envelope for your contributions. **Write your name and the amount** on the envelopes to insure that the donation is properly recorded and credited to you. **Thank you** for your cooperation and patience.

Offerings for December

	<u>Dec 4</u>	<u>Dec 11</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>Dec 25</u>	<u>Christmas</u>
Portage:	\$1,519.00	\$1,105.00	\$1,240.00	\$6,489.00	<i>[12/25 & Christmas]</i>
Beaverdale	\$ 584.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 499.00	\$ 710.00
Dunlo:	\$ 17.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 173.00	\$ 515.00	\$ 200.00

Remember in Prayer.. Please pray for the health of **Father Joseph J. Borodach**, retired pastor of Saint Mary Church Bradenville, Pennsylvania who presently resides at the monastery of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great at Mount Saint Macrina, Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Congratulations: **Gene Krupa** was recently honored for **fifty years of service** to Saint Michael Volunteer Fire Company with a 50-year plaque and embroidered jacket.

Thank you, Gene, for your dedication and service to your community.

Archeparchial Synod Assembly: The **Archeparchial Synod Assembly** will review responses to the parish survey taken in 2022 for the **“2023-2024 Synod for a Synodal Church”**. Responses from the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, and the Eparchies of Passaic Parma, and Phoenix will be reviewed. This Assembly will be on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Saint John’s Cathedral in Munhall.

“Troitsja” Candle & Carillon Bells; Bulletins:

February 5	<u>Candle & Bells:</u>	Bella Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc
February 12	<u>Candle & Bells</u>	Easton Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc
February 19	<u>Candle & Bells:</u>	Abby Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Abby Koban & Bella Koban

Remember in Prayer: The Health of: *Shawn Crum; Katie Czapp; Darlene Shaner; Angeline Pieraccini;; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; 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, Beaverdale:** Catherine McGough;

NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor, Portage: Helen Zaher; **Maple**

Winds: June Nezsneski; **John Paul II Manor,** Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care,** Ebensburg: 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.

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