

Liturgical Schedule Sixth Week of the Great Fast —March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast—

Leave-taking of the Feast of the Annunciation; Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel

Saturday March 25, 2023

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday March 26, 2023

Portage 9:00 AM **Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+Charles & +Madge Marino, by Barbara & John Havrilla]

Wednesday, March 29

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 6:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
6:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 31

Simple abstinence and fasting required

Portage 6:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
6:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday of Lazarus

Saturday, April 1

Portage 2:30 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*
Beaverdale 4:30 pm *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

Palm/Flowery Sunday--Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Saturday April 1, 2023

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy]

Sunday April 2, 2023

Portage 9:00 AM **Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+Michael Blazosky, by Jim Afton, Marty & Marie Johnson]

Mystery of Repentance – Confessions

- On Monday, March 27 at 7:00 pm. **Father Richard Davis, T.O.R.** from the Franciscan Friars in Loretto will be here with Father Jim for Confessions.
- Also, Confessions at 6:00 pm before the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts [Wednesday and Friday]; on Saturday, March 25: Portage (2:30 pm); Dunlo (4:30 pm). You may call to schedule an appointment.

PASKA Baking Activity for ECF Students

Saturday, April 1, 10:00 am. Our students learn about baking **Paska**—Easter bread—and help prepare Easter baskets for our parishioners who are homebound and in nursing homes. Please sign-up by next Sunday, March 26 on the list in the narthex.

Deacon Daniel Perich's surgery went well last Monday. He continues his recuperation and physical therapy at home. Your prayers for Deacon Dan and his wife, Mary Lou, are appreciated. If you would like to send a card, his address is:

PO Box 607, 642 Stewart St; Beaverdale, PA 15921

Pussy-Willow Branches: If you have **pussy-willow branches** for Palm-Flowery Sunday [Sunday, April 3], please bring them to the church this week, prior to Palm Sunday. Thank you.

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

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is on Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm.

Prayer Partners for the Great Fast. Please include a remembrance daily of your *Prayer Partner*.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for April

- The **Work Party** for April will be on **Saturday, April 1**, beginning at 9:00 am.
- The **Church Cleaning** for April is scheduled for **Monday, April 3**, at 9:00 am.

2023 Church Offering Envelopes: Offering Envelopes for each **parish** have arrived. *Please* write your **name** and the **offering amount** on the envelope, to assist those who record the offerings.

“Vox Nova”: [Or **“New Voice”**], a vocal group from Mount Aloysius College will sing at Holy Family Parish, to lead a sung and spoken version of the **Stations of the Cross** on Friday, March 31, at 7:00 PM. All are invited to attend, at Holy Family Church, 509 Caldwell Ave. To support their music program and ministry, they will accept a free-will offering at the end of the program.

Pastoral Visits to the Homebound for the holy Mysteries of Confession and the Eucharist will be schedule this week and during Holy Week. Fr. Jim will call for an appointment. Notify the parish office of family not presently on the list of those visited.

Parish Advisory Council Minutes ...from the meeting of 17 November 2022 for Saints Peter and Paul Portage are inserted in today’s bulletin. These were omitted at the time of the most recent meeting in February. We regret this delay in proving these.

Coming Events: The **Archeparchial Synod** is on Saturday, April 29 at Saint John’s Cathedral in Munhall to help prepare for the **“2023-2024 Synod for a Synodal Church”** in Rome. Brochures are in the narthex] Also, the **Metropolitan Assembly of 2023** is from November 2-5, 2023 at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Hillsboro, New Jersey. Representatives from the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh; Eparchies of Passaic, Parma, Phoenix and the Exarchate of Toronto, Canada will assemble. Brochures and details to follow.

“Troitsja” Candle & Carillon Bells; Bulletins:

March 26	<u>Candle & Bells</u>	Abby Koban	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc
April 2	<u>Candle & Bells:</u>	Easton Slanoc	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Abby Koban & Bella Koban
April 9--PASCHA	<u>Candle & Bells:</u>	Volunteers	<u>Bulletins:</u>	Volunteers

Remember in Prayer: *For The Health of:* Linda Sekerak [Forbes Regional]; 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; Joanne Stewart; Cathy Walters;. **Saint Mary, Beaverdale:** Catherine McGough; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** **Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Helen Zaher; **Maple Winds:** June Nezeski; **John Paul II Manor,** Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care,** Ebensburg: Dorothy Resconich.

Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church--

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St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church—Beaverdale;

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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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