

Liturgical Schedule Thirty-fourth Week after Pentecost January 14, 2024

Sunday of Zacchaeus

Saturday January 13, 2024

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday January 14, 2024

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Fred Vrabel by Jean, Marie, & Natalie Hufford]

Wednesday, January 17

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+William Garanich, by Trish Gill]

Thursday, January 18

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Joe Gallo, by Missy & Tony Barlam--*rescheduled*]

Saturday January 20

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

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Saturday January 20, 2024

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday January 21, 2024

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

Pre-Lenten Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2024 following the Divine Liturgy. [Sunday, February 4 is an alternate date for weather etc.]. It is important that we have an opportunity to gather as a parish family. I hope that you can plan to make every effort to set aside this time to help build up our parish spirit. A very enjoyable breakfast is planned for this occasion.

Take-out Breakfasts for Homebound will be available. Volunteers are needed to deliver the breakfast. If there is a homebound person to whom you are available to deliver the take-home breakfast, please let Father Jim know. You may also note this on the RSVP sign-up list. *Thank you.*

A *sign-up list* is in the narthex over the next few weeks. Please sign this list indicating the number from your family attending, to help us in preparing and planning for the breakfast.

As previously mentioned, a donation of a \$500 debit card from the GCU Fraternal Organization for parish social gathering will be used to provide for this social.

All Souls Saturdays: The first of the 2024 *All Souls* commemorations is Saturday, February 3. There is an envelope in your packet of offering envelopes for this purpose. Please prepare and submit at your earliest convenience your list of deceased family members who are to be remembered. Please make note if you are entering a new list or making additions or changes to your previous list.

Blessing of Homes: To request the blessing of your home with the Jordan water blessed on Theophany, please fill out this form, and place it in the offering box or return by mail.

Fr. Jim will call to schedule a day and time. Have a lighted candle and an icon on the table.

I/we would like to have my/our home blessed:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Slovak Class: - Queen of Angels Parish, Central City will host a lecture by Joseph Bielecki, on Slovak culture, Monday January 22 in their activity center at 738 Sunshine Avenue. The presentation will focus on three topics: - regional differences in Slovakia, why Slovaks came to Western Pennsylvania, and cherished Slovak Easter customs.

Joseph S. Bielecki received his BA, MA and JD from Duquesne University. He was the recipient of a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Travel Grant to Hungary in 1982. Attorney Bielecki has been the Chairman of the Czechoslovak Classroom Committee at the University of Pittsburgh's Nationality Rooms Program since 1992. In 2000 he received a Millennium International Volunteer Award from the United States Department of State.

The talk will be held from 6:30 PM--8:30 PM and will include refreshments. To register, please call the Queen of Angels Parish office, 814-754-5224

2024 Offering Envelopes... for Saints Peter and Paul, Portage and available in the Ushers' room. *Please write your name and amount of offering* on front of the envelope. *Thank you.*

Pre-Cana Program: For engaged couples, at the Saints. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary; Saturday March 9 & 16, 2024. For information: archpitt.org - Office of Religious Education link

Eternal Memory: You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of + **Timothy O'Hara** the brother of Mary Lou Perich of Saint Mary's, Beaverdale, who fell asleep in the Lord on January 7. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Deacon Dan and Mary Lou and to all of her family

Eastern Christian Formation Schedule: Sunday, January 14 2024: ECF Classes Resume

Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:

Sunday January 14 Candle: Owen Slanoc

Sunday January 21 2024 Candle: Easton Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: For The Health of: Ray McCabe; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Shawn Crum; Katie Czapp; Darlene Shaner; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel & Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, Dorothy, Cathy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward Wisniewski; and all the ill, homebound.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Joanne Stewart; Cathy Walters.; **Saint Mary, Beaverdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Helen Zaher; **Maple Winds:** June Nezneski; **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak.

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 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.

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