

Liturgical Schedule—May 3, 2026 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman — Fifth Paschal Sunday

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Sunday May 2

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Ed Andrykovitch, by Charles & Dolores Johnson]

Sunday May 3, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy

Tuesday May 5

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy-[+ Mike Mazur, by Sam Resconich]

Friday May 8

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy-[+ James & Julia Olsick, by Jimmy Olsick]

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions-] Saturday May 9 **Portage** 1:00 PM; **Dunlo** 3:30 PM

Sixth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Saturday, May 9

Dunlo **4:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy [We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased]

Sunday May 10, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [We remember all our Mothers, Living & Deceased]

The Paschal Season-- Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen

- We share the greeting "*Christ is risen!*", "*Indeed He is risen!*" from now until Ascension, which is derived from the greeting of the disciples [Luke 24:34].
- *Through the fifty days* from Pascha until Pentecost, there is no kneeling at any time of prayer.

School of Diaconate Studies Applicants for 2027: The admissions process for the 2027 School of Diaconate Studies is now open. Men who are discerning a call to diaconal service in the Church are encouraged to apply. Classes for the first year of the four year program will be June 13-26, 2027 at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. A two week residency is required each year. Please submit the registration form and once received, candidates will then be contacted by the Vocations Office. **Deadline for registration is July 1, 2026.** For questions, e-mail: vocations@archpitt.org

Parish Festival: The next meeting to prepare for this year's festival [**Sunday July 12, 2026**] is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the social hall. At last week's meeting the need for several adjustments was identified. This year's event will be reduced in time to 12:00-5:00 pm, with only one live band. The need for more volunteers to commit to the various times and needs has prompted these changes.

Several key areas of need remain to be resolved prior to or at the next meeting on May 12. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.

ECF Classes: *Today-- Sunday, May 3* is the final Day of ECF classes for the 2025-2026 year.

The *First Confession* celebration for the Grade Two ECF class is scheduled for Sunday, May 17.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting: The next meeting for the *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage* Parish Advisory Council is re-scheduled for Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 pm in the rectory conference room. Please note this change in the date of the meeting.

Annual Lecture: *It is with deep regret that we must announce that Dr. Paul Magocsi will be unable to join us this year.* Instead Very Reverend Dr. Stelyios Muksuris, MLitt-DTh, PhD will present *“Remember Me in Your Kingdom, O Lord”:* Rethinking Liturgical Commemoration in the Byzantine Rite of Proskomide for the 26th Annual Lecture of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary; Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 PM via the Seminary website (www.bcs.edu). It will also be on the B.C.S. YouTube channel.

“Safe Environment” Background Checks and Clearances: The Archeparchy is engaged in a time-sensitive, comprehensive review of the clearances required of its various constituencies (e.g., clergy, employees, cantors, administrative assistants, ECF teachers, and volunteers).

These clearances and background checks are part of the *“Safe Environment”* requirements in parish activities and events. Father Jim is to provide names and contact information for each person in the above listed categories. Your cooperation in assisting with this proves is appreciated. *Thank you.*

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Wednesday May 13, at 6:30 pm at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. *We encourage you to bring a friend!*

Pilgrim Virgin Statue: The United Nations *Pilgrim Virgin Statue of our Lady of Fatima and the Pilgrim Virgin Icon of our Lady of Fatima* will be at Protection of the Mother of God Parish 560 Cambria Avenue, Revloc, on Wednesday, May 13, 3:00 to 7:00 pm.

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/protectionofthebvm>

Liturgical Propers: - Sunday, May 10, Sunday of the Man Born Blind (DL 189-190)

Troitsja **May 3:** Owen Slanoc

May 10: Lucy Harrungtin

Bulletins: **May 3:** Easton Slanoc and Owen Slanoc

May 10: Lucy and Luke Harrungtin

Remember in Prayer: Please update your requests by informing Father Jim. ***For the Health of:*** Joe Thrower [Dunlo]; Frank Jubara; ; John Havrilla; Cindy {Pyo} Lewis; Jane Pyo; Mary Donnelly; Sandy {Lucci} Georg; Barbara Havrilla; Susan O’Toole; Jeffrey Moist; Jean Petoro; Becky Zock; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, & Dorothy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward & Anita Wisniewski; Sandy Spontak, and the homebound.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Louise Halovich; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Carol Slifko [Beaverdale]; Edward Cimba [Dunlo];

NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:

Rebekah Manor, Portage: Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; **Richland Woods:** Elaine Vrabel;

Autumn View: Joan Timura; Andrew Deskevich, father of Father Andrew Deskevich.

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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 June 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 an integral 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: 1:00 p.m. (Portage) and 3:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo)**. Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday]**, and by appointment.

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