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Liturgical Schedule—July 26, 2026 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost --

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Saturday, July 25

Beaverdale 4:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday July 26, 2026

Portage 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+John and +Anna Homa, by Jackie and Amber Gordon]

Tuesday July 28

Portage 7:45 am Third Hour

Portage 8:00 am **Divine Liturgy** [+Nick Yetsko, by Ann Stanchik]

Thursday July 30

Portage 7:45 am Third Hour

Portage 8:00 am **Divine Liturgy** [+Helen Verbickey, by Pauline Yernau]

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions-]

Saturday August 1

Portage 1:00 PM;

Dunlo 3:30 PM

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost;

Saturday, August 1

Dunlo 4:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday August 2, 2026

Portage 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Steve Fleck, by Tim & Pam Gagen]

Annual Festival: Raffle winners:

First Prize [\$300]: Joy Forshey;

Second Prize [\$200]: Mary Kay Summerville

Third Prize [\$100]: Andrew Bridge

Basket prize winners will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex next week.

Congratulations: 2026 Graduates:

Today we recognize and offer congratulations and prayerful best wishes to these parishioners who graduated from college and high school in 2026:

- ***Evan Lenz*** - *University of Pittsburgh*; Bachelor Degrees in Biology and Biochemistry.
- ***Ryan Lenz*** - *Saint Francis University* - Bachelor Degree in Accounting.
- ***Easton Slanoc***—*Portage Area High School*; will attend Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania

Bereavement Support:

“Journey through Loss” Holy Family Parish 6:30-8:00 PM, Wednesdays, beginning **Wednesday, July 29**. A nine week Christian based Bereavement Support Program for adults grieving the death of a loved one. To register: **Mary Petra, 814 502-6076, mfpetrak@hotmail.com**.

Celebration of Marriage

for married couples ***Wedding Anniversaries*** [10, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60; **Sunday, September 20**. Liturgy of Thanksgiving by Metropolitan William, St. Elias Church, Munhall 3 pm followed by dinner. Inform Father Jim if you are observing one of these anniversaries.

Cemetery Donations: We gratefully acknowledge these donations for cemetery care at:

- **Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Dunlo**, from *Katherine Valko Sabo*, Concord, Ohio; in memory of parents, +George and +Ann Valko
- **Saint Michael Cemetery, South Fork** from *Walter Sliko*, Ebensburg.

Basket Raffle: These prizes remain unclaimed; contact rectory office -814-736-9780] by August 31, 2026 to claim and pick-up your prize:

- *McDonald's Gift Basket # 1* won by Barb Smith.
- *Beach Relaxation Basket*, won by Kim Plummer.

Upcoming Events: Sponsored by State Representative Jim Rigby:

- Cyber Crime Awareness Class, Tuesday August 4 at Oakland Volunteer Fire Company, 1741 Bedford Street, Johnstown, 6:00-8:00 pm. Identifying online scams, protecting personal information, staying safe online. To register: 814-536-9818; or visit RepJimRigby.com/Events.
- Seniors for Safe Driving Class, Wednesday, August 12 at Richland Township Fire Department, 176 Mount Airy Drive, Johnstown, 5:00-9:00 pm. To register: 1-800-559-4880; or visit SeniorsforSafeDriving.com.

Liturgical Propers: - Sunday, August 2, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Resurrection Tone 1, DL 125)
Thursday, August 6, Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ (DL 346)

Troitsja July 26: Owen Slanoc August 2: Lucy Harrington

Bulletins: July 26: Easton Slanoc & Owen Slanoc August 2: Lucy & Luke Harrington

Remember in Prayer: To update your requests, inform Father Jim. **For the Health of:** Alice Ference; Father George Johnson, Saint John's, Conemaugh; Joe Thrower [Dunlo]; *Frank Jubara; ; John Havrilla; Cindy [Pyo] Lewis; Jane Pyo; Mary Donnelly;; 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.*

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.

Mysteries of Christian Initiation [Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist]: There is to be **preparatory instruction** for parents prior to the celebration of the Mysteries. —. Christian Initiation may be celebrated with the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Sponsors must be persons who are qualified 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: Contact the pastor prior to surgery or in serious illness to request **Mystery of Holy Anointing**. When you or a family member are hospitalized, enter a nursing home, **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.