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Liturgical Schedule—August 2, 2026 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost --

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]

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Wednesday, August 5

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Vespers with Divine Liturgy [+Mary & +Mike Estok by Eugene & Loretta Estok]

Followed by Blessing of Grapes and Fruit

Thursday, August 6

Portage **6:00 PM**

Divine Liturgy, *Followed by Blessing of Grapes & Fruit*

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions-]

Saturday August 8

Portage **1:00 PM;**

Beaverdale **3:30 PM**

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost;

Saturday, August 8

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday August 9, 2026

Portage **9:00 AM**

Divine Liturgy [+Robert Fedore, by The Murtha Family]

Transfiguration of our Lord: On the Mount of the Transfiguration, the splendor of Christ's divinity penetrated his human body and his human person. This foreshadows the splendor of the Divine life and glory given to us through faith and God's grace.

The blessing grapes and other fruit follows the Divine liturgy on this feast, as we give thanks to God for the harvest of the summer fruits.

The Fast of the Dormition is observed from August 1-14. The fasts of the Church Year invite us to a concerted effort to put God first in our lives through prayer; almsgiving, and fasting. Please keep this season in mind, perhaps with family meal times for prayer and reading from the Scriptures.

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., Loretto, invite you to Fatima Devotions, Wednesday August 13, 6:30 pm in the Gardens at Mount Assisi (in case of inclement weather, at Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of Saint Francis University). Fr. David Dodd, TOR will be the homilist and the choir from the Our Lady Mother of Sorrows will lead the singing.

We encourage you to bring a Friend!

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.

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.

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: Thursday, August 6, Transfiguration of Our Lord (DL 346).

Sunday, August 9, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost; Post-festive of Transfiguration (Tone 2, DL 130; 347).

Troitsja August 2: Lucy Harrington

August 9: Joseph Blazosky

Bulletins: August 2: Lucy & Luke Harrington

August 9: Joseph Blazosky & Lucy 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.