

**Thirty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Saturday January 15, 2022**

Beaverdale      **5:00 PM**      **Vigil Divine Liturgy** [+Mike and +Mary Estok, by Eugene & Loretta Estok]

**Sunday January 16, 2022**

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

**Wednesday, January 19**

Portage      7:45 AM      The Third Hour  
                 8:00 AM      Divine Liturgy [+Ed Nezeski, by Earl Sease]

**Thursday, January 20**

Portage      7:45 AM      The Third Hour  
                 8:00 AM      Divine Liturgy [+Mary Yetsko, by Dave & Sherry Minor]

**Saturday January 22, 2022**

Portage      **3:00 pm**      *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*  
Dunlo      **4:30 pm**      *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

**Thirty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Saturday January 22, 2022**

Dunlo      **5:00 PM**      **Vigil Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday January 23, 2022**

Portage      **9:00 AM**      **Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+Margaret Fleck, by Susan O'Toole]

**Pastor's Notebook:** The Gospel read today [Luke 18:35-43] presents Jesus passing near the place where a blind man sits along the road begging. The man asks what the chatter and commotion that he hears are about. He is told, "*Jesus of Nazareth is passing by*" [Luke 18:37].

We for our part have a moment to glance at the recent period of Christmas and Theophany. It is a time in which in the Liturgy and in our faith, Jesus indeed passes by. We are provided an opportunity of grace, in the presence of Jesus, in which we encounter him in a more vivid way than perhaps at other times. These days are for us a time of light.

For the blind man who sat begging, being in the presence of Jesus meant the light of receiving the gift of sight. But there is for him also an even more penetrating light: "*Receive your sight; your faith has saved you*" [Luke 18:42]. For the moment today, we are reminded to avail ourselves to this light, as the Lord passes by our way and seeks to draw us closer to him.

**Blessing of Homes:** To request the blessing of your home, please fill out this form, and place in the offering box or return by mail. Fr. Jim will call to schedule a day and time for family members to be at home and to participate. Have a lighted candle and an icon on the table.

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

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2022 March for Life at Saint Francis University:** Join the Saint Francis University community for St. Francis University's ***March for Life on the Mountain*** which is scheduled for Friday, January 21. Events begin at 10:30 a.m. with a rosary in front of the Immaculate Conception Chapel, and then the march around the campus mall from 11 a.m. to noon. The 12:00 p.m. Mass follows in the Immaculate Conception Chapel.

The Students for Life Organization, SFU Knights of Columbus and Campus Ministry members will participate. Community members who want to attend can park in the JFK Student Center parking lot. For more information, call Denise Farabaugh at 814-472-3172

**Sanctuary Candle** is offered this week for the intention of the ***Protection of Human Life on the occasion of the Annual March for Life***, requested by Julie Brenna.

**All Souls Commemoration for 2022:** The first ***All Souls Commemoration*** is **Saturday, February 19 [Meatfare Saturday]**. Use the ***All Souls*** envelope to enter names of deceased family members to be remembered at the Divine Liturgy and Panachida on the All Souls Saturdays.

*Please indicate if the names listed are in addition to previous years' lists or to replace the previous years;* and return the envelope at your earliest convenience to help in maintaining All Souls listing.

**Pre-Cana for 2022:** The dates for the ***Pre-Cana Program*** offered by the Archeparchy are **Saturdays, March 26 and April 2**. The ***Pre-Cana Program*** is a required part of the marriage preparation for all couples. Contact Father Jim for more information; details and registration forms are available at [www.archpitt.org](http://www.archpitt.org) by scrolling down to "*Office of Religious Education*".

**Six Day Vigil Candles:** Beginning **Saturday, January 1, 2022** the offering for six day vigil candles at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage is **\$3.00**, due to price increases from our supplier.

**2022 Offering Envelopes** for ***Beaverdale*** and ***Dunlo*** have arrived and are being distributed this weekend. Thank you again for your patience with the delay in receiving them.

**Parish Advisory Council Meetings:** For ***Saint Mary, Beaverdale*** and ***Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo*** on **Monday, January 24** at 7:00 pm., in the conference room of the rectory at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage. For ***Saints Peter and Paul, Portage*** on **Thursday, February 10** at 7:00 pm., in the conference room of the rectory.

**Remember in Prayer: The Health of** *Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Maureen Hutzell, Larry Sasek; Catherine McGough; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel Perich; Donna Block; Holly Pawvluk; Michael & Pauline Barelick;* and all the ill, homebound. The ***2023 Synod of Bishops***, "*For Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.*". **HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:: SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Cathy Walters;. **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Homewood,** Martinsburg: *Charles Plishka* [Beaverdale]; **Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Helen Zaher; **Arbutus Park Manor:** Margaret Rachael [Dunlo]; *Margaret Prudhoe;* **Autumn View:** June Nezeski; **Amber Hills:** *Father Ronald Borsuk;* **The Palms** [McKeesport]: Marian Simala; **John Paul II Manor,** Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Cambria Care,** Ebensburg: Dorothy Resconich; **Forest Hills Personal Care,** Sidman: Kathryn Malley.

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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.

**Opportunities for Stewardship:** Parishioners are asked to make a commitment of **Time, Talent, and Treasure...** **Work Parties:** first Saturday of each month; **Church Cleaning** the first Monday.