

Liturgical Schedule Thirty-fourth Week after Pentecost— January 9, 2022

Sunday after Theophany

Saturday January 8, 2022

Dunlo 5:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday January 9, 2022

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Frank Yetsko, by Jane Pyo Family]

Tuesday, January 11

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Mary Vrabel, by Christine Cadwallader]

Friday, January 14

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Thomas Spontak, by Deacon John & Ruth Hanchin]

Saturday January 15, 2022

Portage 3:00 pm

Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Beaverdale 4:30 pm

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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

Theophany...is often called the *Feast of the Lights*. We see this theme in today's Gospel, *"The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen."* [Matthew 4:16] It is also reflected by Saint Gregory Nazianzus:

"Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of humanity, for whom His every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all humanity, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of Him Who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received!"

Blessing of Homes: To request the blessing of your home, 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 for family members to be at home and to participate. Have a lighted candle and an icon on the table. Copies of the service for the blessing of the home will be provided for you.

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Acknowledgements and Thanks: Over the past few weeks we have had an opportunity to be uplifted in spirit and strengthened in our faith. Our celebration of the feasts of Christmas and Theophany have been adorned with the generous service of so many. A word of gratitude to all who have helped during these days: those who decorated the churches; cantors and choir members; servers; ushers. And to all our parish family, for your prayer, presence and generous donations. May you enjoy blessings of peace, health and happiness throughout the New Year.

Eastern Christian Formation Schedule-Christmas & Theophany

Sunday, January 9, 2022:

ECF Classes Resume

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* will be distributed as soon as we have received them. You may make contributions with any unused 2021 envelopes. The numbers for recording will be the same on the 2022 envelopes. We regret any inconvenience due to this delay.

Parish Advisory Council: A meeting for the *Parish Advisory Council* of Saint Mary, Beaverdale and Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo is scheduled for **Monday, January 24** at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the rectory at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage.

A meeting for the *Parish Advisory Council* of Saints Peter and Paul, Portage is scheduled for **Thursday, February 10** at 7:00 pm., in the conference room of the rectory.

Eternal Memory: - We gratefully acknowledge donations to Saints Peter and Paul, Portage in memory of **+Marge Fleck** from:

- *Gary and Donna Cernetich*
- *David and Marylyn Crum and families;*
- *Dr. Matthew and Lori Murphy;*
- *Donna and Dave Nolan*

Also, in memory of **+Joan Plishka**, to Saint Mary's Beaverdale from *Charles Plishka and family*.

Eternal Memory: - You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of the newly departed **+Sister Mary Ann Vasilchek**, of Mount Saint Macrina, who fell asleep in the Lord on January 5th, in the 78th year of her monastic life.

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.