

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Saturday February 5, 2022

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday February 6, 2022

Portage 9:00 AM **Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+Father Ronald Larko, by Julie Brenna]

Wednesday, February 9

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+John and +Regina Havrilla, by John and Barbara Havrilla]

Thursday February 10

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Kathryn Cave, by M/M Frank Giblock]

Saturday February 12, 2022

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

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Saturday February 12, 2022

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Ed Andrykovitch, by Ed Hudak]

Sunday February 13, 2022

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

Pastor's Notebook: *'Open unto me, O Giver of Life, the gates of repentance' sings the Church at matins for the first of the four Sundays which prepare us for Lent. Indeed, this Sunday could be thought of as a gate: a gate through which we enter the sacred period which leads us on to Easter; a gate which opens into that atmosphere of repentance, to that life of repentance which Lent should bring to each one of us. But we must remember that the word "penitence" or "repentance" is a translation of the Greek gospel term "metanoia": and that this means 'change of heart or mind'. Much more is involved than the observance of some kind of outward repentance. What is asked of us is a deep inner change, renewal, conversion.*

"At matins, the Church sums up the gospel parable and formulates the central thought for this Sunday thus: 'Lord, who reproached the Pharisee with justifying himself and taking pride in his actions; You who justified the publican when he approached you humbly, seeking with groans pardon for his sins — for you did not come near to arrogant thoughts nor turn Yourself away from a contrite heart. Because of this, we also humbly kneel before You, O You who have suffered for us. Grant us Your pardon and Your great mercy'."

[From The Year of Grace of the Lord, pages 110-112]

Week of the Publican and Pharisee; There is *no fasting or abstinence* during the week following the Sunday of the *Publican and Pharisee* [February 7-12].

Church Cleaning & Work Party for February:

- The *Church Cleaning* is **Monday, February 7**, at 9:00 am.
- A note of thanks to the volunteers for the monthly *Work Party* and *Church Cleaning*.

Parish Advisory Council Meetings:

- For *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage*, **Thursday, February 10**, 7:00 pm., in the social room of the church hall.
- For *Saint Mary, Beaverdale* and *Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo* is being rescheduled. Members will be informed of the rescheduled date.

Eternal Memory: You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of **+Ron Yuhas** the father of Jeanette Goral, who fell asleep in the Lord on January 17. We extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Josh and Jeanette Goral and to all of their family.

Sanctuary Candle: The Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of **+John and +Regina Havrilla**, requested by John and Barbara Havrilla.

Congratulations:...to **Gene Krupa**, who was recently honored by the Adams Township Volunteer Fire Company's Saint Michael station, with a plaque for his dedication for his *Fifty Years of Service*. Congratulations, Gene, and thank you for year many years in serving the community!

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.

Statements of Parishioners' Offerings for 2021 for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage are available in the narthex for those who requested them. To request a statement, call 814-736-9780 or send request to **james_armand_spontak@verizon.net**.

The Byzantine Catholic World: Published once-a-month, the **BCW** provides news of our Archeparchy, parishes, the church throughout the world, and articles on the faith. Use the envelope in your packet of offering envelopes to begin or renew your annual subscription [**\$14**]. *Thank you!*

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 marriage preparation. Information; registration **www.archpitt.org** scroll to "*Office of Religious Education*".

Remember in Prayer: The Health of Steve Paluch; 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]; **Autumn View**: June Nezneski; **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 to 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.