

Liturgical Schedule Second Week after Pentecost June 12, 2022

Sunday of All Saints

Saturday June 11

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday June 12

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Dave Oravetz, by Donald and Darlene Shaner]

Wednesday, June 15

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+*Father Robert Karl—40th Day Observance*]

Friday, June 17

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Barbara Carter. by Albert, Mary & David Brodbeck]

Saturday June 18

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]
Beaverdale 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Second Sunday after Pentecost--Father's Day

Saturday June 18

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy *We remember all our Fathers, Living & Deceased*

Sunday June 19

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy *We remember all our Fathers Living & Deceased*

Sunday of All Saints Reader *Luke Iyengar's Pastoral Practicum Program* is Monday, June 6 until Sunday, August 7. He offers reflections on today's observance of the **Sunday of All Saints**.

Yikes! That's what I have to say about this week's readings and services. Today is our All Saints' Day (which makes yesterday the Byzantine "All Hallows' Eve", that is, Halloween — anyone go trick-or-treating?), so we might expect to hear fun stories about St. Nicholas punching a heretic, St. Francis taming a wolf, or at least about very good people doing very good things. But that's not what the Church calls our attention to! Instead, the hymns for the feast and even the readings are overwhelmingly about one class of saints: the martyrs. But why?

The answer is the Cross. Today we hear the Lord say in the Gospel, "he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Matt 10:38). Christian life is, ironically, marked by this sign that once meant death. The *clearest* example of this is the martyrs, but to be a Christian is to accept the Cross. The martyrs set the pattern for all of us, but think how many times we mark ourselves with the Cross when we say our prayers! When we hear the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit mentioned, we know to sign ourselves with the Cross because *this* is the way the Trinity makes us holy — that is, makes *us* saints! To follow Jesus Christ means nothing less than taking up the Cross so as to share in the Resurrection and become saints.

Again I say, yikes — that's a tall order! Have we accepted all that the Cross means?

Church Cleaning & Work Party for June: The *Church Cleaning* for June is scheduled for **Monday, June 13**. A note of thanks to our volunteers for the *Work Party* and *Church Cleaning*.

The Fast of the Holy Apostles is Monday June 13 to Tuesday, June 28, to prepare for the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul [June 29]. It may be observed voluntarily as a time of renewal of faith. This Feast of the Apostles is the patronal feast for both the Portage and Dunlo parishes.

School of Diaconate Studies Accepting Applicants for 2023: Men who are discerning a call to diaconal service in the Church are encouraged to apply for the 2023 School of Diaconate Studies. Registration Deadline: July 1, 2022. Classes for the first year of the four year program will be held June 18-July 1, 2023 at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. A two week residency is required each year.

Please submit the registration form and once received, candidates will then be contacted by the Vocations Office. For any further inquiries, you may e-mail vocations@archpitt.org

Graduates 2022: Please submit the names of **2022 Graduates** and include degrees earned, awards, by **Friday, June 17** to [james armand spontak@verizon.net](mailto:james_armand_spontak@verizon.net), or call [736-9780].

Annual Festival: Gob Making is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 22** at 8:30 am in the Church Kitchen. *Please come to lend a hand. Everyone is welcome.*

Posters for the Festival are available in the narthex. Please take some with you to distribute in local businesses and other public place.

Please plan to be available for our **Annual Festival/Church Picnic**, on Sunday, July 10, 2022.

Offerings for May

	<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 8</u>	<u>May 15</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>May 29</u>
<u>Portage:</u>	\$1,802.00	\$1,393.00	\$1,803.00	\$1,907.00	\$1,518.00
<u>Beaverdale:</u>	\$ 195.00	\$ 302.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 269.00	\$ 280.00
<u>Dunlo:</u>	\$ 76.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 222.00	\$ 264.00

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Monday June 13th, 2022 at 6:30pm in the Sunken Gardens at Mount Assisi (In case of inclement weather at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel)

Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:

Sunday June 12 & 19: Candle: Evan Lenz Bulletins: Ryan Lenz & Evan Lenz

Sunday June 26 Candle: Easton Slanoc Bulletins: Lexie Slanoc & Easton Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: The Health of: Shawn Crum; Steve Paluch; *Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; 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; **Autumn View:** June Nezneski; **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.