

## Liturgical Schedule Eleventh Week after Pentecost August 13, 2023

### Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost--Final Day of the Feast of Transfiguration

#### Saturday August 12

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

#### Sunday August 13

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Jennie Letzo, by Julie Brenna]

### Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

#### Monday August 14

Beaverdale 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy [+Alex Afton, by Jean M. Celmer] Blessing of Flowers

#### Tuesday August 15

Portage 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy Followed by Blessing of Flowers

#### Friday, August 18

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Helen Spontak by Family--*rescheduled*]

#### Saturday July 19

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

### Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Post-festive Day of the Feast of the Dormition

#### Saturday August 19

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Edward Kollar, by Nancy Farren]

#### Sunday August 20

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

**Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God:** The events surrounding Mary's passage from this earthly life to eternal life is celebrated on this day: her "*falling asleep*" [Dormition] in the Lord at the end of her life; and her bodily *Assumption* into heaven. **The Blessing of Flowers and Herbs:** Flowers and herbs brought to church will be blessed at each service for this *Feast of Obligation*

### Annual Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina-In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Pilgrimage in Uniontown is September 2 and 3, 2023. Follow us on Facebook for updates: Schedules and more details at [www.sistersofstbasil.org](http://www.sistersofstbasil.org); and in the *Byzantine Catholic World*.

***Parishioners who may wish to attend and would be in need of transportation are asked to call the parish office [814-736-9780] or contact Father Jim [james\_armand\_spontak@verizon.net].-***

**Parish Advisory Council Meeting...**for *Saints Peter and Paul*, Portage is scheduled for Thursday August 17, at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the rectory.

**A Note from Father Jim:** Our gratitude to Deacon Tyler for his service and availability among us. Our prayers are with him in his fourth and final year of formation at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Thanks also to our parishioners for your hospitality and cooperation with Deacon Tyler these past weeks

**Deacon Tyler Wisniewski: A Note of Gratitude:** This Sunday is my final day at Portage. The summer has sure flown by. Thank you for welcoming me this summer and inviting me to deacon, cantor, and assist with parish activities. I've learned a lot from Fr. Jim and all of you. Your dedication to the church is so uplifting. I can only hope my future parish assignment as a priest is as wonderful as Ss. Peter and Paul. *With much gratitude, Deacon Tyler*

**Deacon Tyler's Pilgrimage to Jerusalem:** The second half of my two-week pilgrimage was spent in Israel. My group prayed at many sacred places: Nazareth, Cana, Bethlehem, Mt. of Beatitudes, the Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, the Jordan River, the Garden of Gethsemane, Mary's Tomb, and Church of the Resurrection. One of the advantages of visiting the Holy Land during the summer is that it is not crowded. We did not have to wait long to enter any of the churches and even got to stay longer at some places. While inside the Church of the Nativity, we spent 10 minutes singing hymns where our Lord was born. Normally, people are ushered out after one minute. While I was moved at many sites, a few moments stand out. I prayed vespers at the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth. This was completely unplanned. I had gone back to the church for personal prayer and reflection when all of a sudden, the church bells were tolled and the Royal Doors of the icon screen were opened. While the priest and cantor sang in Arabic, I prayed quietly in English. I got goosebumps at the Tomb of Mary when I opened our liturgy book right to the Troparion for the Feast of the Dormition. It seems Our Lady wanted to hear us sing to her. Reading the Passion Gospels at the Garden of Gethsemane brought tears to my eyes. Inside the Church of the Resurrection, I touched my orarion (deacon stole) to the spot where Joseph of Arimathea prepared our Lord's body for burial. The stone slab continues to miraculously exude myrrh. So much more could be said about my trip, but I want to leave Fr. Jim space for announcements. I am extremely grateful for all your prayers during this pilgrimage. We had no issues traveling and remained safe. Please know that I remembered all of you in prayer

**Eternal Memory:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **+Michael D. Prozialeck**, of Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo, who fell asleep in the Lord August 7. We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to his wife Linda; daughters; brother William; and all of his family. Also, for the repose of the soul of **+Mary Nesbella**, the grandmother of Dane Nesbella. 9. We extend sympathy to Dane and all his family.

**Festival Prize Winners:** Omitted last Sunday's: Lakemont Park Passes Anita Wisniewski

**Fatima Devotions:** Sunday August 13, 6:30pm in the Gardens, Loretto. [In case of inclement weather at the Immaculate Conception Chapel, St. Francis University. The presider will be Fr. Malachi Van Tassell.

**The Sanctuary Candle** is in memory of **+ Jennie Letzo**, requested by Julie Brenna.

**Remember in Prayer: For The Health of:** *Carol Hill*, sister of Deacon Dan Perich; Carol Tomko [Father Jim's sister]; Thomas Goncher; *Linda Sekerak*; *Shawn Crum*; *Katie Czapp*; *Darlene Shaner*; *Steve Paluch*; *Jason Thornton*; *Charlett Thornton*; *Catherine McGough*; *Carol Slifko*; *Deacon Daniel Perich*; *Donna Block*; *Michael & Pauline Barelick*; and all the ill, homebound.

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Joanne Stewart; Cathy Walters.; **Saint Mary, Beavertdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor**, Portage: Helen Zaher; **Maple Winds:** June Nezeski; **John Paul II Manor**, Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Quality Life Services:** Catherine McGough, Beavertdale; **Presbyterian Village**, Hollidaysburg; Dorothy Billy.

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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.

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