

Liturgical Schedule Sixteenth Week after Pentecost September 10, 2023

Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Postfestive Day of the Birth of the Theotokos

Saturday September 9

Beaverdale 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Agnes Kuska, by Connie Robb]

Sunday September 10

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Wednesday September 13

Dunlo 6:00 PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy
[+Mary Louise Cimba, by Ronald & Mary Putorek]

Thursday, September 14

Portage 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday September 16

Portage 3:00 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday September 16

Dunlo 5:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday September 17

Portage 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Jerry Kinback, by Diane Kinback & Family]

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated this week on September 14. Today's Gospel prepares for this Feast with the lesson from John 3:13-17. Our Lord Jesus Christ being *raised up on the Cross* and on this feast we understand the cross as his emblem of victory. It is his "exaltation" in glory by virtue of his conquering sin, death and the devil by means of the Cross..

"Joy to you, life-bearing Cross of the Lord, invincible triumph of the true faith. You are the gate to Paradise, the strength of the faithful, the stronghold of the Church." [Aposticha of Vespers]

Celebration: to honor married couples' *Wedding Jubilee Anniversaries* today, Saint Elias, Munhall. Congratulations to parishioners Jubilee Anniversaries in 2023. *Many, Happy Years!*

Saints Peter and Paul, Portage

Shawn & Becky Crum—10 Years

George & Andrea Pyo—40 Years

Thomas & Laura Fleck—30 Years

Richard & Gloria Rocker—45 Years

Edward & Carol Goral—50 Years

Paul & Cynthia Rozansky—40 Years

Paul & Sandra Lenz—25 Years

Philip & Dorothy Walters

Saint Mary, Beaverdale

Daniel & Juliana Brenna—55 Years

Stephen & Mary Lou Paluch—40 Years

Clark & Mary Gaydos—35 Years

Work Party & Church Cleaning: *Church Cleaning* for September will be Monday, September 11, at 9:00 am. This change is due to Labor Day Holiday on September 4, the first Monday of September.

Eastern Christian Formation:

Next Sunday, September 17 we will observe ***Catechetical Sunday***. At the Dismissal of the Divine Liturgy, the children, and the Catechists, receive a blessing for this new catechetical year. Following Divine Liturgy, class sessions will begin for the 2023-2024 Eastern Christian Formation year.

The theme of ***Catechetical Sunday*** for 2023-2024 is ***"The Church as Our Spiritual Home with God"***. The 2023-2024 Catechetical Year's theme focuses in on the Church as the beautiful dwelling place of *God with Us*. Throughout the year, online presentations will offer a particular lesson or presentation developing this theme, beginning with *"introduction to the Church"* in October.

The prayers and support of parents and all of our parish community on behalf of the ECF program and classes is sincerely appreciated.

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating Fatima Devotions on Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 pm in the Gardens. In case of inclement weather at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University.

The presider will be Father Timothy Harris, T.O.R.

Remembrance of the Acts of Terrorism of September 11: We remember in prayer the victims of the violence of September 11, 2001 and their families. **Sanctuary Candle...** is offered this week in memory of the ***Victims of the Acts of Terrorism of September 11, 2001***, by Julie Brenna.

Learn about Our Past, Prepare for Our Future: Everyone is encouraged to attend the Assembly of our Byzantine Catholic Church at St Mary Church in Hillsborough, New Jersey, Friday, November 3 through Sunday, November 5, 2023. Byzantine Catholics from across the United States and Canada are invited to attend. Metropolitan Archbishop William said, "Your presence and participation are vital and welcome. Please consider coming and supporting this historic Assembly 2023." The venue includes lectures, discussions, fellowship, and a gala dinner with folk music and dancing. The Assembly cost is \$250 for individuals and \$400 for couples. The Maria Theresa Foundation will underwrite the registration fees of individuals and couples between the ages of 18 and 35. For more information, contact the Assembly coordinators, Fr. Ed Cimbala, at 212-677-0516 or Fr. Yuriy Oros at 609-394-5004. Website :<https://www.byzantineassembly2023.org>; the email is byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com.

Remember in Prayer: For The Health of: *Edward Wisniewski*, father of Deacon Tyler Wisniewski [Shadyside Hospital]; *Father Cyprian Constantine*, OSB of Saint Vincent Monastery; *Carol Hill*, sister of Deacon Dan Perich; *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*; *Matthew 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 Nezniski; **John Paul II Manor**, Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Quality Life Services:** Catherine McGough, Beavertdale; **Cambria Care**, Ebensburg; 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 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.

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