

Liturgical Schedule Twenty-first Week after Pentecost October 15, 2023

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost-- The Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Saturday October 14

Dunlo **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy
[+Michael D. Prozialeck by Marty & Marie Johnson; and Jim Afton]

Sunday October 15

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

Monday, October 16

Portage 10:45 AM The Third Hour
11:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Joan Ditko, by Pat Ditko & Family]

Wednesday, October 18

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy [+Sam & +Helen Roman, by James T. Bisaha--*Rescheduled*]

Saturday October 21

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

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday October 21

Beaverdale **5:00 PM** Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday October 22

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy
[+Mario Pieraccini; and +Angeline Pieraccini by Barbara and John Havrilla]

Eastern Christian Formation: Catechetical Classes including Preschool & Kindergarten on Sundays following Divine Liturgy. Also, throughout October The Church as the Dwelling Place of God online presentations may be accessed at www.godwithusonline.org.

Please remember in your prayers our Catechists, students and all parents of our students.

Gospel Reflection: Parables are used by Jesus as an effective and engaging form of his teaching. To be "*engaging*" involves drawing out a further response, involvement and interaction on the part of the listener, the audience. We not only listen to the parable but participate.

The parable of the "*Sower and the Seed*" which is today's Gospel [Luke 8:5-15] demonstrates well how the parables achieve this tool or feature, The seed which portrays and is an image of the Word of God must somehow be welcomed by the soil. The soil receives the seed and the two work together. Roots are formed and attach themselves to the soil.

The Word of God works in the same way. When we hear the Word-of God in the Epistle, Gospel, and teaching of the Church, it is to take root within us, become part of us, so as to bring forth life.

Portage Harvest Fest: Sunday, October 15, 2:00-5:00 pm, **Bethany United Methodist** parking lot, Portage. *Everything is FREE! Games; Food; Trunk or Treat; Prizes; Pumpkins; and more.* An opportunity for youth and our community to come together in celebration in the fall harvest season.

Pennsylvania Pro-Life March: Monday, October 16 in Harrisburg. A bus to the march will leave from Somerset and also possible from New Germany. Contact Julie Brenna for further information.

Sanctuary Candle... is offered this week for the intention of the ***Protection of Human Life on the occasion of the Pennsylvania March for Life***, requested by Julie Brenna

Eternal Memory: - You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of + **Carol Hill**, sister of Deacon Dan Perich, who fell asleep in the Lord in Valdosta, Georgia this past week. We express our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to Deacon Daniel and Mary Lou and to all of their family.

Also, for the repose of the soul of +**Andy Raptosh**, nephew of Stella Raptosh and the late Joseph Raptosh; +**Wanda Kleba**, wife of Father' Jim's cousin.

The GCU's "Fraternal Metamorphosis Program" includes a donation of \$2,000.00 to each Parish, and Matching Funds for fundraising events. Each parish has received a \$500 donation (debit card) for events held within the Parish. The *Parish Coordinator* for each of our parishes is **Deacon Daniel Perich**. The Parish Advisory Council is considering events for the \$500 debit card benefit. Further information on these events will be provided as these plans develop.

Annual Basket Party: Sponsored by the *Christian Home of Johnstown* to help with expenses of winter clothes and holiday expenses for the youth whom they serve. This fund raiser is **Saturday, November 11** at the Masonic Temple in Johnstown.

Donations of baked goods are requested from area churches. Call Cherish Layton at 814-535-8775 to arrange a time and date for pick up or delivery. Additional information on the bulletin board.

Memorial Donation: We gratefully acknowledge a donation in memory of +**Michael D. Prozialeck** by Linda Prozialeck, to Saints Peter and Paul Church, Dunlo. ***Eternal Memory.***

Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:

Our thanks for volunteers from our ECF students ***Easton Slanoc*** and ***Owen Slanoc***.

Sunday October 15 Candle: Easton Slanoc **Sunday October 22** Candle: Owen Slanoc

Byzantine Assembly – Saint Mary Hillsborough, New Jersey--November 3-5: On the theme: "*Learn about Our Past and Prepare for Our Future!*" For information, registration: <https://www.byzantineassembly2023.org>; the email is byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com.

Remember in Prayer: ***For The Health of:*** Edward Wisniewski, father of Deacon Tyler Wisniewski; Father Cyprian Constantine, OSB, Saint Vincent Monastery;; 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, Beaverdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** **Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Helen Zaher; **Maple Winds:** June Nezneski; **John Paul II Manor,** Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak; **Quality Life Services:** Catherine McGough, Beaverdale; **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 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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