

Liturgical Schedule Thirty-third Week after Pentecost January 7, 2024

Sunday after Theophany

Saturday January 6, 2024

Beaverdale 5:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday January 7, 2024

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Paulette Fedorko, by Lori & Matt Murphy]

Wednesday, January 10

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Mary Agnes Vardzell, by Family]

Tuesday, January 12

Portage 7:45 AM

The Third Hour

8:00 AM

Divine Liturgy [+Joe Gallo, by Missy & Tony Barlam]

Saturday January 13

Portage 3:00 PM

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]

Dunlo 4:30 PM

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Sunday of Zacchaeus

Saturday January 13, 2024

Dunlo 5:00 PM

Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday January 14, 2024

Portage 9:00 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Fred Vrabel by Jean, Marie, & Natalie Hufford]

Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord: The *post-festive days* of Theophany are through Sunday January 14. Today [January 7] *Saint John the Baptist* is honored for his role in the events celebrated at Theophany, as we hear the voice of the Forerunner preaching penance for the remission of sins.

There is opportunity for the *Blessing of Homes* with the Jordan water blessed on Theophany. A request form is included in today's bulletin to invite Father Jim for the blessing of your home.

All Souls Saturdays: The first of the 2024 *All Souls* commemorations is Saturday, February 3. There is an envelope in your packet of offering envelopes for this purpose. Please prepare and submit at your earliest convenience your list of deceased family members who are to be remembered. Please make note if you are entering a new list or making additions or changes to your previous list.

Blessing of Homes: To request the blessing of your home, please fill out this form, and place it in the offering box or return by mail. Fr. Jim will call to schedule a day and time for family members to participate. Have a lighted candle and an icon on the table.

I/we would like to have my/our home blessed:

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Pre-Lenten Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2024 following the Divine Liturgy. [Sunday, February 4 is an alternate date for weather etc.]. It is important that we have an opportunity to gather as a parish family. I hope that you can plan to make every effort to set aside this time to help build up our parish spirit. A very enjoyable breakfast is being planned for us on this occasion.

A *sign-up list* will be in the narthex over the next few weeks. Please sign this list indicating the number from your family attending, to help us in preparing and planning for the breakfast.

As previously mentioned, a donation of a \$500 debit card from the GCU Fraternal Organization for parish social gathering will be used to provide for this social.

2024 Offering Envelopes... for Saints Peter and Paul, Portage and available in the Ushers' room. *Please write your name and amount of offering on front of the envelope. Thank you.*

Church Cleaning & Work Party for January

- The **Church Cleaning** for January is scheduled for **Monday, January 8**, at 9:00 am.
- The **Work Party** for January is scheduled for **Saturday, January 13**, at 9:00 am.
- Our thanks to the volunteers for the monthly **Work Party** and **Church Cleaning**.

Pre-Cana Program: For engaged couples, held at the Saints. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary; Saturday March 9 & 16, 2024. **Topics covered:** Communication, Forgiveness & Intimacy; + Finances & Budgeting; Love & Life in the Divine Plan; Why a Church Wedding? Elements of a Healthy Marriage; Theology of Marriage/Crowning Ceremony.

For information about registration, fees, etc. go to: archpitt.org – Office of Religious Education link

Sanctuary Candle...is offered for the week of December 31 in memory of **+George Letzo**, by Julie Letzo.

Eastern Christian Formation Schedule:

Sunday, January 7 2024: **No ECF Classes**

Sunday, January 14 2024: **ECF Classes Resume**

Invitation: On Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 3:00 PM Metropolitan William will ordain **Subdeacon Kyprian Wojciechowski** to the diaconate at Saint Mary's Church in Bradenville. Parishioners are invited to attend this ordination. Please sign-up in the narthex if you wish to attend.

Bulletins and "Troitsja" Candle:

Sunday January 7 2024

Candle: Easton Slanoc

Sunday January 14

Candle: Owen Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: For The Health of: Ray McCabe; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Shawn Crum; Katie Czapp; Darlene Shaner; Steve Paluch; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Carol Slifko; Deacon Daniel & Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, Dorothy, Cathy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward Wisniewski; 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 Neznieski; **John Paul II Manor,** Cresson: Kathryn Mackovyak.

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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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