

Liturgical Schedule Cheesefare Week February 23, 2025

Meatfare Sunday

Saturday February 22, 2025

Dunlo **4:00 PM** Anticipated Divine Liturgy

Sunday February 23, 2025

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy [+Daniel Brienna, by Pauline Yelsko]

Tuesday, February 25

Portage **8:00 am** Divine Liturgy [+Dr. Sam Resconich, by Ann Bridge "Class of 51"]

Thursday, February 27

Portage **8:00 am** Divine Liturgy [+Anne Lazor, by MM James Susko]

Saturday, March 1

Portage **1:00 pm** Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Beaverdale **3:30 pm** Confessions-Mystery of Repentance

Cheesefare Sunday

Saturday March 1, 2025

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** Anticipated Divine Liturgy

[+Daniel O'Hara, by Becky & Orville Shehan--rescheduled]

Sunday March 2, 2025

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

Pre-Lenten Sundays: Today, *Meatfare Sunday*, brings us to the *Cheesefare Week*, the final week before beginning the Great Fast. With the Gospel of the final judgments [Matthew 15:1-3], we are made aware of the urgency of Lent. God is patient in his mercy, and yet also in his own time calls us to give account for the gift of faith we have received, and the responsibility to make the best use of the opportunity which has been entrusted to us. Rather than obligation or even less a burden, the coming weeks of the Great Fast are indeed to be welcomed and lived as an opportunity for growing in faith through prayer, almsgiving, and fasting.

Prayer Partners: The Great Fast is a time of prayer both as part of the daily disciplines of this season, and the weekly and Sunday Liturgical services. Prayer for others is also a part of Lent. The names of *Prayer Partners* will be selected after the Divine Liturgy next week. If you wish to be and to have a prayer partner, write your name on the sheet of paper that will be provided in the back of church, both for the Saturday Vigil Divine Liturgy and the Sunday Divine Liturgy [March 1 and 2].

Saint Mary's, Cambria City: Father Tim Fariss has cordially extended an invitation to Liturgical services and events at *Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church*, Cambria City during the Great Fast:

Sunday, March 2: *Forgiveness Sunday Vespers*, 4:30 pm. Following Vespers, a *Dairy/Meat free Potluck Supper* will be hosted.

Tuesday, March 18: A discussion on Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, 5:30 pm.

Thursday April 3: Penitential Matins of Saint Andrew of Crete, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting: The meeting of the *Parish Advisory Council* for Saints

Peter and Paul, Portage scheduled for Thursday February 20 has been *rescheduled* for Thursday February 27 at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the rectory. Topics to be included on the agenda include replacement of the garage/pavilion structure on the picnic grounds; and also the cleaning and maintenance of the terrazzo floor in the church.

The agenda and minutes of the previous meeting will be sent to members prior to the meeting.

Work Party: The *March Work Party* is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, at 9:00 am.

We sincerely appreciate all of our current and past volunteers, for both the monthly Work Party and Church Cleaning. At present, we especially have need of volunteers for this ongoing effort. If you might be available and are willing to help, please contact Father Jim. *Thank you.*

Memorial Donation: We gratefully acknowledge a donation to *Saints Peter and Paul, Portage*, in memory of *+Dr. Sam Resconich*, from family; also a remembrance from Ann Bridge "Class of 51".

Festival Meeting: The meeting for the *Annual Festival* last week, on Tuesday, February 18 reviewed the 2024 Festival and also began our planning for the *July 13, 2025 Festival*. Recruiting volunteers for this event is an ongoing need. Many of the details and tasks of the Festival have been reviewed and adjusted in a way that becoming involved might be more appealing. The next meeting for the Festival is scheduled for *Wednesday, May 14* at 7:00 pm.

Statements of Parishioners' Offerings for 2024 for Saint Peter and Paul, Portage are available for those requesting them. Call [814-736-9780]; or james_armand_spontak@verizon.net.

Bulletins and "Troitsia" Candle:

Sunday February 23

Candle: Owen Slanec

Sunday, March 2

Candle: Easton Slanec

Remembrances in Prayer Requests: The weekly "*Remember in Prayer*" include requests for prayer for needs of health and other concerns and those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. As these needs change you may update your requests by informing Father Jim when a person no longer needs to be included on the list of requests. Thank you for your prayers and remembrance of those listed, and your help and cooperation in maintaining a current list.

Remember in Prayer: *For The Health of: David Spontak* [Allegheny General Hospital]; Jessi Tomko; Steve Fleck; Susan O'Toole; John Havilla; Richard Whitcomb; Michael Perich; Larry Dipko; Jeffrey Moist; Jean Petro, Mother of Jennifer Blazosky; Becky Zock; Carol Gorai; Mary & Daniel Zalznock; Ray McCabe; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Deacon Daniel & Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil & Dorothy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward Wisniewski; Sandy Spontak; Andrew & Linda Deskevich; and all the ill, homebound.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Louise Halovich; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; Saint Mary, Beaverdale: Carol Sifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:** Rebekah Manor, Portage: Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunloj]; **Maple Winds:** June Nezeski; **Maple Heights, Ebensburg:** Kathryn Mackovak.