

Liturgical Schedule Sunday of the Samaritan Woman — Fifth Paschal Week — May 18, 2025

Fifth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Saturday May 17, No Saturday Anticipated Divine Liturgy

Sunday May 18,

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy:
50th Ordination Anniversary-For the Grace of the Holy Spirit

Tuesday, May 20

Portage **8:00 am** Divine Liturgy: *For the Parish and Parishioners*

Wednesday, May 21

Portage **8:00 am** Divine Liturgy [+James and Julia Oslick, by James E. Oslick]

Saturday May 23, 2025

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

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

Sixth Paschal Sunday - Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Saturday May 23,

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

Sunday May 25,

Portage **9:00 AM** Sunday Divine Liturgy: [+Nancy Whitcomb. by Marianne George]

Ordination Anniversary

On Sunday, May 18 1975 Metropolitan Archbishop Stephen Kocisko ordained Father James Spontak and classmate Father Richard Lambert to the Presbyterate at Saints Peter and Paul Church, in Warren, Ohio. The ordination took place on Pentecost Sunday in 1975. In subsequent years, May 18 has been an occasion to give thanks to God for this grace and also to pray for a renewal of the gift of the Holy Spirit in this vocation and ministry.

A variety of ministries and assignments have followed over these past fifty years—parish administration; seminary education and formation; chaplain for religious sisters; pursuing additional studies in Rome. These have taken place in different localities and circumstances.

During these past twenty years, the prayers, encouragement, support and patience of parish communities in Beavertdale, Dunlo, Portage, and South Fork have been a valued and cherished dimension of my vocation in the priesthood. Thank you for your trust, and for the opportunities and challenges of these years serving with you in the Byzantine Catholic Church.

Pope Leo XIV: Today we join in prayer with the Church throughout the world for *Pope Leo XIV* with the formal inauguration of his ministry as the Bishop of Rome and successor of the Holy Apostle Saint Peter.

Many, happy years!

Parish Advisory Council The next meeting of the *Parish Advisory Council* for Saints Peter and Paul, Portage is Thursday, May 22, 7:00 pm in the Rectory Conference Room.

Welcome: To *Deacon Luke Iyengar* who is visiting with us today. Our congratulations and prayerful best wishes on his coming ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, July 6 at 3pm at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall.

Deacon Luke Iyengar ...would like to invite our parishioners to his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, July 6 at 3pm at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, as well as his first Divine Liturgy invoking the aid of the All-Holy Spirit on Monday, July 7 at 9:30am at Holy Ghost in McKees Rocks.

Both Divine Liturgies will have a party afterwards; if you are able to attend either party, please let him know by Saturday, June 21 at (412) 863-3285 or Liyengar3@gmail.com.

Annual Festival/Church Picnic: Preparations continue for the annual Festival, following the meeting this past Wednesday. In the coming weeks, sign-up lists for the various areas of need will be posted to request volunteers

Volunteers: Help is needed for weed trimming at the parish grounds in Portage; and also with the monthly church cleaning. If you are able to assist, please contact Father Jim. .

Assembly 2025: July 16-20: Visit byzantineassembly.org to register and plan your trip or ask your local pastor for a paper registration form that you can mail in! We look forward to worshiping and learning with you.

In honor of our new pope, we are extending the early bird rate to June 1!

Forest Hills Community Band Schedule: for the.

- Sunday May 18: Elton Zion Church 7pm.
- Sunday May25: Dunlo Fire hall 7pm.
- Sunday June 1: South Fork 1st Evangelical Church 7pm
- Sunday June 8: Pops Concert New Germany Grove Hall 7pm

Bulletins and “Troitsja” Candle:

Sunday May 18 Candle: Owen Slanoc

Sunday, May 25

Candle: Easton Slanoc

Remember in Prayer: *As these needs change you may update your requests by informing Father Jim.*

For the Repose of the soul of:+Beatrice Yackanich, the sister of Father Eugene yackanich, a retired priest of the Archeparchy. **For the Health of:** *Jessica Crum, Patty Haschak’s cousin; Barbara Havrilla; Frank Jubara; Steve Fleck; Susan O’Toole; Richard Whitcomb; Michael Perich; Jeffrey Moist; Jean Petoro; Becky Zock; Carol Goral; Ray McCabe; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, & Dorothy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward Wisniewski; Sandy Spontak; and all the ill, homebound.*

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Louise Halovich; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; **Saint Mary, Beaverdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; **Maple Winds:** Andrew & Linda Deskevich.

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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 an integral 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: 1:00 p.m. (Portage) and 3:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo)**. Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday]**, and by appointment.

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