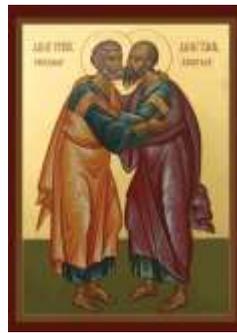




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Sunday, May 2nd, 2021

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK: (COULD BE CHANGED)

Sunday	05/02/2021	11:00 am	<i>Sunday of the Samaritan women</i> +Helen & Joseph Petruska By Mary & Dan Joscak (On-Line)
Sunday	05/09/2021	11:00 am	<i>Sunday of the man born blind</i> Mother's Day For parish Family (On-Line)



**On SEPTEMBER 26th 2021 we are going to
celebrate 125 Years of the establishment
of Sts Peter and Paul in Braddock.**

**Most Reverend William C. Skurla at 3:00 P.M. will
celebrate Divine Liturgy. All details will be announced.**

DIVINE SERVICES ATTENDANCE

Liturgy on Thursday, April 22nd was 6; Sunday, April 25th was 32.

LIVE STREAM VIEWING

Liturgy on Thursday, April 22nd was 155; Sunday, April 25th was 167.

SICK AND SHUT-INS

*Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are sick,
homebound, hospitalized, living in nursing facilities, or need
your prayers for their personal intentions:*



*Andrew Cencarik, Don Downey, Anna D. Fialkovich, Mark Fialkovich, Benjamin
Kaefer, Jr., John Kopay, Jr., Sylvia Kopay, Mary Anne Ference Mistick, Richard
Paloscko, Nancy Pcolar, Bob Newton, Rebecca McCullough, Will McCullough, Marie
Churley, Joanne Skinta, John Gegick and Those serving in the Armed Forces, Gerry
Petticca and Family, Paul Peek, Emily Cox, Margaret Torbich, Mary Pat H, Gale
Joscak, Mary Ann Badar, Robert Crowley, Rose Petruska, Gary Fall, Andrew Torbich,
Mark Crowley, Mason Stern, Shawna Lynn Beluscak.*

****If you have a family member in the hospital or other facilities, and would like us to remember them
in prayer, contact Father Vitalii and we will be glad to publish their name in the bulletin – even if they
are not a parishioner of Saints Peter & Paul Parish.**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/08 SHARI FIALKOVICH
05/10 TALIN DRABIK
05/11 SYLVIA KOPAY

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

05/05/1985 MARK & LINDA FIALKOVICH
05/13/1978 EDWARD & SHARON LEISER

IMPORTANT UPDATES

**Beginning January 31, 2021 all MONTHLY donations are going to cover our expenses for our 125 years
celebration on September 26th 2021. Collected so far \$1,608.00**

UPDATES

Joan Skinta is at Woodhaven Care Ceeter, Room 107, 2400 McGinley Rd., Monroeville Pa 15146
Rose Petruska is at Rebecca Residence Skilled Nursing, 3746 Cedar Ridge Rd, Allison Park, PA 15101

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS – HRAMOTAS

The remaining Saturday will be May 22nd. We will celebrate a Divine Liturgy with a Panahida on Friday at
06:30 PM

FINANCIAL & ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The Financial and Advisory meeting is scheduled on **Monday April 26th, 2021 at 6:00 pm** in our Social Hall.

On May 2 nd 2021	On May 9 th 2021	On May 16 th 2021	On May 23 rd 2021
Team D	Team A	Team B	Team C

MOTHER'S DAY ENVELOPES AND EASTER BASKET

MOTHER'S DAY donations will be deposited on Mother's Day, and will be printed with all names in the bulletin and the candles in the church will be lit.

All Donations for **EASTER BASKETS** will be sent to the Eparchy of Mukachevo to help support the priests.

CATHOLIC TEACHING, THE LITURGY - WORK OF THE HOLY TRINITY

II. Christ's Work in the Liturgy

Christ glorified . . .

"Seated at the right hand of the Father" and pouring out the Holy Spirit on his Body which is the Church, Christ now acts through the sacraments he instituted to communicate his grace. The sacraments are perceptible signs (words and actions) accessible to our human nature. By the action of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit they make present efficaciously the grace that they signify.

In the liturgy of the Church, it is principally his own Paschal mystery that Christ signifies and makes present. During his earthly life Jesus announced his Paschal mystery by his teaching and anticipated it by his actions. When his Hour comes, he lives out the unique event of history which does not pass away: Jesus dies, is buried, rises from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father "once for all."⁸ His Paschal mystery is a real event that occurred in our history, but it is unique: all other historical events happen once, and then they pass away, swallowed up in the past. The Paschal mystery of Christ, by contrast, cannot remain only in the past, because by his death he destroyed death, and all that Christ is - all that he did and suffered for all men - participates in the divine eternity, and so transcends all times while being made present in them all. The event of the Cross and Resurrection abides and draws everything toward life.

. . . from the time of the Church of the Apostles . . .

"Accordingly, just as Christ was sent by the Father so also he sent the apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit. This he did so that they might preach the Gospel to every creature and proclaim that the Son of God by his death and resurrection had freed us from the power of Satan and from death and brought us into the Kingdom of his Father. But he also willed that the work of salvation which they preached should be set in train through the sacrifice and sacraments, around which the entire liturgical life revolves."

Thus the risen Christ, by giving the Holy Spirit to the apostles, entrusted to them his power of sanctifying: they became sacramental signs of Christ. By the power of the same Holy Spirit they entrusted this power to their successors. This "apostolic succession" structures the whole liturgical life of the Church and is itself sacramental, handed on by the sacrament of Holy Orders.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of Sts Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church. Only those who are registered are considered members of the Parish. When one registers to become a parish member, they assume the responsibility of rendering stewardship of time, talent and treasure to this parish family. Worship at this parish is always expected. Registration is done only by the pastor.

MIDFEAST OF PENTECOST



Today's celebration is the midpoint of the fifty days between the Feasts of Pascha and Pentecost. Saint John tells us (John 7:14) that "in the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the Temple, and taught." The Feast in question is the Feast of Tabernacles (celebrated in September), not Pentecost.

The Church has appointed John 7:14-30 to be read for the Midfeast, thereby linking Pascha and Pentecost. In Chapter 8 of Saint John's Gospel, the Lord came to the Temple again and taught the people who came to Him. After leaving the Temple, he encounters the man born blind. We will hear about him on the Sunday of the Blind Man.

The Troparion of the Midfeast ("In the middle of the Feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness, as Thou didst cry to all: If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink [John 7:37]. O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!") hints at the encounter of Christ and the Samaritan Woman in just a few days.

CHAPTER VI - THE INTERACTION BETWEEN PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY

Different stances of philosophy

79. Developing further what the Magisterium before me has taught, I intend in this final section to point out certain requirements which theology—and more fundamentally still, the word of God itself—makes today of philosophical thinking and contemporary philosophies. As I have already noted, philosophy must obey its own rules and be based upon its own principles; truth, however, can only be one. The content of Revelation can never debase the discoveries and legitimate autonomy of reason. Yet, conscious that it cannot set itself up as an absolute and exclusive value, reason on its part must never lose its capacity to question and to be questioned. By virtue of the splendour emanating from subsistent Being itself, revealed truth offers the fullness of light and will therefore illumine the path of philosophical enquiry. In short, Christian Revelation becomes the true point of encounter and engagement between philosophical and theological thinking in their reciprocal relationship. It is to be hoped therefore that theologians and philosophers will let themselves be guided by the authority of truth alone so that there will emerge a philosophy consonant with the word of God. Such a philosophy will be a place where Christian faith and human cultures may meet, a point of understanding between believer and non-believer. It will help lead believers to a stronger conviction that faith grows deeper and more authentic when it is wedded to thought and does not reject it. It is again the Fathers who teach us this: "To believe is nothing other than to think with assent... Believers are also thinkers: in believing, they think and in thinking, they believe... If faith does not think, it is nothing".⁹⁵ And again: "If there is no assent, there is no faith, for without assent one does not really believe".⁹⁶

To be continued... FIDES ET RATIO OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF, JOHN PAUL II

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Each encounter with Christ in the New Testament is unique. Each encounter is open and free. Nothing with God in His dealings with humanity is pre-planned. Never is anything forced. Some come away from meeting the Lord happy and some go away sad. Some receive blessings beyond anything they had hoped for, others receive blessings they do not recognize as such.

There are some encounters recorded by the Gospel writers that astound us, that move beyond personal encounter to universal revelation. The meeting at Jacob's well with the Samaritan Woman is one such moment: deeply personal on the one hand, but also way beyond personal. Jesus Christ reveals through the dialogue he has with the Samaritan Woman a deep and surprising faith; a faith that can move mountains, a faith that opens the door to mysteries few others could even begin to comprehend!

One: Christ reveals to this sinful, Samaritan woman that God is not respecter of ethnic, social or gender sensibilities for He is the lover of all. "In God," writes the Great Paul, "there is neither Jew nor Greek nor male nor female."

Two: Christ reveals to this woman that He alone is able to judge a human being and his judgment is compassionate and merciful. You see the meaning of "justice" in Holy Scripture is quite different from our "earthly" understanding of "justice". It has nothing to do with courts, judges, laws, statutes, lawyers and retribution. The Samaritan woman told the truth when the Lord asked her to bring to him her husband. Her honesty was an invitation for God to work miracles. She puts down her guard willingly. She demonstrates that she is not afraid. She proves to him that she is willing to be open, so the Lord opens himself up to her! He opens himself to her even before she answers the question! He had already looked into her heart. He had already seen her faith. The door was already opened!

Three: The Lord starts teaching her theology! A woman! A Samaritan! A great sinner! In her day only men were allowed to read and explore the Torah. Yet to this sinful, Samaritan woman Christ teaches theology!

What we see in this encounter at Jacob's Well, is what happens when the fear that separates a human being from God is cast aside. The mystery of deification is beginning to take root and grow in soil that looked barren to everyone but to God was most fertile.

We have to look deeply into ourselves not only as individuals and a parish community, but also as a nation. Are we preparing to take the dangerous trip to the Empty Tomb with the Ointment-Bearing Women? Have we heard his voice like the rich, young ruler and turned away sad because everything else in life is more important to us than the Lord? Or are we like the Samaritan Woman who knows that there is nothing to fear in Him and who hungers so much for the living water that the Lord cannot possibly deny it to her?

ATTENTION PLEASE READ

125 Years Celebration; Sunday, September 26, 2021

On Sunday, September 26, 2021, Sts. Peter & Paul will be having a Celebration of 125 Years. We need a count to establish the number of people that will be attending Liturgy and Dinner. There will be a signup sheet in the vestibule. PLEASE THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT....

Please sign up by May 23rd if you plan to attend.

If you reside outside of Sts. Peter and Paul and wish to attend our celebration please call the office at 412-461-1712 or via email at stspeterpaulbc@gmail.com

**Liturgy 3:00 PM with Most Revered William C. Skurla presiding
Dinner Immediately Following (details to follow)**

ETERNAL MEMORY



Leonore "Lee" M. (Delle Donne) Trankocy, December 28, 1934 ~ April 24, 2021 (age 86)

Of North Versailles, age 86, on Saturday, April 24, 2021, completed her earthly journey and moved on to her heavenly home. Beloved wife of Richard J. Trankocy, Sr. for 63 years. Treasured mother of Richard J. (Susan) Trankocy, Jr. and Susan (Stephen) Kennedy of Braddock. Dear grandmother of Robert Kennedy, Randy (Tiffany) Jones, Shannon (Dustin) Dubensky and Caitlin Jones. Proud great-grandmother of Henry and Alexandra Jones; Ella Sue, Lucy and Lila Dubensky. Leonora was preceded in death by her sisters, infant Carmella and Carmella Meglio and her brothers, Chester and Joseph Delle Donne. Leonora was raised in Rankin, graduated from Rankin High School in 1953 and was a willing volunteer for many Rankin reunions. Leonora's first job as a teenager was with Jaison's, a women's store in Braddock where she worked along with her sister, Carmella. After graduation, she became employed with Beneficial Finance where she worked until she became a mother. Leonora resumed her work with Beneficial when her children were grown and completed a 28-year career as an Administrative Assistant with the firm. While raising the children, Leonora was an active volunteer and leader with the P.T.A. and Boy Scouts. Leonora has been a 7-decade member of Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church in Braddock. She was a member of the Byzantine Catholic Serra Club of Pittsburgh and the Braddock Elks Lodge #883 and the 'Valley Seniors' of her neighborhood in Green Valley. Leonora was proud of her Italian heritage and was a member of the Primavera Lodge of the I.S.D.A. in Swissvale. She delighted in spending both Italian Day and Byzantine Catholic Day at Kennywood. When at home, Leonora enjoyed porch conversations, painting ceramics and watching figure skating on television.

In blessed repose grant O Lord eternal rest to the soul of Your newly departed servant Leonore, and remember her forever, for Christ is Risen

Parish Evangelization

Fr. Jason Charron

“The Eucharist is the culmination and the defining prayer of the Christian Community.”

Fr. Jason Charron provides the foundation to enhance parish evangelization. He explains that it consists of feeding three things: the mind, body and heart. The mind is fed by the Gospels and teachings of the Apostles. The body is fed by fellowship and getting to know each other socially. The heart is fed by prayer and being in the presence of the mind of the beloved. He details various ways his own parish has grown in these areas.

Reflection Questions

- In your opinion, why do many people today describe themselves as “spiritual, but not religious?”
- How can we help parishioners become more aware of their shared responsibility in the overall activity of the church?
- What are some effective ways of inviting someone to return to our worshiping parish community?
- Sensitivity to culture is essential for communicating the faith. Give some examples on how your parish community can be more open and inclusive to people of other cultures and race.
- How have you grown in your appreciation and understanding of the Holy Eucharist?

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