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Sunday, November 14th, 2021

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

Sunday	11/14/2021	11:00 am	<i>25th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	+Richard Martin By <i>Barbara & Kristin</i> (On-line)
Sunday	11/21/2021	11:00 am	<i>26th Sunday after Pentecost/Entrance of the Theotokos</i>	+ Albert Savko By <i>David, Steven and Cathy</i> (On-line)

DIVINE SERVICES ATTENDANCE

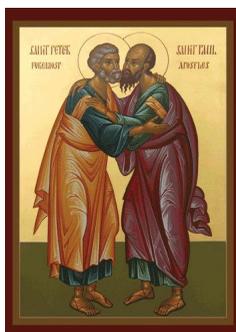
Liturgy on Sunday, November 7th was 39.

LIVE STREAM VIEWING

Liturgy on Sunday, November 7th was 109.

LITURGY REQUESTS FOR 2022

It is a beautiful part of our Byzantine Catholic tradition to have the Divine Liturgy celebrated for the repose of the soul of a departed one, or for the health and personal intentions of an individual. The Liturgy request calendar book for 2022 is now in. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A SPECIFIC DATE, PLEASE DO SO NOW.** Please know that we will work to provide the dates requested, but we cannot guarantee it. The dates are assigned on a first come first served basis and are reserved upon receipt of the offering. To make your request, please fill out your request and drop it in the collection basket or send it to Parish Office.



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, Ronald Dusetzina, Virginia Mehalik-Woods, Gio Savko, Connie Leary, Jonathan Staton, Betty Jean Fialkovich.

****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.**

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/14 WANDA HODOBA
11/15 RONALD HODOBA
11/17 BRIAN TORBICH
11/21 MICHELLE FIALKOVICH
11/23 AUDREY SCHELL

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11/12/77 ANDREW AND MARJORIE NOVOTNY

On November 14 th 2021	On November 21 st 2021	On November 28 th 2021	On December 5 th 2021
Team D	Team A	Team B	Team C

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

January 17th 2022 at 6:30 pm at Church Social Hall
April 25th 2022 at 6:30 pm at Church Social Hall
July 25th 2022 at 6:30 pm at Church Social Hall
October 24th 2022 at 6:30 pm at Church Social Hall

UPDATES

Joan Skinta is at Woodhaven Care Ceeter, Room 107, 2400 McGinley Rd., Monroeville Pa 15146

Rose Petruska is at Concordia at Cranberry, 10 Adams Ridge Blvd, Mars PA 16046

CHRISTMAS KIELBASA



The Duquesne Men's club of Saints Peter and Paul is selling Christmas Kielbasa. Order by December 12th. Delivery to the Church will be Sunday December 19th. **The order sheet will be in the vestibule if you are interested.** Thank You.

Donated Cross - the donation from the estate of Michael Elias and Patricia Ann Ivan (St. John the Baptist BC Church, Munhall) in honor of Mary and Michael Ivan (St. P & P Braddock) from the Ivan Family

2022 ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS

Please pick up your box of 2022 envelopes in the social hall. If you know someone who will be unable to pick up their 2022 envelopes, please take their box to them. If you would like your envelopes be send to you, please contact Father Vitalii. If there is no box for you, please contact Father Vitalii.

CATHOLIC TEACHING, THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Christian Initiation

From the time of the apostles, becoming a Christian has been accomplished by a journey and initiation in several stages. This journey can be covered rapidly or slowly, but certain essential elements will always have to be present: proclamation of the Word, acceptance of the Gospel entailing conversion, profession of faith, Baptism itself, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and admission to Eucharistic communion.

This initiation has varied greatly through the centuries according to circumstances. In the first centuries of the Church, Christian initiation saw considerable development. A long period of catechumenate included a series of preparatory rites, which were liturgical landmarks along the path of catechumenal preparation and culminated in the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation.

Where infant Baptism has become the form in which this sacrament is usually celebrated, it has become a single act encapsulating the preparatory stages of Christian initiation in a very abridged way. By its very nature infant Baptism requires a post-baptismal catechumenate. Not only is there a need for instruction after Baptism, but also for the necessary flowering of baptismal grace in personal growth. the catechism has its proper place here.

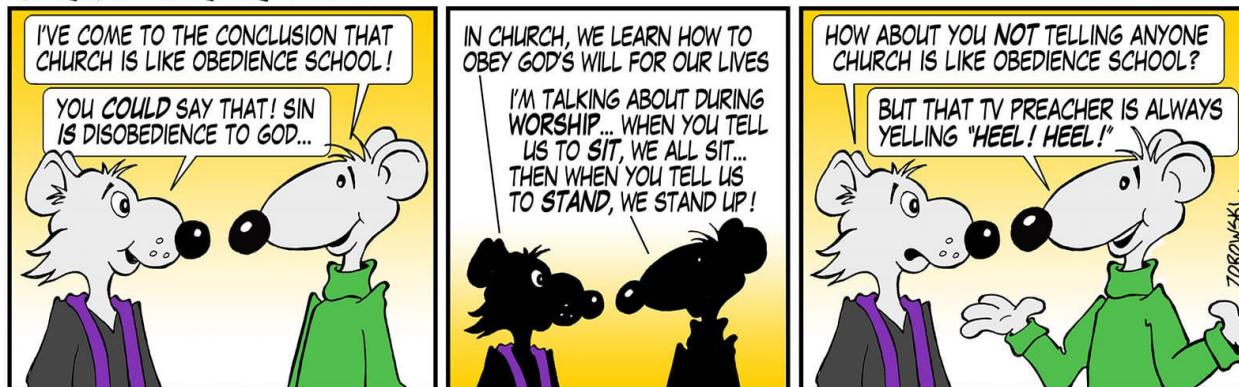
The second Vatican Council restored for the Latin Church "the catechumenate for adults, comprising several distinct steps." The rites for these stages are to be found in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The Council also gives permission that: "In mission countries, in addition to what is furnished by the Christian tradition, those elements of initiation rites may be admitted which are already in use among some peoples insofar as they can be adapted to the Christian ritual."

Today in all the rites, Latin and Eastern, the Christian initiation of adults begins with their entry into the catechumenate and reaches its culmination in a single celebration of the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. In the Eastern rites the Christian initiation of infants also begins with Baptism followed immediately by Confirmation and the Eucharist, while in the Roman rite it is followed by years of catechesis before being completed later by Confirmation and the Eucharist, the summit of their Christian initiation.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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.

DOGMATIC CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH LUMEN GENTIUM

CHAPTER I THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH

3. The Son, therefore, came, sent by the Father. It was in Him, before the foundation of the world, that the Father chose us and predestined us to become adopted sons, for in Him it pleased the Father to re-establish all things.(4) To carry out the will of the Father, Christ inaugurated the Kingdom of heaven on earth and revealed to us the mystery of that kingdom. By His obedience He brought about redemption. The Church, or, in other words, the kingdom of Christ now present in mystery, grows visibly through the power of God in the world. This inauguration and this growth are both symbolized by the blood and water which flowed from the open side of a crucified Jesus,(5) and are foretold in the words of the Lord referring to His death on the Cross: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to myself".(6) As often as the sacrifice of the cross in which Christ our Passover was sacrificed, is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried on, and, in the sacrament of the eucharistic bread, the unity of all believers who form one body in Christ (8) is both expressed and brought about. All men are called to this union with Christ, who is the light of the world, from whom we go forth, through whom we live, and toward whom our whole life strains.

4. When the work which the Father gave the Son to do on earth (9) was accomplished, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost in order that He might continually sanctify the Church, and thus, all those who believe would have access through Christ in one Spirit to the Father.(10) He is the Spirit of Life, a fountain of water springing up to life eternal.(11) To men, dead in sin, the Father gives life through Him, until, in Christ, He brings to life their mortal bodies.(12) The Spirit dwells in the Church and in the hearts of the faithful, as in a temple.(13) In them He prays on their behalf and bears witness to the fact that they are adopted sons.(14) The Church, which the Spirit guides in way of all truth(15) and which He unified in communion and in works of ministry, He both equips and directs with hierarchical and charismatic gifts and adorns with His fruits.(16) By the power of the Gospel He makes the Church keep the freshness of youth. Uninterruptedly He renews it and leads it to perfect union with its Spouse. (3*) The Spirit and the Bride both say to Jesus, the Lord, "Come!"(17)

Thus, the Church has been seen as "a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."(4*) *To be continued...*

SOLEMNLY PROMULGATED BY HIS HOLINESS; POPE PAUL VI; ON NOVEMBER 21, 1964

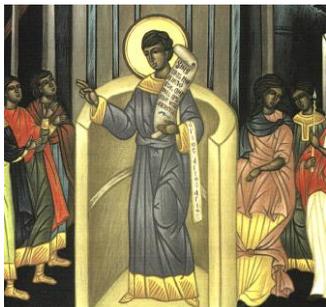
WE WELCOME YOU HOME!



together.

There are often people who have been raised as Byzantine Catholics and through the years have become separated from the Church. Perhaps, there has been someone in your family or your friends or your neighbors who was raised Byzantine Catholic, but no longer actively participates in a Parish. Please invite your friends or who used to be a member of our parish to come and enjoy again our parish family. Together we can accomplish everything. Sharing with one another always increases joy and diminishes sorrow! With faith, hope, and love as we continue our journey

CHURCH HISTORY; Six Century;



Liturgical Development

Many liturgical hymns were written, including the Christmas kontakion and many other kontakia by Saint Romanos the Hymnographer (early 6th century), a deacon in Constantinople, who was one of the most gifted hymnographers of all time. It is said that Emperor Justinian himself wrote the hymn “Only-begotten Son,” which is still sung at the synaxis of the divine liturgies in the Church.

The 6th century witnessed a certain establishment and stabilization of liturgical worship throughout the Eastern Christian world, particularly because the liturgical practices of the imperial city of Constantinople were being accepted voluntarily by other cities throughout the empire. The Church of Constantinople began to use certain liturgical feasts already in use in the Palestinian centers of Church life. These feasts were the Nativity and the Dormition of the Theotokos, and the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. It is also likely that the feast of the Transfiguration was celebrated in Constantinople by this time.

In addition to the festal celebrations of the capital city that spread throughout the Eastern empire, such elements as the formal liturgical entrances, and the chanting of the Trisagion in the Divine Liturgy, were added.

The convergence of several factors caused numerous changes in the Church’s liturgical ritual and piety. These factors were the rise of the Constantinopolitan Church as the model for other churches; the development of the imperial churchly ritual; the appearance of the mystical theology expressed in the writings published under the name of Saint Dionysius the Aeropagite; and the attempts of the Church and State to reconcile the Non-Chalcedonians.

At this time the practices of the Church of Constantinople were combined with the original Jewish-Christian worship of the early Church, the rule of prayer which had developed in the Christian monasteries, and the liturgical practices of the Church in Jerusalem, to form the first great synthesis of liturgical worship in history.



CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING



We are asking to stay after liturgy on November 28th to help decorate and prepare the church for the Holy Season, the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. “Save the date!” Hope to see you there!

8TH LUKE SUNDAY. LUKE 10:25-37

Regarding the people of Samaria, Jews had no dealings with them. This is told to us in Gospel of John when Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well. That’s why she asks Jesus, “*How is that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?*” To the Jews, the word “Samaritan” meant ‘dog’ or ‘devil’. They were considered heretics. However, because of the parable Jesus told in today’s Gospel everyone thinks of Samaritans as “good”. If I asked anyone who/what a “Good Samaritan” is, virtually all of them could tell me that it’s a person who helps someone in need, even if they are a stranger.

However, before Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan became widely known, the old negative overtone was predominant, certainly among the Jews. And because of the bad reputation assigned to the Samaritans, Jesus’ parable becomes more powerful. After hearing the gospel, we can see some lessons, all of which apply to us today. First, only one out of three persons help the man who was robbed and beaten. Thus, most of us, given the chance will likely not act like the Good Samaritan. The most common reason for ignoring those in need is that we are too busy. We have other things to do that are more important. Do we remember what we said about the Rich Man and Lazarus? The rich man did not actively hurt or harm Lazarus. Like the priest and Levite today, the rich man last week committed the sin of doing nothing.

The second lesson of today’s Gospel reading is that religion is not just to be practiced inside the walls of a church but on the roadside as well. One man once asked a poorly dressed person, “If God is love, how come He didn’t tell someone to give you clothes and shoes? The person thought for a moment and replied, “I guess God told somebody and that somebody forgot.” The priest and the Levite forgot to love your neighbors as yourself.

Another lesson in the story of the Good Samaritan is the definition of neighbor. The lawyer asked, “And who is my neighbor?”. To the Jews of Jesus’ time, a Samaritan was not a neighbor. To the ancient Greeks, every foreigner was a ‘barbarian.’ To the ancient Jews every stranger was a ‘Gentile.’ However, to Jesus every person is our neighbor, regardless of whether a stranger or family, friend or foe. Christians, instead of asking, “Who is my neighbor?”, ask “To whom can I be a neighbor?” In other words, Christians should be looking for neighbors all the time. We should be looking for those who are suffering and need God’s love and mercy.

Let’s step back for a moment and remember that God did not create an evil or imperfect world. He created a world that was originally good. He created mankind, male and female, very good. If was us humans, through our rejection of God’s love, the misuse of our free will, that spoiled God’s world through sin. Knowing this fact, it’s easier to understand why the Son of God became incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ. It is because he saw our helpless, mutilated body on the side of the road. We were robbed, stripped and beaten by the devil. We were doomed to death and sin. Jesus is our Good Samaritan, who saw us and had compassion. He stooped down to us in His birth. Jesus carried us on the Cross, to His crucifixion and death. He healed us through His Resurrection from the dead. Jesus continues to heal us through the eternal offering of Himself in the wine of the Eucharist. He brings us to the inn of the Church, the hospital for all those who suffer.

As we conclude today, let us ask ourselves, are we looking for someone who needs a neighbor? Or are we too busy to be bothered? Do we have more important things to do? Let us love our neighbor as Jesus loved us. Let us bring them to the inn of the Church, which is the source of the best medicines in the world, the sacramental Mysteries of the Eucharist, and Reconciliation.

Saints Peter & Paul Board Meeting Notes 10/25/2021

Discussed

- “Fundraiser” for 2022 to offset upcoming expenses, need ideas.
- Ongoing “Reach Out” to homebound parishioners in 2022, need designated volunteers to call.
- Church 2022 envelope boxes are ordered for 2022.

Ongoing maintenance of the church property:

- Upkeep of the property that was cleared and grass planted on John Street
- Continual spraying of the weeds.
- Slip strip on back stairs need ordered and placed on steps.
- Caulking, one small area in front of church still needs done.

Big Repair Items for 2022

- “Chess” concrete pieces around bell towers need removed, 3 are in bad shape. Work needs done as soon as possible.
Need recommendations/company.
- Area around altar “outside roof” needs repaired, need roofer/someone with scaffolding, high lift, need done as soon as possible.
Need recommendations/company.
- Replace bulbs, lighting in church. Outside big spotlight needs replaced.
- Need to have someone come in and look at the stained-glass windows.
Opening and closing of these windows are causing windows to become rigged and deteriorated.
- Corner in the choir loft needs repaired since the leak has been fixed.
- Fence pole in parking lot needs replaced
- Repave parking lot.

Final discussion was had about changing summer church hour to 9AM with St. Elias since they have air conditioning. This would be for 2 to 3 months in the summer. Would Sts. Peter & Paul parishioners really want this???

If you have any ideas about this, please let Father know directly.

Attention - 2021 End of Year Social and Projects

**It’s not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them,
is the true measure of our Thanksgiving.**

Saints Peter and Paul has had a lot to be thankful for. Starting Sunday, November 7th, a Monetary collection for the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, see collection box in vestibule. Fr. Vitalii will match the funds that are collected. Final collection is Sunday November 21st.

Sunday, November 14th, Fr. Vitalii will have the Blessing of the Anniversary Plaque located in the vestibule. A coffee and donut social will be held immediately following Liturgy.

Sunday, November 21th, Fr. Vitalii will be blessing our Annual Thanksgiving Bread, which will be handed out after Liturgy.

Sunday, November 31st through December 19th, Sts. Peter & Paul will be collecting *NEW – white socks – scarfs, hats, gloves* for the Light of Life Rescue Mission. Donation Box is in Basement. These items need to be new.

Byzantine Architecture

A. The Church building is divided into three main parts: the **narthex** (vestibule), the **nave** (the temple proper) and the **sanctuary** (also called the altar or holy place). The altar (sanctuary) is situated in the eastern part of the church, behind the **iconostasis**, regardless of its shape.

B. A bell tower is attached to (or built separately by the western part of the church. The church building has many symbolic meanings; perhaps the oldest and most prominent is the concept that the Church is **the Ark of Salvation** (as in Noah's Ark) in which the world is saved from the flood of temptations.

C. The **cupola** instead of a flat ceiling symbolizes the sky. In Slavic churches, cupolas are often topped by domes, where crosses are mounted.



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