

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Teaching on the Mount

Mission Statement

Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Parish is a member of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh who through the Holy Spirit is called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a community and family, we grow in faith and in the image and likeness of God by dedicating ourselves to welcoming, celebrating and caring for all of God's people.

Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist): Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the Parish Family. Pre-Baptism instructions are required. Contact Father Miron Kerul'-Kmec, Jr. to schedule.

Mystery of Crowning: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the Parish Family. Must meet with Father Miron before setting date and reserving your banquet hall. Pre-Cana program is required and three sessions with Father Miron. The ceremony will be celebrated according to the prescription of the liturgical book of the Byzantine rite.

Mystery of Reconciliation: Father Miron is always available for confessions 1 hour before each Divine Liturgy, and upon request.

Mystery of Anointing: Celebrated upon request. Ideally, celebrated in Church the Sunday before undergoing any surgical or other medical procedure.

Visitation of the Sick: Parishioners who are hospitalized are visited when Father Miron is notified. It is especially important that a family member contact Father Miron whenever a loved one is hospitalized.

Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Father Miron before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

Parish Membership: We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of Saints Peter and Paul Parish. Registration is done only through the Pastor. Only those who are registered are considered members of the Parish. Registered parishioners are those who have received contribution envelopes, and assume the responsibility of rendering stewardship of time, talent and treasure to SS. Peter and Paul Parish. Worship at this parish is always expected. The Parish Office should be notified as soon as possible of any change of address within the Parish as well as one's leaving.

Godparent/Sponsor Letters: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the Parish.

Rectory Office Hours: Lisa Mosko is in the Parish office from 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Father Miron is available on other days and times by appointment.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES: 6/13/2026 – 6/21/2026

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Saturday (Sun. Vigil)	13 June 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Reciting of Rosary +Richard Pinti – Angeline Kalogerou
Sunday	14 June 9:35 AM 10:00 AM	<i>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Prophet Elisha. Our Holy Father Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople.</i> Service of Third Hour +Helen Nuzzi – Janice & Mike
Monday	15 June	<i>The Holy Prophet Amos. The Venerable Jerome, Priest of Stridon.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	16 June	<i>Our Holy Father and Wonderworker Tychon, Bishop of Amathis.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	17 June 6:30 PM	<i>The Holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael. Our Venerable Father Hypatius, Hegumen of the Rufenianos Monastery.</i> +Carl & +Marialice Verney – daughter, Carla
Thursday	18 June	<i>The Holy Martyr Leontius.</i> No Divine Liturgy
Friday	19 June 9:00 AM	<i>The Holy Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord.</i> +Edward Gardner & +Eddie Smith – Anita Schmitt
Saturday (Vigil Liturgy)	20 June 5:00 PM	<i>The Holy Martyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara. Our Holy Father Nicholas Cabasilas.</i> All Fathers, Fathers-to-be, Grandfathers, Godfathers, and Men of the Parish – Fr. Miron
Sunday	21 June 10:00 AM	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus.</i> All Fathers, Fathers-to-be, Grandfathers, Godfathers, and Men of the Parish – Fr. Miron



Attentive to the Word
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 6: 22 - 34

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SUMMERTIME



"Summertime... and the living is easy." That's how the song goes, anyway. Lemonade, the old fishing pole, picnics, the beach, or maybe rocking on the porch, it all fits into our summer fantasies. If you watch any television at all, visions of slow-paced summer living are hard to miss. Where is that barbecue grill, anyway?

Part of our American birthright is the right to pursue happiness. But ask any American to define happiness, and the answer is often vague – more money would help, better health, stronger and more attractive bodies, a nicer house, a better job – the list is endless.

Despite our inability to define happiness with any precision, we kill ourselves in the pursuit of it. Convinced by the world that we must have Brand X to be happy, we work overtime for more money to be able to buy what we think we need, but then there is precious little time or energy left to enjoy Brand X. I don't know how long it will take us until we finally realize that the pursuit of happiness will never produce happiness. It only gives us the never-ending pursuit of the unattainable.

Joy is birthright of the Christian. Happiness is a fleeting emotion, but *joy* is deep and everlasting. Jesus said, "I have said these things that my joy may be in you, that your joy may be complete" (John 15). But, you may ask, how can I have joy when I am sick, poor, unattractive, alone, hassled, tired, overworked, underpaid, unappreciated, and so far from attaining any lasting measure of happiness?

The answer is not easy for us to hear.

"Blessed are the poor in Spirit... Blessed are those who mourn... Blessed are the meek... Blessed are they that hunger and thirst... Blessed are the merciful... Blessed are the pure in heart... Blessed are the peacemakers... Blessed are those who are persecuted... Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you... rejoice and be exceedingly glad" (St. Matthew 5).

The Lord once again sets the world on its head. Joy does not come from the pursuit of happiness or the good life. It comes from the pursuit of *holiness*, which is the pursuit of the Kingdom of heaven. Our joy comes because we obtain a mystery, a great treasure that neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor life, nor death can take from us. And the world, the flesh, and the devil will most certainly try to take it away. Guaranteed.

How powerful is this joy? "Let us lay aside every weight and sin that so easily besets us, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the sake of the joy set before him endured the cross... (Hebrews 12).

It was *joy* that carried Jesus through such agony. It was *joy* that propelled the disciples out into a world that would hate and persecute them. It was *joy* that caused the martyrs to face death singing and rejoicing and loving and hugging each other until it brought their pagan onlookers to amazement and admiration. *This was no mere emotion of fleeting happiness. It was joy, full and complete.*

Do a word search and Bible study on the word "joy" and you will be amazed at what you'll find. How can this joy be ours? It is a gift of the Spirit, but it requires our effort. "Seek first the Kingdom of God... go, and sell all that you have... strive to enter the narrow gate... keep My commandments... *in other words, pursue holiness and not happiness.* Then we will obtain a great pearl, a heavenly treasure that neither thieves, nor rust, nor moth can consume. We will obtain rest, peace, and JOY!



EXPECT A BLESSING

In reality, we learn more about God's love and care for us in times of heartache and pain than when everything is going fine and appears unruffled. God knows how to love us through turbulent times. He knows what we need, when we need it, and how to provide it for us.

You don't have to be concerned with running around and trying to live the life of Riley by striving for something that exists only on television. God has a life laid out for you, one that includes hope, blessings, and peace of mind.

Are you interested in discovering life at its best? Then set the course of your heart on the ways of God. Embrace His love and expect His blessings to be yours.



- **Mon., June 15 – Thurs., June 18** Lisa will be out of the office.
- **Sat., June 20** Cookie Baking 9:00 AM. See below for more information.
- **Mon., June 22** Church Cleaning Party 9:00 AM to Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Wed., June 24** **Birth of John the Baptist** - Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM.
- **Fri., June 26** Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM.
- **Mon., June 29** **Feast of Saints Peter and Paul** – Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM. Social and Icon Display after Liturgy.
- **Wed., July 1** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM. SPP Feast Day Dinner at DiLucia’s 6:00 PM. See below for more information.
- **Fri., July 3** Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM.



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

On **Saturday, June 20th, at 9 AM**, Fr. Miron is inviting all women who would like to participate in baking chocolate chip cookies for all men of our parish for Father's Day!

If you are interested in coming to help, please let Mother Theodora know at 216-618-5862. She is heading up the baking project. Thank you!

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL FEAST DAY DINNER

June 29th is the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. A dinner honoring this feast will be held on **Wednesday, July 1st, at 6:00 PM at DiLucia’s, 2610 Elm Road, N.E., Warren, OH 44483.**

Dinner will include a choice of either Stuffed Chicken Breast or Whitefish Francaise. The choice is required at signup.

Costs are as follows:	Adult Parishioners:	\$15.00
	Non-Parishioners:	\$20.00
	Children ages 6 -12:	\$10.00
	Children under age 6:	Free

Prepayment is required when signing up. Someone will be available in the Social Hall after each Divine Liturgy starting on Saturday, June 6th, for signup and to accept payment. Reservation deadline is Sunday, June 21st.

We hope to see you there! Come to enjoy a good dinner and the company of your Parish Family!



Happy Birthday to Parishioners with Birthdays this week:

June 14 – Deborah Gould

June 15 – Anne Whitfield & Adam Zandarski

Missed your birthday? Please let us know!



THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

First plant five rows of peas:

Patience

Promptness

Preparation

Perserverance

Purity

Next plant three rows of squash:

Squash gossip

Squash criticism

Squash indifference

Then plant five rows of lettuce:

Let-us be faithful to duty

Let-us be unselfish

Let-us by loyal

Let-us be true to obligations

Let-us love one another

And no garden is complete without turnips:

Turn-up for important meetings

Turn-up with a smile

Turn-up with good ideas

Turn-up with determination to make
everything count for something good and worthwhile.

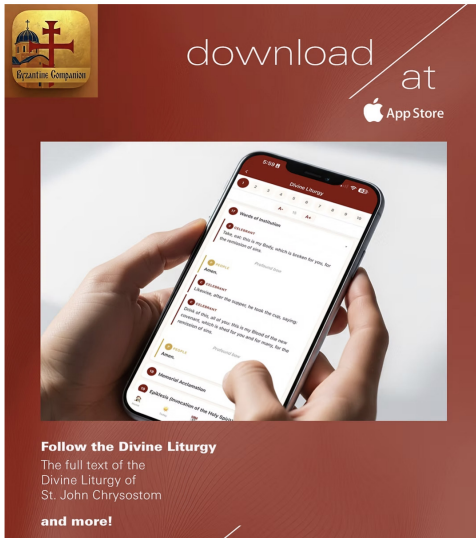


Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of June 6:

5:00 PM: **39**; 10:00 AM: **104**

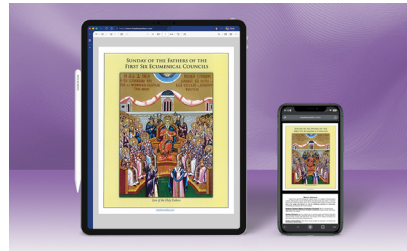
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Prove Your Faith by Your Trust

‘Look at the birds of the air,’ says Jesus. What a splendid example for our faith to follow! If God’s providence bestows an unfailing supply of food on the birds of the air who neither sow nor reap, we ought to realize that the reason for people’s supply running short is human greed. The fruits of the earth were given to feed all without distinction and nobody can claim any particular rights. Instead, we have lost the sense of the communion of goods, rushing to turn these goods into private property. The birds do not know famine because they do not claim anything specially for themselves and neither do they have any envy of others. ‘Consider the lilies of the field: not even Solomon in all his glory was

arrayed like one of these. If God so clothes the grass which is alive today and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more will he clothe one of you!’ Listen to these stupendous and uplifting words. With this parable of flowers and grass the Lord urges us to hope that God will also be merciful to us. Nothing is more persuasive than a glance at unthinking creatures who have received such beautiful dress from Providence. Surely we should be all the more ready to believe that human beings, if they entrust themselves completely to God and free themselves of all their worries, will not lack anything.

St. Ambrose of Milan