

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Call of the Disciples -- Luke 5:1-11

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: 9/26/2026 – 10/4/2026

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Saturday (Sun. Vigil)	26 Sept. 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Reciting of Rosary +Richard Pinti – wife, Anna Marie
Sunday	27 Sept. 9:30 AM 10:00 AM	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Callistratus and His Companions. Reciting of Rosary +Fio Nuzzi – Janice & Mike
Monday	28 Sept.	Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton. No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	29 Sept.	Our Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite. No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	30 Sept. 6:30 PM	The Holy Martyr Gregory, Bishop of Armenia. Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Protection of Theotokos
Thursday	1 Oct.	THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY. The Holy Apostle Ananias. (pgs. 261- 262). No Divine Liturgy
Friday	2 Oct. 9:00 AM	The Holy Bishop-Martyr Cyprian. The Holy Martyr Justina. The Holy Andrew, Fool for Christ. +Alexis Fusselman (40 th day)
Saturday (Vigil Liturgy)	3 Oct. 5:00 PM	The Holy Bishop and Martyr Denis the Areopagite. Health & Welfare of Sr. Marion Dobos – Benedictine Sisters
Sunday	4 Oct. 10:00 AM	NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. The Holy Martyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens. Our Venerable Father Francis of Assisi. +Delores Pehanich – Pehanich family



Attentive to the Word
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 5: 1- 11

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In this world each one of us is like a puzzle piece in a divinely planned jigsaw puzzle. The master designer, the Lord God, has a special place for each and every one of us. When we pray the Lord's prayer and say, "Thy will be done," we are telling God to put us in the place where He wants us to be. That is why we must constantly pray and discern God's will in our lives. Sometimes it is apparent to us and other times it's hard to discern God's will.

St. Peter learned that lesson in today's Gospel. I love the stories about St. Peter in the Bible because he is presented as being so human and so much like us. He really loves the Lord, tries hard but often ends up with his foot in his mouth. Today's Gospel is just one more example. Peter is dog-tired, worked hard fishing all night, caught nothing and Jesus tells him to go out and cast his nets. Now think about this. Peter is the season professional fisherman. Jesus, the non-fisherman, the non-pro, is telling him to go out for a catch. Well in modern America this could be a setup for a TV sitcom. Peter thinks, "OK Jesus, I'll humor you. This will teach you a lesson." We know from the story that the whole lesson gets reversed and the laugh is on Peter. They caught so many fish Peter was stunned and humbled. "Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Even though Peter thought he knew better, Jesus had to teach him that as a puzzle piece in the divine plan, Peter was not yet in the right place. Jesus was setting him and the others, to be the apostles, the ones to whom Jesus would entrust His Church after His death and resurrection. Peter never planned this, God did! Our Lord's ministry on earth was to complete the part of the puzzle that would lead us to salvation. He did this voluntarily and lovingly for us.

Each of us is called to know, love and serve God. Each day He allows us to turn in different directions to see how we fit in His divine puzzle along with others as part of His master plan. First of all we need to discern God's call and design for our lives. We call this our "vocation." It's sad that in modern English "vocation" usually means priests, nuns, deacons or other clergy. As wonderful as that is, those are not the only vocations. Some are called to be clergy. Some are called to marriage. Some are called to remain single. All of these are vocations and calls to holiness of life.

Once we discern our call, we need to lovingly pursue God's will in that specific spot – for our own good and the benefit of the whole puzzle board. This must be done in God's way and not ours. A person in the wrong place, not being the person God has designed for him or her – this person is usually miserable, unhappy and feels out of place. These people, many times, make others unhappy too. That is why we need to pray each day to do God's will. We must open our hearts to the presence of the Holy Spirit – not pressing for my will, but really being open to God's will.

The right person, in the right place, *doing God's will*, is a joy not only to God but to others. They are in the place the Divine Puzzle-maker wants them and they link well with the pieces around them. Peter learned this lesson in a dramatic way. Let us pray that we will learn it in the subtle, gentle ways, as well as the hard ways, the Lord puts into our lives.

By Fr. Michael Hayduk

COMPLAINTS FROM GOD

You call Me Master
and do not obey Me.

You call Me Light
and do not see Me.

You call Me the Way
and do not follow Me.

You call Me Life
and do not desire Me.

You call Me wise
and do not listen to Me.

You call Me beautiful
and do not love Me.

You call Me rich
and do not ask Me.

You call Me eternal
and do not seek Me.

You call Me all good
and do not trust Me.

You call Me noble
and do not serve Me.

You call Me God
and do not fear Me.

If you lose your soul
do not blame Me.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- **Mon., Sept. 28** Church Cleaning Party 9 AM – Noon. Come lend a helping hand.
- **Sun., Oct. 4** Blessing of ECF Children and Teachers.
- **Mon., Oct. 5 – Thurs., Oct. 8** Father will be attending an Annual Clergy Retreat.
- **Wed., Oct. 7** St. Vincent de Paul Meals Program 9 AM – 2 PM.
- **Fri., Oct. 9** Father will be out of town.
- **Sun., Oct. 11** The start of ECF classes.
- **Wed., Oct. 14** Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM.
- **Fri., Oct. 16** Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM.



OCTOBER FUN FEST



Please sign up for the October Fest in the Social Hall by Sunday, September 27th.

The October Fun Fest will be held on *Sunday, October 11th, from 11 AM – 4 PM.*

The cost is \$10 per person. Children 12 and under are free.
Extra items are individually priced.

*We will be playing the DICE GAME so any donations of small wrapped or bagged new items to use as prizes are appreciated.
Just drop them in the container provided.*

*Any help and/or desserts will also be greatly appreciated.
There is also a sign-up sheet for help with set-up, prep work, serving, clean-up and miscellaneous tasks.*

See flyers in the Social Hall for more information.

2026 GCU HOLIDAY MATCHING FUND PROGRAM

Beginning October 1st through October 31st, our Parish will be participating in this program. The GCU will match donations up to \$500.00. St. Vincent de Paul, where we volunteer, is approved for this program. In addition, the Parish Guild will match all donations up to \$1,000.00.

Donation envelopes will be at the entrance ways and can be returned in the collection baskets. If donating by check, please make check payable to:

Ss. Peter and Paul Church
Memo: St. V. de Paul GCU Matching Fund.

Thank you in advance for your donations to St. Vincent de Paul, who helps feed so many in need in our community. God Bless You for your generosity!



Happy Birthday to Parishioners with Birthdays this week:

Oct. 1 – Fr. Miron Kerul’-Kmec, Jr.

Missed your birthday? Please let us know!



ETERNAL MEMORY



Grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of Your servants, +**Virginia Pipa and +Richard Perhacs**, who have recently fallen asleep in the Lord. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

OCTOBER 1 - THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS



From time immemorial, the Church has celebrated the Most-holy Theotokos as the patroness and protectress of the Christian people, who, by her intercessory prayers, implores God's mercy for us sinners.

The Mother of God appeared several times after she left this earth. One of these times occurred in the 10th century in the Blachernae Church in Constantinople, in which were preserved her robe, veil and part of her belt. During the Vigil at 4 a.m., the Saints Andrew and Epiphanius saw a majestic woman walking toward the ambo (the area before the altar). She was not alone. St. John the Baptist, St. John the Theologian, and other saints and choirs of angels were escorting her. On reaching the center of the church, the Mother of God knelt down and prayed for a long time. She prayed so fervently that her face was bathed in tears. Then she stood up and went before the altar table, where she again prayed. Then she removed the veil over her head. It shone like lightning. She held it high, stretched over her arms, in a gesture of prayer of intercession for those present in the church and on us.

As a result, this commemoration on October 1 was instituted to remind us both of this event, and of the Mother of God's constant protection, whenever we prayerfully seek that protection, that shelter, in distress.

**Holy Mother of God
Guide, Protect, and Pray for us!**



Divine Liturgy Attendance weekend of September 19:

5:00 PM: 52; 10:00 AM: 76

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross: 31

Our return to the Lord for all He has given us: . . . \$2,512.00



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**Glory to Jesus Christ!
Slava Isusu Christu!**

**Glory Forever!
Slava na viki!**

To Be a Disciple

But you, dearly beloved, who are involved in secular matters, since you are familiar with our affairs, call before your mind's eye your own. Do everything for each other freely. Do not seek recompense for your work in this world, which you now see to have declined with such great rapidity, lest you do evil in any way, and do good for the sake of temporal recompense. Seek as witness of your work Him whom you await as judge. Let Him now see your good deeds in secret, that He may show them to all on the day when He grants you your reward. As you daily provide food for your bodies to keep them from failing, so let your good works be the daily nourishment of your hearts. The body is fed with food, the spirit sustained by good works. You should not deny to your soul, which will live forever, what you grant to your body which is going to die. If ever a sudden fire destroys a dwelling,

and its owner seizes what he values and flees, he counts as gain whatever he takes with him out of the flames. You can see that a fire of calamities is burning up the world, and the end, which is now near, is like a fire, laying waste everything in it that appeared delightful. Therefore, my friend, believe it the greatest gain if you carry off anything from it, if you take anything with you as you flee, if, by bestowing it as an everlasting recompense on yourselves, you save what could have perished had it remained. In truth we lose all our earthly possessions if we save them, but we save them by yielding them well. Time is quickly running out. Let us prepare with haste for seeing our Judge soon. Our good deeds are impelling us towards Him with great urgency.

St. Gregory the Great