

**Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church /Assumption B.V.M. Ukrainian Catholic Church**

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Please notify the rectory office if you or a loved one is hospitalized or admitted to a nursing home

Office Hours: Mon. Tues.- 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wed., Thurs. 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

1<sup>ST</sup> Collection : Candles

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Regular Offering

**27th Sunday after Pentecost**

**December 10, 2017**

**Saturday – December 9, 2017**

3:15 PM – Confessions

4:00 PM – +Joseph Cheddar req. by Sister, Mary Concavage

**Sunday – December 10, 2017**

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – For the Parishioners

11:00 AM – Assumption BVM - +Peter & Isabelle Olanich req. by Mr. & Mrs. Ken Wagner

**Monday – December 11, 2017**

8:00 AM – No Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM – Confessions with Visiting Priests (Both Parishes)

**Tuesday –December 12, 2017**

No Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday – December 13, 2017**

8:00 AM - +Joseph Cheddar req. by Niece, Debby Concavage

**Thursday – December 14, 2017**

2:00 PM – Mount Carmel Nursing Home

**Friday – December 15, 2017**

8:00 AM – +Mary Dumchock req. by the Coroniti Family

**Saturday – December 16, 2017**

8:00 AM - +Mildred Kent – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of her Death req. by Her Children

3:15 PM – Confessions

4:00 PM – +John & Helen Cheddar req. by Son, +Joseph Cheddar

**Sunday – December 17, 2017**

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – For the Parishioners

11:00 AM – Assumption BVM - +Boris Maksymuk and +Mary Tracey req. by Family

**Mystery (Sacrament) of Penance**

Is available before each Divine Liturgy on Saturday, 3:15 PM to 4:00 PM and on Sunday in Ss. Peter & Paul Church 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM, and at Assumption BVM Church on Sunday before 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy in the confessionals.

**Welcome:** We the people of Ss. Peter & Paul and Assumption Churches, are a catholic community that worships God, spreads the Good News of Christ, and serves those in need. Come into the house. Bring all you are, no need to check your failures at the door. There are no perfect people here. You are invited: come. Come in seeking, come in wondering, come in hurting. Come into this house of companionship and compassion. Come in. You are welcome here. Ss. Peter & Paul/Assumption Churches open their doors to you.

**Bulletin Requests**

Any requests for any information to be placed in the bulletin must be in writing and submitted to the church office by 12:00 Noon on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation.

**The Vibrant Parish**

A place to encounter the living Christ through the Word of God, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer, Serving One's Neighbor, Leadership, Fostering & Serving Unity & Missionary Spirit.

**Please Remember**

To pray for vocations to the Holy Priesthood & Religious Life.

**In Your Prayers**

Please remember to pray for the sick & infirm of our Parishes.

**Your Stewardship**

We thank you for your financial support of our parish communities. Your weekly offerings are a visible sign of your love for our parish and your commitment to its mission.

**Rosary Intention**

For the week of December 10, 2017 – For the Sick and Infirm of our Parishes

### **Upcoming Events**

Dec 10: Holy Name Society Sunday  
Dec 11: Christmas Confessions with Visiting Priests  
Dec 12-14: Pyrohy Preparations and Sale

### **Ss. Peter & Paul Replenish Fund Donations as of November 26, 2017**

**Total To Date:** \$75,159.54

**Replenish Fund:** None

**Rebuilding Fund:** \$100 in Memory of Mildred Yakubick by Niece, Louise Pochakilo; \$50 In Honor of Irene Novak's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday by the Cuff Family;

### **Weekly Parish Financial Report**

#### **Ss. Peter & Paul Church**

Sunday, December 3, 2017	\$2,490.50
Expenses:	\$1,223.00
Sunday, December 4, 2016	\$2,563.00

#### **Assumption BVM Church**

Sunday, December 3, 2017	\$ 573.00
Expenses:	\$ 373.00
Sunday, December 4, 2016	\$1,006.00

#### **Ss. Peter & Paul Church Lector Schedule**

Sat– December 9th	
Ed Cuff	4:00 PM
Sun – December 10th	
George Ann Katchick	9:15 AM
Sat– December 16th	
Ellen Goretsky	4:00 PM
Sun – December 17th	
Justina Eisenhart	9:15 AM

#### **Assumption BVM Church Lector Schedule**

Sun – December 10th	
Kianna Rizzo	11:00 AM
Sun – December 17th	
Zachary Gee	11:00 AM

#### **Ss. Peter & Paul Holy Name Society**

Sunday, December 10, 2017 is Ss. Peter & Paul Holy Name Society Sunday. All members are asked to pray together, receive the Holy Eucharist as a body and attend a short meeting immediately after the Divine Liturgy. New members are always welcome to join this society.

#### **Tweets from His Holiness Pope Francis**

“Faith becomes tangible when it finds its expression in love and, especially, in the service of our brothers and sisters in difficulty.”

#### **Brunch With The Grinch**

Brunch with the Grinch has been cancelled for this year. Hopefully, we can have him back next year.

### **Sunday Social**

Sunday Social is held at Ss. Peter & Paul immediately after 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy. All are welcome. Donations are accepted and appreciated.

### **Advent Season**

During the time of “Christmas Fast” the Psalm of Typica/Beatitudes found on page 6 and page 10 respectively of the white Divine Liturgy booklet will be responded instead of the regular Sunday or Weekday Antiphons. This will last until the Sunday before Christmas.

### **Replenishment Fund Gifts**

We are still accepting donations/gifts to our Parish Replenishment Fund established almost three years ago to restore monies that were used for the church renovations and repairs. Please consider making a special donation to this Fund. All donations remain here in our parish and are meant to secure the future financial health of our church. Your gift/donation will be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

### **Daily Divine Liturgy**

A word of encouragement to all of you about participation in daily Divine Liturgy. What a beautiful way to start the day! Your desire to meet and receive the Lord on a daily basis allows Jesus to refresh and renew your life as only He can. Please consider making a commitment to attend one or more liturgies on weekday mornings.

### **Holy Name Raffle – Lottery Tickets Needed!**

The men of our Holy Name will be conducting a raffle for a Lottery Ticket Tree. Tickets will be sold through the date of the drawing which will be December 17<sup>th</sup>. The Holy Name will purchase the majority of the lottery tickets. However, if you would like to contribute to this project, we ask that you purchase a scratch off lottery ticket in any amount, put it in an envelope marked “Holy Name” and place it in the collection basket. Your tickets will be added to the tree until the date of the drawing! Please consider helping us with this worthwhile cause to make it a fun project and a grand success! Thanks so much!

### **Pyrohy Sale**

Our next sale is Wednesday, December 13th and Thursday, December 14th. Work starts each day at 8 AM. We are always in need of helping hands in all aspects of this project. Anyone interested in helping, please come to the church hall on the above dates and give us as much time of your time as you can. Many hands make the job easier for everyone!

### Spiritual Reading Lending Library

We have assembled a library based upon spiritual reading, reflection and meditation for the benefit of our parishioners and friends. It is located in the vestibule of the church. Everyone is invited to browse through and take a book home to read. Once you have finished the book, please return it so others can make use of it. As we strive to live good Christian lives, it is important we fill our minds and hearts with things that are “of the Lord”. Please take advantage of this opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge.

### Soup and Sandwich Ministry

Our parishes have embarked upon a new and exciting outreach to the community. We serve a humble lunch of a soup and sandwich every second and fourth Wednesday of the month between the hours of 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM. This lunch is open to everyone in our community: the needy, the elderly, and the lonely and is totally free of charge. Our next lunch will be served on **December 27<sup>th</sup>**. Special thanks to everyone who has made a donation in support of this project. We are grateful for your generosity. **Keep in mind a special third collection for “loose change” will be taken the last weekend of every month.** If you would like to help serve meals please notify the rectory office, Chris Bogner, Abbie Timmins or Toni Shedleski. Any and all help is appreciated.

### Altar Rosary Society Collection for Babies

Ss. Peter & Paul Altar Rosary Society will be collecting baby supplies to be donated to the Pregnancy Care Center in Shamokin. Items needed include: clothing sizes newborn to 2T, blankets, diapers, baby wipes, bottles, formula, baby food, toys, etc. New items only, please. You may place your donations in the bassinet in the Church. Donations will be accepted until December 11, 2017. Collected items will be taken to the Pregnancy Care Center in time for Christmas.

### Many Thanks

Very special thanks are extended to the men, women and children who came to help decorate our churches during the past week for Christmas. You all did a very beautiful job. Thank you and God Bless You!

### St. Nicholas Visit

St. Nicholas will visit our parish on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. We cordially invite all CCD students, our Altar Servers and parish volunteers to join us for a festive afternoon of caroling and family Christmas Spirit. If you are planning to attend, please use the sign-up sheet in the church vestibule. For more information, contact the rectory office.

### Religious Education

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is held Monday evenings from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM in the church social hall. Again this year, we will have classes for all youth of our parishes, both Ss. Peter and Paul and Assumption BVM, from Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Parents, I wish to remind you of your serious obligation before the Lord to bring up your children in the faith. Please be sure they are registered for classes and attend faithfully each Monday evening throughout the school year. In order to complete the registration forms, we will need a copy of the student’s baptismal certificate if they were not baptized in our parish. Registration forms are located in the vestibule of each parish. **Please note the following requirements for First Penance (First Communion):** \*Child and parents must be registered and active members of Ss. Peter & Paul/Assumption BVM and \* the child must have diligently completed 2 years of instruction. No exceptions will be made.

### 2018 Offering Envelopes

Church envelopes for 2018 are available in the vestibules of both churches. Every married couple or single person 18 years or over is to be registered and receive envelopes. To be considered a member of our parishes, Ss. Peter & Paul or Assumption BVM Churches, regular attendance and use of Church envelopes is required. If you are ill and/or aged let Fr. Michael know. The neglect of regular church attendance and regular use of church envelopes can lead to difficulties at the time of baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc. If you did not receive Church envelopes in for 2018 and would like to receive offering envelopes, please call the Church office at 339-0650 during regular office hours.

### Prayers for Healing for Father Mark Fesniak

We ask that you please remember Father Mark Fesniak in your prayers. Father Mark is still coping with some serious medical issues. During this season, as we celebrate Thanksgiving and look forward to the joyous celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, you may wish to send Father Mark a get well card to let him know you are thinking of him. May Christ, the Supreme Physician of our bodies and souls, send His healing grace upon Father Mark and restore him to good health. Thank you for remembering Father Mark in your prayers. Cards may be dropped off at the office, placed in the collection basket or mailed to:  
Father Mark Fesniak c/o Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, 131 North Beech Street, Mt. Carmel, Pa. 17851

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

### Troparion

When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

### Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

### Kontakion

You rose from the tomb, O almighty Savior; and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises forever.

### Now and ever and forever. Amen.

### Theotokion

The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God, unceasing in her intercession and an unflinching hope of patronage, for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

### Prokimenon

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

V. The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

### Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

V. Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia (3x)

**Epistle: Eph 6:10-17**

**Gospel: Lk 12:16-21**

### Divine Liturgy Intentions

Divine Liturgy Intention requests for Calendar Year 2018 are now being accepted. Weekend requests are limited to two per person, but weekday intentions are available. **Please Note: All Divine Liturgy requests are subject to change only by Father Michael.** Thank you for your consideration requesting Divine Liturgy Intentions. In addition, please remember that although there are usually three(3) Divine Liturgies on the weekend that **one Liturgy intention must be for All Parishioners.**

## Deanery Christmas Confessions

Parishioners throughout the deanery are offered additional opportunities to receive the Mystery of Forgiveness prior to the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord. Confessions will be heard from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Assumption: Fr. Makar

Ss. Peter & Paul: Fr. Ivanov & Fr. Zvarych

### The Way

Want to know the latest news and be informed of what is happening in our Philadelphia Archeparchy? Visit our website at: <http://ukrarcheparchy.us/>. You may also view our "Archeparchy of Philadelphia" Facebook page at: [/Archeparchy-of-Philadelphia-197564070297001/](https://www.facebook.com/Archeparchy-of-Philadelphia-197564070297001/) and our YouTube Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/thewayukrainian>. The Way, our archieparchial newspaper is published twice a month in both an English language version and a Ukrainian language version. The website for The Way is: <https://ukrcap.wordpress.com/>. The Way can be emailed directly to you for FREE through the internet. To receive The Way, simply send your email address to: [theway@ukrcap.org](mailto:theway@ukrcap.org). You may also share The Way with family and friends by sending their email addresses. All parishioners are encouraged to receive and read The Way, the Catholic newspaper of our Philadelphia Archeparchy.

### Christmas Offering

Please begin now putting aside a couple of dollars a week so that you can make an extra special offering to your church on Christmas Day. We ask each parishioner to consider making a Christmas donation of at least \$25.00. Gifts of \$50.00, \$75.00, \$100.00 or more would be greatly appreciated. When we stop to consider the great gift of Jesus himself, the Son of God, given to us at the First Christmas, it is easy for us to respond generously as we celebrate His birthday.

### Christmas Dinner

Members of the Altar Rosary Society of Ss. Peter & Paul Church are preparing a Christmas dinner for our parishioners who are home bound on Sunday, December 17, 2017. Dinners will be delivered by the Holy Name Society in the early afternoon hours. Thank you to both the Altar Rosary Society and the Holy Name Society for a great job that is done every year.

### Special "Thank You"

A very special "Thank You" to everyone who came out this past week to help with our Ss. Peter & Paul Church Halupki sale. Your help was greatly appreciated. May God Bless You!