

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

1ST Collection : Candles

2nd Collection: Regular Offering

1st Sunday of the Great Fast

February 18, 2018

Saturday – February 17, 2018

3:15 PM – Confessions

4:00 PM – +Philip Huratiak, Anniversary of his Death, req. by Wife, Catherine

Sunday – February 18, 2018

1st Sunday of the Great Fast

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – For the Parishioners

11:00 AM – Assumption BVM – +Francis Jurgill req. by Wife, Barbara

Noon – Assumption BVM – Prayers for the Deceased

3:00 PM – Deanery Stations of the Cross – Mount Carmel

Monday – February 19, 2018

6:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

Tuesday –February 20, 2018

Noon – Geisinger Medical Center Chapel Liturgy – For Recovery and Health of all Patients

Wednesday – February 21, 2018

6:00 PM – Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts -

+John, Helen, Joseph Cheddar req. by Family

Thursday – February 22, 2018

8:00 AM – Lenten Hours

Friday – February 23, 2018

8:00 AM – Lenten Hours

Saturday – February 24, 2018

8:00 AM – +Anna Herko req. by Cuff & Reed Families

8:30 AM – Prayers for the Deceased

3:15 PM – Confessions

4:00 PM – For the Parishioners

Sunday – February 25, 2018

2nd Sunday of the Great Fast

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – +John Kuzo, Sr. req. by Ron & Debbie Siccardi

11:00 AM – Assumption BVM – God’s Blessings upon Julia Kriesher for her 90th Birthday req. by

Mary & Larry Honicker

Noon – Assumption BVM – Prayers for the Deceased

3:00 PM – Deanery Stations of the Cross – St. Clair

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

Pray for vocations to the Holy Priesthood & Religious Life.

Rosary Intention

For the week of February 18, 2018 – For the Sick and 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.

In Your Prayers

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

Upcoming Events

Feb 18: Deanery Stations of the Cross at Ss. Peter & Paul at 3:00 PM
Feb 20: Divine Liturgy at Geisinger at Noon
Feb 25: Deanery Stations of the Cross at St. Nicholas, St. Clair
Feb 24-25: Third Collection for Soup & Sandwich
Feb 28: Soup & Sandwich
Mar 2: Fish Bake from 4-7 PM (Advance Tickets Only)
Mar 4: Deanery Stations of the Cross at St. John, Maizeville
Mar 6: Divine Liturgy at Geisinger at Noon
Mar 7: Soup & Sandwich
Mar 8: Pyrohy Orders for March due by Noon
Mar 13-15: Pyrohy Preparations
Mar 15: Pyrohy Sale

Ss. Peter & Paul Replenish Fund Donations as of February 11, 2018

Total To Date: \$80,409.54

Replenish Fund: None

Rebuilding Fund: \$30 Donation in Memory of +Dorothy Hudick Fallon by Thomas Pivarnik

Weekly Parish Financial Report

Ss. Peter & Paul Church

Sunday, February 11, 2018	\$2,295.06
Expenses:	\$3,169.46
Sunday, February 12, 2017	\$2,179.46

Assumption BVM Church

Sunday, February 11, 2018	\$ 318.00
Expenses:	\$1,386.48
Sunday, February 12, 2017	\$ 499.00

Ss. Peter & Paul Church Lector Schedule

Sat– February 17th	
Ed Cuff	4:00 PM
Sun – February 18th	
Justina Eisenhart	9:15 AM
Sat– February 24th	
Ellen Goretsky	4:00 PM
Sun – February 25th	
Chris Bogner	9:15 AM

Assumption BVM Church Lector Schedule

Sun – February 18th	
Kianna Rizzo	11:00 AM
Sun – February 25th	
Zachary Gee	11:00 AM

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.

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.

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!

Tweets from His Holiness Pope Francis

“The Lord is present in our lives, showing us all His love and encouraging us to respond with generosity.”

Pyrohy Sale

Thank you to everyone who came out this past week to help with our pyrohy sale! Our next sale is Thursday, March 15th. Work starts Tuesday, March 13th at 11 AM and Wednesday and Thursday, March 14th and 15th at 8 AM. **Orders for March are due by Thursday, March 8th at Noon.** Orders received after that time will be placed on a waiting list if we have extras. 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.

Lenten Season

During Lent the **Psalm of Typica/Beatitudes** found on **page 6** and **page 10** respectively of the **Divine Liturgy booklet** will be responded instead of the Regular Sunday or Weekday Antiphons.

Shroud of the Dormition

A large and very beautiful Shroud of the Dormition (Assumption) of the Mother of God has been obtained for our Centralia Parish to be used at the Annual Call to Prayer Pilgrimage as well as on other liturgical occasions. We are asking if anyone, a family or individual, is interested in memorializing this Shroud in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for blessings received. The cost of the Shroud is \$950.00. Please speak with Fr. Michael directly if you would like to make this offering.

Soup and Sandwich Ministry

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 **February 28th**. 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 with the meals, please join us. Any and all help is appreciated.

Ss. Peter & Paul Deanery Stations of the Cross

Ss. Peter & Paul will be hosting the Deanery Stations of the Cross Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 3:00 PM. After Stations a short meeting and a social will be held. As in past years, we are in need of desserts and baked goods. The desserts may be dropped off at the Church Hall before or after the Saturday and Sunday Divine Liturgies. Thank you for your participation in showing our guests our hospitality. Also, help is needed in setting up the Hall and cleaning up afterwards. Thank You!

Icon of the Holy Family

A Vatican authorized icon of the Holy Family, blessed by Pope Francis, is on loan to our parish through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus and Mr. James Bailoni. While here, we hope it serves as a visible symbol of true familial love and inspire that same kind of love in our parish families. There are prayer books available as well as holy cards. Please feel free to make use of them as you pray for your family, for our parish family and for families throughout our nation. Let us all strive to reflect among ourselves, the same love found between Jesus, Mary and Joseph - the true Holy Family.

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 8th 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.

Divine Liturgy at Geisinger

We have made arrangements to celebrate the Divine Liturgy in the hospital chapel at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville to aide the spiritual needs of staff and patients. Liturgy will be celebrated by priests of our deanery twice monthly on Tuesdays at Noon. The next liturgy will be February 20th. It is hoped we can begin to build a community of faithful whose prayers will support the health and emotional needs of the entire hospital community. All are welcome to attend and participate.

Fish Bake

Join us for a delicious baked fish dinner on Friday, March 2, 2018 from 4-7 PM in the church hall at Ss. Peter & Paul. Tickets are \$10 per person and must be purchased by Monday, February 26, 2018 at Noon. Dinner includes baked haddock, Pyrohys, coleslaw, green beans, roll and butter, drink, and dessert. Eat in or take out. Get your tickets early! Contact the rectory office at 570-339-0650 during business hours or purchase your tickets in the vestibule before Divine Liturgy.

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

The Mount Carmel Lions Club is sponsoring an All You Can Eat Spaghetti and Meatball dinner on Sunday, March 4, 2018 from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM at the Atlas Legion (Rt. 61 and Wilburton Rd). Adults: \$8, Children under 12: \$5. Take-out orders available (please bring a container).

Lenten Food Sale

We are taking orders for our Lenten Food Sale on Friday, March 23, 2018. Your choice of clam chowder or macaroni and cheese (with or without stewed tomatoes) are available in quarts for \$8 each or pints for \$5 each. Pre-orders only. Pickup is on Friday, March 23, 2018 from 3-6 PM only in the church hall. To place your order, call the rectory office during regular business hours at 570-339-0650 or sign up in the vestibule before Divine Liturgy.

“Best Lent Ever”

Don't give up chocolate for Lent. Instead, take a 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself. Join the Best Lent Ever, a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Every day you'll get inspirational videos, practical tips, and encouraging stories. Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent

Paid Internship for College Students

The Mother Maria Kaupus Center will sponsor the Sisters of Saint Casimir Faith and Spirit paid internship this summer. College students who are members of Divine Redeemer, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Holy Angels or Ss. Peter & Paul parishes are eligible to apply. Students interested in obtaining more information about the internship and the competitive application process should contact Jake Betz, Center Director at 570-339-3450, ext. 7, or kaupascenterdrc@ptd.net. Contact Jake as soon as possible as applications are due March 15th.

Deanery Raffle

The parishes of our Deanery are sponsoring a Lucky Three Raffle to benefit Ukrainian Day and St. Josaphat Seminary. There are three prizes available: **1st prize - \$500, 2nd prize - \$200, and 3rd prize - \$50.** Tickets are \$1.00 each and are available now in the Office or in the vestibule before services. The drawing date is Sunday, March 25th at the Palm Sunday Deanery Services. Please generously support this raffle

Spiritual Regulations for the Great Fast

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstinence from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of the Great Fast, the following are the minimal Lenten regulations today:

- Abstinence from meat and all dairy products on the First Day of the Great Fast and on Good Friday.

- Abstinence from meat only on all Fridays of the Great Fast as well as Holy Saturday. It is also traditional to abstain from meat on Wednesdays during the Great Fast.
- Everyone should receive the Holy Mysteries of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the period from the onset of Great Fast to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday.

The Fasting and Abstinence regulations are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children below the age of 14, and those who engage in physically very hard labor. However, all are urged, if able to do so, to observe the fasting and abstinence regulations. All the faithful are urged to attend the Lenten services such as the Presanctified Liturgy, Stations of the Cross, Akafist of the Passion and the Commemoration of the Deceased (Sorokousty). Such good deeds as almsgiving, visitation of the sick, Bible reading and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life are most earnestly recommended to all the Faithful. This year, families are especially urged to pray together in the mornings and evenings.

Registration for 2018-2019 at St. Nicholas School

St. Nicholas School in Minersville offers a challenging Academic Curriculum for students in grades Pre-K through 8 in a safe a caring environment. Registrations are now being accepted for 2018-2019 school year. Affordable tuition: multiple child discounts & tuition assistance available for qualified applicants. “Little Scholars” – a monthly program for 3 & 4 year olds; “Konnections Kamp” – a monthly program for grades Pre-K to 3rd; and “Beyond the Bell” – after school program. Contact Mr. David Holland, Principal or Mrs. MaryAnn Batz for more info at 570-544-2800.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers can be sponsored weekly for \$35.00 per arrangement. Parishioners can sponsor these flowers in Memory of a loved one, or for any occasion. Anyone interested in sponsoring flowers may call 570 - 339-0650.

Halupki and Pyrohy Available

Frozen, unbaked halupki (pigeons) and frozen Pyrohy are available. If you are interested, stop down in the hall after Divine Liturgy or contact the rectory office during regular office hours.



Fish Bake!

Friday, March 2, 2018
4-7 PM

Dinner Includes: Baked Haddock, Coleslaw,
Pierogies, Green Beans,
Roll & Butter, Drink & Dessert
\$10 Per Person

Ss. Peter & Paul Church Hall
131 N. Beech Street, Mount Carmel, PA
570-339-0650

Advance Tickets Only

Deadline for Tickets: Monday, February 26 at Noon
Eat In or Take Out

1st Sunday of the Great Fast

Troparion

We bow before Your sacred image, O gracious Lord, and beg forgiveness for our offenses, O Christ our God; for You, of Your own will, deigned to ascend the cross from Your human nature to deliver from bondage under the enemy, those whom You created. Therefore, we gratefully cry out to You: “Through Your coming to save the world, O Savior, You have filled all with joy.”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Now and ever and forever, Amen.

Kontakion

O Mother of God, through you, in the incarnation, the indescribable Word of God became describable; for through the divine goodness, the Word spoken from eternity became an Image. May we, who believe in salvation, clothe ourselves in the same image both in word and deed.

Prokimenon

Blessed are You, O lord the God of our fathers. Your name is praised and glorified forever.

V. In all that You have done Your justice is apparent.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

V. Among His priests were Aaron and Moses; among those who invoked His name was Samuel.

V. They invoked the Lord and He answered.
Alleluia (3x)

Instead of: “It is truly proper...”

In you, O Woman Full of Grace, the angelic choirs and the human race – all creation – rejoices. O Sanctified Temple, Mystical Paradise, and Glory of Virgins, He, Who is our God from before all ages, took flesh from you and became a child. He made your womb a throne, and greater than the heavens. In you, O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. All praise be to you!

Epistle: Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2

Gospel: Jn 1:43-51

Easter Offering

Please begin now putting aside a couple of dollars a week so that you can make an extra special offering to our churches on Easter Sunday. We ask each parishioner to consider making an Easter 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, it is easy for us to respond generously as we celebrate His Resurrection.

A Gift from God

The Great Fast/Lent is a gift from God, for it is a time of renewal, healing and spiritual cleansing. Think of why the Great Fast occurs during the early Spring and why Easter Sunday falls on the Sunday of the first full moon following the vernal equinox. Spring is a time for renewed growth – life itself begins to shake off the slumber of dormancy during the cold, dead, Winter months. We engage in Spring cleaning of our homes during this time where the weather thaws off the frost of the past. What better time than now to allow God to help us renew our tired and dormant spirits?

2018 Deanery Lenten Services

All services will begin at 3:00 PM with a social following the services. A special collection will also be taken each week for the Seminary Fund.

Stations of the Cross:

Sunday, February 18: Ss. Peter & Paul, Mt. Carmel

Sunday, February 25: St. Nicholas, St. Clair

Sunday, March 4: St. John, Maizeville

Sunday, March 11: Patronage BVM, Marion Heights

Sunday, March 18: St. Michael’s, Shenandoah

Sunday, March 25: St. Nicholas, Minersville

Great Fast Liturgical Guidelines

The weekdays of the Great Fast are aliturgical. No Divine Liturgy, even for funerals, should be celebrated. Funeral Divine Liturgies are permitted on the liturgical day of Saturday. On Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated. Typika may be used the other days. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated for Sunday Liturgies during this time. Flowery (Palm) Sunday, March 25 is also the Feast of the Annunciation this year and the liturgical propers and scriptural readings for both feasts are to be taken at the Divine Liturgies. During Holy Week, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There is no Divine Liturgy celebrated on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Holy Thursday evening, Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great should be celebrated. On Holy Saturday evening, Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated.

Loose Change Collection

We will have the monthly special third collection for support of our Soup & Sandwich Ministry at all Liturgies next weekend, February 24-25. We again ask for any loose change you may be carrying, as well as any special offering you may wish to make. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.