

**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

**2nd Sunday of the Great Fast**

**February 25, 2018**

**Saturday – February 24, 2018**

8:30 AM – Prayers for the Deceased

3:15 PM – Confessions

4:00 PM – For the Parishioners

**Sunday – February 25, 2018**

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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 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday req. by

Mary & Larry Honicker

Noon – Assumption BVM – Prayers for the Deceased

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

**Monday – February 26, 2018**

6:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

**Tuesday –February 27, 2018**

No Services

**Wednesday – February 28, 2018**

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

Moncavage req. by Ed & Michele Teevan

**Thursday – March 1, 2018**

8:00 AM – Lenten Hours

**Friday – March 2, 2018**

8:00 AM – Lenten Hours

**Saturday – March 3, 2018**

8:00 AM – +Joseph & Helen Cheddar req. by Helen Whyne

8:30 AM – Prayers for the Deceased

3:15 PM – Confessions

4:00 PM – +Tony Warsheski, Birthday

Remembrance, req. by Dolly, Elizabeth & Tony III

**Sunday – March 4, 2018**

**3rd Sunday of the Great Fast**

**Veneration of the Cross**

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – For the Parishioners

11:00 AM – Assumption BVM – +Joseph & Mary

Stutz req. by Son, Joseph

Noon – Assumption BVM – Prayers for the Deceased

3:00 PM – Deanery Stations of the Cross –

Maizeville

**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 25, 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 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: Altar Rosary Society Sunday  
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 11: Holy Name Society Sunday  
Mar 13-15: Pyrohy Preparations  
Mar 15: Pyrohy Sale  
Mar 15: Services at Mount Carmel Nursing Home at 2 PM  
Mar 23: Lenten Food Sale Pickup

### Ss. Peter & Paul Replenish Fund Donations as of February 18, 2018

**Total To Date:** \$80,409.54

**Replenish Fund:** None

**Rebuilding Fund:** In Memory of +Anna Herko: \$20 by Frank & Mary Sawicki; \$15 by Helen Nolter; \$10 by Anna Smith & Sons

### Weekly Parish Financial Report

#### Ss. Peter & Paul Church

Sunday, February 18, 2018	\$1,591.88
Expenses:	\$4,331.64
Sunday, February 19, 2017	\$2,367.00

#### Assumption BVM Church

Sunday, February 18, 2018	\$ 376.00
Expenses:	\$1,062.40
Sunday, February 19, 2017	\$ 523.00

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

Sat– February 24th	
Ellen Goretsky	4:00 PM
Sun – February 25th	
Chris Bogner	9:15 AM
Sat– March 3rd	
Ed Cuff	4:00 PM
Sun – March 4th	
George Ann Katchick	9:15 AM

#### Assumption BVM Church Lector Schedule

Sun – February 25th	
Zachary Gee	11:00 AM
Sun – March 4th	
Kianna Rizzo	11:00 AM

### Pyrohy Sales – February 2018

Income (524 dozen):	\$4,192.00
Expenses:	\$1,870.00
Profit:	\$2,322.00
Ss. Peter & Paul:	\$1,161.00
ABVM:	\$1,161.00

### 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

“In our daily lives we experience the tenderness of God who lovingly saves us from our sins, fears and anxieties.”

### Pyrohy Sale

Our next sale is Thursday, March 15th. Work starts Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM and Wednesday and Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. **Orders for March are due by Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

### Ss. Peter & Paul Deanery Stations of the Cross

Ss. Peter & Paul hosted the first of the Deanery Stations of the Cross on Sunday, February 18, 2018. Thank you to everyone who helped, from decorating and cleaning up before and after to baking all the wonderful baked goods we served at the social. Also, thank you to everyone who attended and showed our guests hospitality.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:kaupascenterdrc@ptd.net). Contact Jake as soon as possible as applications are due March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Flowers

Flowers on the Tetrapod at Assumption BVM are in honor of Julia Kriesher’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday by her family.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 in the hospital chapel located by the B elevators. The next liturgy will be March 6th. 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.

### 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).

### Loose Change Collection

We will have the monthly special third collection for support of our Soup & Sandwich Ministry at all Liturgies this weekend. 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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: **1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$200, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **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.

### **Paint & Sip**

Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 PM at St. Michael's Church, West Oak & 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets in Frackville. Cost is \$40 per person to complete a 16x20 canvas (at right). All supplies included. Light refreshments. For info or tickets, contact Donna Spotts at 570-874-3777. Seating is limited.



### **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.

### **Spiritual Regulations for the Great Fast**

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstention 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:

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

### **Birthday Wishes**

Julia Kriesher, parishioner at Assumption BVM is celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! Join us in wishing Julia the happiest of birthdays with prayers for God's Blessings and many more joyful years. Na Mnohaya Lita!

### **Lourdes Break the Bank Bingo**

Sunday, March 4, 2018 at Our Lady of Lourdes. Cash prizes, food and refreshments. Doors open at 11:30 AM, games begin at 1 PM.



# 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

## **2nd Sunday of the Great Fast**

### **Troparion**

Let us, the faithful, praise the Word eternal with the Father and the Spirit. Let us adore Him Who was born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to ascend the cross as man and to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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

### **Kontakion**

Today the time of earthly deeds is revealed for judgment is at hand. Let us be found fasting, and let us bring tears of supplication, begging mercy and crying out: "I have sinned more times than there are sands of the sea; but forgive me, O Creator of All, that I may receive the crown that does not perish."

### **Prokimenon**

You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us forever, and ever, from this generation.

V. Help, O Lord, for good men have vanished.

### **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

V. I will sing forever of Your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim Your truth.

V. Of this I am sure; that Your love lasts forever, that Your truth is as firmly established as the heavens. Alleluia (3x)

**Epistle: Heb 1:10-2:3**

**Gospel: Mk 2:1-12**

### **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 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.

### **Meditation for the Second Sunday of the Great Fast from Metropolitan Stefan**

The recent school shooting in Parkland, Florida caused much hurt and anguish, and the precious loss of life for seventeen innocent people. We are gradually coming to learn more about the troubled mind and personality of the shooter. His unusual and bizarre behaviors, and his anger and bitterness shown to others, were often observed by many far in advance of the tragic event. This is characteristic of many such persons who choose to hurt others in violent ways. Such people are often loners, existing on the periphery of day-to-day life. Perhaps we may even foster their isolation because of our fears and our lack of understanding of such people.

In the Gospel, we hear of four friends tearing a hole in the roof of a place where Jesus was preaching, so that they could bring their paralyzed friend on a stretcher before Jesus for healing. Jesus heals the man because of the faith of his friends. One of the most healing forces in the world is another human being who can listen with patience and with love, and who responds with what his faith tells him at that time. The Church is called to be a society of true friends who care. The tragedy in Florida awakens us to be more attentive and to take more initiative to reach out to the 'loners' amidst us. May our Great Fast journey assist you and me to engage with others who may be needed to be brought closer to Jesus Christ for healing. May each of us have the courage to be a true Christian friend, setting aside our own pressing needs and fears as we see and respond to the needs of those we encounter on life's journey.