

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

4th Sunday of the Great Fast

Commemoration of St. John Climacus

March 11, 2018

Saturday – March 10, 2018

8:30 AM – Prayers for the Deceased

3:15 PM – Confessions

4:00 PM – For the Parishioners

Sunday – March 11, 2018

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Commemoration of St. John Climacus

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – +Bill Senkowicz req. by Brother, John Senkowicz

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

Noon – Assumption BVM – Prayers for the Deceased

3:00 PM – Deanery Stations of the Cross – Marion Heights

Monday – March 12, 2018

6:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

Tuesday –March 13, 2018

No Services

Wednesday – March 14, 2018

6:00 PM – Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts - +John N. O'Rourke, Jr. req. by Ellen Goretsky

Thursday – March 15, 2018

2:00 PM – Mount Carmel Nursing Home – For the Health of All Residents

Friday – March 16, 2018

8:00 AM – Lenten Hours

Saturday – March 17, 2018

8:00 AM – +Dorothy Fallon req. by Joseph Liptock & Martha Grabowski

8:30 AM – Prayers for the Deceased

3:15 PM – Confessions

4:00 PM – For the Parishioners

Sunday – March 18, 2018

5th Sunday of the Great Fast

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – +Louise Diak req. by Rose McClintock

11:00 AM – Assumption BVM – +Bertha Mayernick req. by Barbara, John, & Michael

Noon – Assumption BVM – Prayers for the Deceased

3:00 PM – Deanery Stations of the Cross – Shenandoah

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 March 11, 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

Mar 11: Holy Name Society Sunday
Mar 11: Deanery Stations of the Cross at Patronage
BVM, Marion Heights
Mar 13-15: Pyrohy Preparations
Mar 15: Pyrohy Sale
Mar 15: Services at Mount Carmel Nursing Home at
2 PM
Mar 18: Deanery Stations of the Cross at St.
Michael's, Shenandoah
Mar 19: Deanery Confessions at ABVM & Ss. Peter
& Paul (6-7 PM)
Mar 20: Divine Liturgy at Geisinger Chapel (Noon)
Mar 23: Lenten Food Sale Pickup
Mar 25: Deanery Stations of the Cross at St.
Nicholas, Minersville
Mar 28: Soup & Sandwich

Ss. Peter & Paul Replenish Fund Donations as of March 4 2018

Total To Date: \$80,409.54

Replenish Fund: None

Rebuilding Fund: \$25 in Memory of +Ruth H.
Martz by Louise & Ed Cuff; \$25 Birthday
Remembrance for Godmother +Anna Slota by Mary
Ann Pupchock; \$25 Birthday Remembrance for Aunt
+Olga Homanick Pirillo by Dennis Curran; \$300 by
CJ Lucas Funeral Home; \$50 for the Fish Bake by
Lisa Coroniti

Weekly Parish Financial Report

Ss. Peter & Paul Church

Sunday, March 4, 2018	\$2,224.55
Expenses:	\$3,504.00
Annual Property Insurance:	\$8,767.00
Sunday, March 5, 2017	\$2,087.00

Assumption BVM Church

Sunday, March 4, 2018	\$ 427.00
Expenses:	\$1,272.00
Annual Property Insurance:	\$3,727.00
Sunday, March 5, 2017	\$ 655.00

Ss. Peter & Paul Church Lector Schedule

Sat- March 10th	
Ellen Goretsky	4:00 PM
Sun - March 11th	
Justina Eisenhart	9:15 AM
Sat- March 17th	
Ed Cuff	4:00 PM
Sun - March 18th	
Chris Bogner	9:15 AM

Assumption BVM Church Lector Schedule

Sun - March 11th	
Zachary Gee	11:00 AM
Sun - March 18th	
Kianna Rizzo	11:00 AM

Fish Bake Fundraiser

Income (tickets & donations)	\$2,648.57
Expenses	\$1,352.33
Profit	\$1,296.24

Tweets from His Holiness Pope Francis

"God in His providence offers us the season of Lent each year as a chance to return to Him with all our hearts and in every aspect of our lives."

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.

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!

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 were 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!

Ss. Peter & Paul Holy Name Society

Sunday, March 11, 2018 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.

Deanery Delights Newsletter

The Deanery Delights Newsletter is back! The monthly newsletter will be available in the vestibule of both parishes. Pick up a copy to see what is going on in our deanery.

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.

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 **March 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.

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, March 11: Patronage BVM, Marion Heights
Sunday, March 18: St. Michael's, Shenandoah
Sunday, March 25: St. Nicholas, Minersville

It's That Time of Year

Pussy willows are once again needed for Palm Sunday weekend Divine Liturgies March 24th and 25th, 2018. If you are able to provide pussy willows, kindly call the church office at 570-339-0650 during regular office hours. Thank you so much.

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 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.

Easter Egg Hunt

Ss. Peter & Paul/Assumption will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for all the children of our parishes. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Palm Sunday, March 25th at 1:00 PM at Ss. Peter & Paul Church Hall. A social will follow immediately after the egg hunt. Sign-up sheets are available in the vestibules of the churches. Please sign up by Sunday, March 18th so that we have an idea of how many children will be attending. The hunt is open to all the children of our parishes and their families. Any questions, please call the office at 570-339-0650 during business hours.

Deanery Lenten/Easter Confessions

Confessions will be heard from 6:00-7:00 PM

Monday, March 19th:

Assumption BVM, Centralia: Fr. Ivanov
Ss. Peter & Paul, Mt Carmel: Fr. Makar, Fr. Zvarych
Nativity, Middleport: Msgr. Melnic
Transfig., Shamokin: Msgr. Grabowsky, Fr. Hutsko

Tuesday, March 20th:

St. John, Maizeville: Msgr. Grabowsky
Patronage, Marion Heights: Fr. Makar
St. Nicholas, Minersville: Msgr. Melnic, Fr. Ivanov
St. Michael, Shenandoah: Fr. Hutsko, Fr. Zvarych

Thursday, March 22nd:

St. Michael Hazleton: Fr. Hutsko
Protection, McAdoo: Fr. Makar, Fr. Zvarych
St. Michael, Frackville: Msgr. Grabowsky, Fr. Ivanov
St. Nicholas, St. Clair: Msgr. Melnic

St. Patrick's Celebration

Friday, March 16, 2018 from 11 AM to 6 PM at Divine Mercy Hall. Potato Cakes, Pyrohy, & Bake Sale. Eat in or take out. Proceeds benefit Divine Redeemer.

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: **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

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.

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?

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.

Bus Trip from Scranton

St. Vladimir Church in Scranton is sponsoring a springtime bus trip to New York City on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Two stops are planned in Manhattan: the 9/11 Memorial Museum at Ground Zero and the 42nd annual St. George Ukrainian Street Festival on the Lower East Side. Adults \$70, Seniors 65+ \$64, Youth 7-17 yrs \$62. Participants are free to follow the itinerary or go off on your own for all or part of the day. For those not visiting the museum, the cost is \$44. Departure from St. Vladimir Church, 428 N. 7th Ave, Scranton at 8 AM and departure from MY at 8:30 PM. For more info or reservations, contact Dave Pietryka at 570-954-8517 or Paul Ewasko at 570-563-2275. Deadline for reservations: April 1.

Fish Dinner

Wednesday, March 21st from 4-6 PM at St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Choice of fish or crab cakes, includes mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, green beans, cole slaw and roll. \$10 per platter, eat-in or take-out. Advance tickets only. Call 570-544-4581 or 570-544-6807. Sponsored by St. Nicholas Church.

Lenten Food Sale!



**Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church
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Clam Chowder



**Macaroni & Cheese
(W/Stewed Tomatoes)**

Pint: \$5 Quart: \$8

Pre-Orders Only

**To Place an Order, Contact the Church Office at 570-339-0650
During Regular Business Hours**

**Pick Up Orders at the Church Hall
Friday, March 23, 2018 from 3 to 6 PM**

4th Sunday of the Great Fast
Commemoration of St. John Climacus

Troparion

O John, our Father, God-bearer, hermit of the desert and angel in the flesh, you received heavenly gifts by your fasting, vigils, and prayers; You healed the sick and those coming to you with faith. Glory be to Him Who gives you strength; glory be to Him Who crowned you; glory be to the Lord Who heals all through your intercession.

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

Kontakion

O John, our leader and father, the Lord has placed you on high as a true guiding star lighting the ends of the earth with the truth of your virtue.

Prokimenon

Let the faithful exult in glor; let them sing for joy and take their rest.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

V. Planted in the house of the Lord, they flourish in the courts of our God. Alleluia (3x)

Epistle: Heb 6:13-20

Gospel: Mk 9:17-31

Holy Thursday Services

On Holy Thursday, March 29, the Ukrainian Catholic Archbishop of Philadelphia, who is the spiritual leader of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States, Archbishop Stefan Soroka will be the main celebrant during religious services at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Mount Carmel. All the faithful from throughout the archeparchy are invited and encouraged to attend this Divine Liturgy on Holy Thursday starting at 10:30 AM. The Holy Thursday service commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the priesthood of Jesus Christ at the Last Supper. During the service, there will also be the traditional Washing of the Feet of 12 priests by auxiliary Bishop Andriy Rabi, reenacting the washing of the feet of His apostles by Jesus as recounted in the Gospel of John. Since he became Metropolitan-Archbishop, Archbishop Stefan has conducted these Holy Thursday services in various deaneries of the expansive Philadelphia Ukrainian Archeparchy, which includes eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and the District of Columbia.

Meditation for the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast from Metropolitan Stefan

Jesus cures a sick boy telling his father, “Everything is possible to one who has faith” (Mk 9 23). Jesus observed that this type of cure could only come about through prayer. The disciples were men of faith but could not cure the boy. Jesus seems to become impatient with them when he says, “How long will I endure you” (Mk 9:19). Even Jesus’ closest apostles needed to be reminded of the power of prayer, and the need to nurture it. Great Fast invites you and me to nurture the power of faith with steadfast and honest prayer with Jesus. It involves our reflecting on our priorities in life as we stand before Jesus. Recall the parables which speak of the Kingdom of God as a treasure found in a field, or as a pearl of great value. Those who find it sell all that they have in order to possess it. Are we zealous in nurturing the value of our precious faith? Do we do and give what we can to see that the faith is valued, taught and shared? The journey of Great Fast leads you and me to nurture our faith in steadfast prayer and with acts of charity with the hope that Jesus Christ will not ask “How long must I endure you”, but rather rejoice in the powerfully living of our faith. Join with others in the parish to nurture your faith as a family of God.



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.