

**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

**3rd Sunday of the Great Fast**

**Veneration of the Cross**

**Saturday – March 23, 2019**

3:15 PM – Confessions

4:00 PM – +Anne Steffanick req. by Margaret Spadel

**Sunday – March 24, 2019**

**3rd Sunday of the Great Fast**

**Veneration of the Cross**

8:30 – Confessions

9:15 AM – For All Parishioners

11:00 AM – Assumption BVM – +Tom & +Frank Oakum req. by Family

3:00 PM – Deanery Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's, Frackville

**Monday – March 25, 2019**

**Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos –**

**Solemn Holy Day**

9:00 AM – Assumption BVM\_ +Mary Teresa

Litchko req. by Wronski Family

6:00 PM – Ss. Peter & Paul - +John Kuzo, Anniversary of his Death req. by Ron & Deb Siccardi

**Tuesday – March 26, 2019**

No Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday – March 27, 2019**

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

Kuzo req. by Ron & Deb Siccardi

**Thursday – March 28, 2019**

8:00 AM – Lenten Hours

**Friday – March 29, 2019**

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

Felk req. by Sister, Theresa McDonnell

**Saturday – March 30, 2019**

8:00 AM - +Catherine “Kit” Huratiak req. by Sister, Martha Grabowski

8:30 AM – Prayers for the Deceased

3:15 PM – Confessions

4:00 PM – +Anne Steffanick, 40<sup>th</sup> Day req. by Daughters & Grandchildren

**Sunday – March 31, 2019**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast**

8:30 – Confessions

9:15 AM – For All Parishioners

11:00 AM – Assumption BVM – +Joseph Lynn req. by Lynn Family

3:00 PM – Deanery Stations of the Cross at Transfiguration, Shamokin

**March 24, 2019**

**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.

**Rosary Intention**

For the week of March 24, 2019 – For the Sick and Infirm of our Parishes

**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.

**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.

### Upcoming Events

Mar 24: Stations of the Cross, Frackville at 3 PM  
Mar 25: Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos –  
Solemn Holy Day  
Mar 27: Soup & Sandwich  
Mar 30-31: Third Collection for Soup & Sandwich  
Mar 31: Stations of the Cross, Shamokin at 3 PM  
Apr 3: Soup & Sandwich (Date Change)  
Apr 4: Pyrohy Orders due by Noon  
Apr 7: Altar Rosary Society Sunday  
Apr 7: Stations of the Cross, Hazleton at 3 PM  
Apr 9-11: Pyrohy Preparations  
Apr 11: Pyrohy Sale

### Ss. Peter & Paul Replenish Fund Donations as of March 17, 2019

**Total To Date:** \$83,594.54

**Replenish Fund:** None

**Rebuilding Fund:** None

### Weekly Parish Financial Report

#### Ss. Peter & Paul Church

Sunday, March 17, 2019	\$2,563.00
Expenses:	\$1,576.47
Sunday, March 18, 2018	\$1,946.75

#### Assumption BVM Church

Sunday, March 17, 2019	\$ 715.00
Expenses:	\$6,996.56
Sunday, March 18, 2018	\$ 881.00

Memorial: \$100 In Memory of +Anna Lynn by Peter Lynn, Cheryl Caracansi & Larry Lynn.

### Ss. Peter & Paul Church Lector Schedule

Sat– March 23rd	
Ellen Goretsky	4:00 PM
Sun- March 24th	
Justina Eisenhart	9:15 AM
Sat– March 30th	
Ed Cuff	4:00 PM
Sun – March 31st	
George Ann Katchick	9:15 AM

### Assumption BVM Church Lector Schedule

Sun – March 24th	
Kianna Rizzo	11:00 AM
Sun – March 31st	
Zachary Gee	11:00 AM

### Office Closed

The Rectory Office will be closed on Mondays from 9 AM to Noon until further notice. We will open from Noon to 3 PM on Mondays.

### Mystery (Sacrament) of Penance

Is available before each Divine Liturgy on Saturday, 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM and on Sunday in Ss. Peter & Paul Church 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM, and at Assumption BVM Church on Sunday before 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy in the confessionals.

### 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 several 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!

### In Your Prayers

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

### Next Pyrohy Sale

Our next sale of Pyrohy is scheduled for April 9-11, 2019 (pickup on the 11th). Cost of Pyrohy is \$8.00 per dozen. **Orders must be placed by noon on Thursday, April 4, 2019.** (Please call the office during business hours.) Orders received after that time will be placed on a waiting list and if we have extra pyrohy for sale, we will notify you. The deadline for ordering allows us to order necessary supplies. We are in need of helping hands in all aspects of this project. Anyone interested in helping, please come to the church hall at about 10 AM on Tuesday, April 9th, and 8 AM on Wednesday and Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

### 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**

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 27th** 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.

### **Downtown Dinner & Garden Gathering**

Join us for a free catered dinner and to learn about what's going on at the Mount Carmel Community Garden this year! The garden is located adjacent to the Community Pool. Raised beds are available for gardens. March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Mount Carmel Public Library at 30 S. Oak St. No reservations needed. For more info, email [hgb003@bucknell.edu](mailto:hgb003@bucknell.edu) or stop by the Library.

### **2019 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 24: St. Michael's, Frackville

Sunday, March 31: Transfiguration, Shamokin

Sunday, April 7: St. Michael's, Hazleton

Sunday, April 14: St. Nicholas, Minersville

### **Knights of Columbus Meal**

Knights of Columbus-The Christopher Club, Mt. Carmel: Wednesday dinner, March 27, 2019 - Hot Roast Beef Sandwich with French Fries; Open at 5:00PM until sold out; Open to the public: meet your family and friends for an enjoyable evening. The club is also available for party rentals- first and second floors to both members & non-members. Call during evening hours for details: 570-339-3940.

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

"Lent is a journey of returning to the essential, during which the Lord asks us to follow three steps: almsgiving, prayer, and fasting."

### **Designer Purse Bingo**

Sponsored by St. Nicholas School on Sunday, March 31st at St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Doors open at 11 AM, Bingo starts at 1 PM. \$25 for 20 games. Info/tickets: 570-544-4581 or 570-544-2800.

### **Religious Education**

Classes for our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) are held Monday evenings, from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM in the church social hall. **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.

### **Fish Bake Thank You!**

Our annual Fish Bake was held Friday, March 15th. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, cook, clean up, and sell tickets. Also, thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed a delicious baked fish dinner!

### **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.

### **Please Remember**

Pray for vocations to the Holy Priesthood & Religious Life.

### **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, April 14th at the Deanery Services at St. Nicholas' in Minersville. Please generously support this raffle

### **Eyeglasses for the Lions Club**

The Mount Carmel Lions Club is collecting used eyeglasses, reading glasses and sunglasses. They clean and repair the used eyewear, which is then distributed to people who can't afford to buy their own. They accept both prescription and non-prescription eyewear, in both adults' and children's sizes. If you have old glasses you would like to recycle, please place them in the Lions Club bucket in the Ss. Peter & Paul vestibule.

### **Breakfast Buffet**

Sunday, March 24th 7:30-11:30 AM at St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Adults \$9, children under 12 Free. Sponsored by St. Nicholas Holy Name Society.

### **3rd Sunday of the Great Fast** **Veneration of the Holy Cross**

#### **Troparion**

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your Inheritance; grant victory to Your Church over her enemies and protect Your people by Your cross.

#### **Kontakion**

**Glory be: Now and ever:**

No longer does the flaming sword guard the gates of Eden; for on them one finds the most glorious seal, the Tree of the Cross. By it the sorrow of death and the victory of the Abyss have been conquered. For You, O my Savior, stood and called out to those in the Abyss: "Enter again into paradise."

#### **Instead of: "Holy God..."**

We bow to Your cross, O Lord, and we praise Your holy resurrection.

#### **Prokimenon**

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

V. To You, O Lord, I call; my God be not deaf to me.

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

V. Remember Your flock whom You built up long ago.

V. God is our King from time past, the Giver of Help through all the land. Alleluia (3x)

#### **Communion Hymn**

O Lord, let the light of Your countenance shine upon us. Alleluia!

**Epistle: Heb 4:14-5:6**

**Gospel: Mk 8:34-9:1**

#### **Office Help Needed**

Help is needed in the Rectory Office at Ss. Peter & Paul Church 15-20 hours per week. Must have office or secretarial experience. Duties include general office work, phone calls, preparing the bulletin and correspondence, and tracking deposits and bills (MS Office and QuickBooks). Contact the office during business hours for more information if you or someone you know may be interested.

#### **Memoriam**

We offer love, prayers, and sympathy to the family and friends of +Dorothy Luczkoski, member of Ss. Peter & Paul Church who fell asleep in the Lord this past week. May our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ comfort her family and friends and may Dorothy's Memory be Eternal! **Vichnaya Pamyat!**

### **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:

- Abstention from meat and all dairy on Good Friday.
- Abstention 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 Abstention 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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **It's That Time of Year**

Pussy willows are once again needed for Palm Sunday weekend Divine Liturgies April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.