

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, May 21 **5:00 PM +Leona Bodnar by Agnes Borsh**
Sunday, May 22 **9:00 AM +William & Doris Sauer by Andy & Sue Fedoris**

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Web Liturgy Intention for Week of May 22, 2022 sponsored by
Margaret Hulyk

Sanctuary Candle is lit from May 22 – June 4
In Memory of +Margaret Tima by Beverly Tima

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, May 25 **7:00 PM +Mary Piposar by Family**
Thursday, May 26 **9:00 AM +James Lawson by Jim & Gale Witenski**

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Saturday, May 28 **5:00 PM +Ann Totin by Mary Ellen Totin & Michael Totin**
Sunday, May 29 **9:00 AM +George Havrilcsak by Ann Havrilcsak**

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN ME:

Regular Offertory	\$3,433.00
Maintenance Fund	441.00
Holy Day	25.00
Seminary	60.00
Candles	89.51
Loose Cash	54.00
Cemetery	292.00
TOTAL	\$4,394.51

During these challenging times we thank you for your kindness and generosity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS

AT HOME: Richard Lesko, *Ronald & Arletta Lutka*, Margie Seman, *Elizabeth Pristas*, Teri Phares, Raymond Petro, Jr., Luke Pasternak, Marissa Stout, Tara Seman, Michael Matus, Patrick Singer, Joan Bodnar, Mary Ann Urban, Carole Srsic, Pauline Johnson, *Ann Havrilscak*, Aaron Spang, Janet Ducar, Mary Pavasko, Suzie (Wargo) Bodziach, Betty Martin, Teresa Sekel, Lynne Black, Patty Schneider, Regina Kraus, Elaine Nassif, Jeannie Pasternak, Janet Myers, Ethel Wahal, Joanne Smoley

Italicized names indicate Parish Shut-ins. Other names are submitted prayer requests.

NURSING HOMES/REHABILITATION CENTERS/ASSISTED LIVING

Elsie Urban, Len Stagon, Dorothy Hritz, Eleanor Chekan, Sue Goda

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

- 22 Arthur Snyder
- 27 Corinne Bilock
- 27 Martin & Patricia Bovee (Anniversary)
- 27 Dylan Cannon
- 28 Richard Gomolak
- 28 Ernest & Mary Ann Varhola (Anniversary)
- 28 Michael & Diane Pochron (Anniversary)
- 28 Matthew & Jonelle Bovee (Anniversary)

May God grant to His servant peace, health and happiness for many years!

In person Attendance: *Saturday, May 14: 45; Sunday, May 15: 56*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, May 14: 31; Sunday, May 15: 75*

Special Donation

\$100 in Memory of Fr. +Bob Karl by Judith & Gerald Rihn

\$50 in Memory of Fr. +Bob Karl by Betty & David Banyas

\$200 in Memory of +Thomas & +Patricia Hilla by Elaine & Samuel Cannon & Family

Parking Lot: \$40

FLEA MARKET

We will be holding another Flea Market on June 3 & 4, 2022, 8 AM – 1 PM. Please put aside any items you no longer want or need for our flea market.

As in the past, we cannot accept TV's, computers, shoes and clothes. **Deadline to drop off items is May 27.** Please consider also helping to mark and sell the items in May.

We will sort out and price the donated items May 24, 26, 27 at 6 pm each day.
Thanks for your donations and help.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Our parish will serve a take-out only roast beef dinner on **Saturday, June 11 from 3 – 6 PM and on Sunday, June 12 from 10 AM – 1 PM. Price is \$12.00 per dinner.** The dinner includes: Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, veggie, roll and butter. In addition we will be selling quarts of haluski, quarts of soup, our kolache, and various baked goods.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3/4	Flea Market
June 11/12	Flea Market & Dinner
June 26	Parish Anniversary Dinner
June 26	Eastwinds Symphonic Band Concert – 2 PM

THANK YOU FROM SS PETER & PAUL PARISH CLUB, DUQUESNE

Thank you for your support of our Hoagie/Haluski project. You again helped make our project a success. God bless you.

125TH ANNIVERSARY

Invitations for our anniversary celebration, which will be held on June 26, 2022 beginning with Liturgy at 10 AM, were mailed to parishioners this past week. If you did not receive one, please call the parish office so that we can mail another one to you. Please feel free to invite former parishioners and/or extended family members. ***Please return the RSVP by June 12 via the offertory basket or the mail because the final count needs to be given to the caterer.***

ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

In honor of the 125th Anniversary of our parish founding, we will host a concert by the East Winds Symphonic Band on Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 2 PM. The concert will be held outdoors (weather permitting) and is free and open to the public. Please bring a lawn chair. Light refreshments will be shared. Invite your family and friends to join us as we celebrate this anniversary.

Attentive to the Word

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Acts 16: 16-34

John 9: 1-38



When Adam and Eve sinned, forsaking the blessings and protection of their God, they chose the way that leads to darkness. No longer could they see God. No longer could they receive the light of God's revelation in their lives. Mankind was henceforth without God, without hope, and would have remained so unless God had taken pity on him. All Adam's descendants share in this separation from God. Those of us who can see, as a matter of fact, may find it even more difficult to grasp the reality of our desperate situation than those who are literally blind. They, at least, have an external condition which serves to make them constantly aware of their true state. We who see the light of day erroneously presume that we can also see the light of Christ.

St. Paul thought otherwise. Without Christ, he said, our minds are darkened (Romans 1:21), hostile to God (Romans 8:7). Those who did not know the promises of God were - in such a state - living far from God and without hope (Ephesians 2:12). In his Gospel, Matthew likened the first announcing of the truth by Christ to a light dawning on those who lived in darkness. "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and the shadow of death light has dawned" (Matthew 4:16).

Again, St. Peter told us: "You are a chosen race ... that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). The Son of God, the Light of the World, came to rescue us from our blindness. Like the blind man, we need the light of Jesus to come into our lives. Jesus healed the blind man. It was only after his healing that the blind man came to understand the true nature of what had taken place. As he stood firmly on the truth of his experience, understanding was given to him.

We must pray if we are to be able to see God's action in our lives. No matter who we are, we need forgiveness of our sins; we need freedom from fear; we need to stand joyfully in God's light, under his gaze, and know that we are his children. Let us go before the cross and pray: "I adore you, Jesus Christ, because by your holy cross you have

redeemed the world. Let me receive my sight." The Lord will hear your prayer and your eyes will be opened. Such is the promise of our loving Father.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Prior to His Ascension, Jesus appears to the Apostles, shows his wounds from the crucifixion and then tells them he is hungry and asks for something to eat. The line immediately before our reading says: "Then, he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." Jesus speaks to them about the Messiah from the prophets and the psalms.

Then Jesus tells them, "You are witnesses of these things." In other words, Jesus is telling them: You've seen my life, my death and now you are witnesses to the truth of my resurrection. They are probably overcome with joy, but still feel somewhat confused.

But before Jesus leaves them, he tells them to stay in the city. In other words, don't go running around, telling stories, asking questions. He tells his disciples: Stay here, at home; stay in familiar territory, wait and pray "until you are clothed with power from on high." In other words, wait on the Lord, pray, wait on me, listen for my action. Don't start making your own plans. You don't yet understand how God wants to use you, or where or when - so wait on God's call, God's action. Just as God sent his Holy Spirit to equip the disciples for the work they will be called to do - to evangelize, to preach, to lead people to faith in the Messiah - so will he do for you. That means daily time with God in prayer, reading Scripture daily and receiving the Eucharist as often as you can.

Take time this Paschal season to thank God for the gifts he has given you. Then ask him to bring alive the gifts he gave you in baptism and confirmation. If you don't know your gifts, then ask God to show you. Ask him to activate those gifts he wants you to exercise now in your family, parish or workplace, so that God may be glorified - through you. Yes, you. . Finally, read Acts 2:14-42. Look what God did with uneducated fishermen, who finally put all their trust in God. Look how he used them! Do you not think God is looking for new disciples to bear witness to his love and his truth? He teaches. He equips. He looks for our willingness.

Take notice. The Scripture says that after Jesus left them, they worshipped him, then returned to Jerusalem with great joy! Then it says they continually went to the temple to worship and praise. The power of the resurrection and the work of the Holy Spirit were already evident in their lives. So can it be in ours. Learn from what the Scripture teaches us.

Mission Statement

Saint John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral is a member of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh who through the Holy Spirit is called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a community and family, we grow in faith and in the image and likeness of God by dedicating ourselves to welcoming, celebrating and caring for all of God's people.

Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist): Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish family. Pre-baptism instructions are required. Contact Fr. Andrew to schedule.

Mystery of Crowning: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish family. Must meet with Fr. Andrew before setting date and reserving your banquet hall. Pre-Cana program is required and three sessions with Fr. Andrew. The ceremony will be celebrated according to the prescription of the liturgical book of the Byzantine rite.

Mystery of Reconciliation: Celebrated Saturdays, 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM and upon request.

Mystery of Anointing: Celebrated upon request. Ideally celebrated in Church the Sunday before undergoing any surgical or other medical procedure.

Visitation of the Sick: The parishioners confined to their homes or nursing homes due to health reasons are visited monthly. Also, persons who are hospitalized are visited when Fr. Andrew is notified. It especially is important that a family member contact Fr. Andrew whenever a loved-one is hospitalized.

Funerals: Families of the deceased or the funeral director must contact Fr. Andrew before setting and publishing the day and time of the funeral.

Parish Membership: We welcome anyone to become a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Cathedral Parish. Only those who are registered are considered members of the Parish. When one registers to become a parish member they assume the responsibility of rendering stewardship of time, talent and treasure to this parish family. Worship at this parish is always expected. Registration is done only through the pastor by appointment. The Parish Office should be notified as soon as possible of any change of address within the Parish as well as one's leaving.

Godparent/Sponsor Letters: Must be a registered, active, supporting member of the parish.

Rectory Office Hours: Judy is in the parish office Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM – 2 PM. Father Andrew is available on other days and times by appointment.