

Schedule of Divine Services

Sunday, June 16 9:00 AM Our Living & Deceased Fathers

Web Liturgy for Week of June 16, 2024 sponsored by
Bernie & Helen Koval in memory of +Joseph Smykla & +Michael Koval

Sanctuary Candle is lit from June 16 - 29
In memory of +Ronald Ditillo by Carol Beavers

Sunday, June 23 9:00 AM +Steve Tima, Sr. by Steve, Janine & Family

Regular Offertory	\$2,327.00
Maintenance Fund	600.00
Holy Day	160.00
Loose Cash	59.00
Candles	83.00
TOTAL	\$3,229.00

*During these challenging times we thank you for your kindness and generosity.
Please consider remembering St. John Cathedral in your will
as a lasting legacy for future generations.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS

AT HOME: *Arletta Lutka*, Margie Seman, Teri Phares, Raymond Petro, Jr., Luke Pasternak, Marissa Stout, Tara Seman, Patrick Singer, Mary Ann Urban, Carole Srsic, Pauline Johnson, Aaron Spang, Suzie (Wargo) Bodziach, *Betty Martin*, Patty Schneider, Jeannie Pasternak, Janet Myers, Ethel Wahal, Paul Cherep, Bernadette Thorwart

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

NURSING HOMES/REHABILITATION CENTERS/ASSISTED LIVING

Elsie Urban

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

16 Stephen & Bonnie Sawczak (Anniversary)

18 John Hilzendeger

21 Diane Lobaugh

22 Maria Sinclair

In person Attendance: *Saturday, June 8: 50; Sunday, June 9: 70*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, June 8: 23; Sunday, June 9: 49*

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER!

As a parish family we are truly blessed to welcome *Phyllis Petrone* to St. John Cathedral parish family. *May God bless her with many happy and blessed years as we, together continue this journey of faith!*

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

Our Parish Family would like to honor all of our 2024 graduates from High School, College, Graduate School, etc. on **Sunday, June 23**. Please inform us of the names of our graduates, high school/college of graduation, degree/major by dropping a note in the collection basket by *Sunday, June 16*.

To live the Gospel without compromise means asking oneself, perhaps a thousand times a day, “How would Christ act, think, or feel if He were in my place?” It means living a life of love, dying to self and living for others, following Christ’s footsteps from Bethlehem to the tomb. Love means, not deviating from the most direct and shortest path between myself and Calvary. This is childlike simplicity in its most fundamental form.

-Dearly Beloved, Volume I

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PILGRIMAGE

A pilgrimage to celebrate the centennial of the Byzantine Catholic Church of Pittsburgh and the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Byzantine Chapel in the National Basilica has been scheduled for the weekend of October 12 & 13, 2024. As was mentioned the celebration will take place at the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. When we receive the specifics of the cost, we will start accepting reservations for a bus trip.

SUMMER CONCERT

The *East Wind Symphonic Band* will hold a concert on **July 14, 2024 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM** in the Cathedral Center. Come on out to enjoy an array of popular tunes, uplifting marches, wind band arrangements and Broadway favorites! Invite your family and friends to join you.

ANNUAL GCU & BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY AT KENNYWOOD

Thursday, July 25, 2024. Discounted tickets may be purchased through the GCU: <https://gcuusa.com/events/2024-gcu-byzantine-family-day-at-kennywood-park-102-years>. \$27 - ages 4 + Free - ages 3 and under. A catered lunch is also available: (age 11+): \$25; (ages 3-10): \$20. Admission and Lunch tickets must be prepaid. Deadline, to order tickets, is Wednesday, **July 10, 2024. Discounted tickets are good only on July 25, 2024.**

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

Metropolitan William and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will honor all those couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversary of 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 or beyond years during this calendar year of 2023. The Archieparchial celebration will take place at St. Elias Church, Munhall on Sunday, **8 September 2024 at 3 PM.**

Please inform the Parish Office, by **July 14**, if you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries this year, so that your names can be submitted to the Chancery. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

Archbishop William C. Skurla, Bishop Kurt R. Burnette, and Bishop Robert M. Pipta invite the faithful of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh to join them on a Pilgrimage to Italy from May 5 to 15, 2025, to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope as declared by Pope Francis. Brochures are located in the vestibules of the church.



Attentive to the Word

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 6: 18-23

Matthew 8: 5-13

It wasn't too often that someone or something stopped Jesus dead in his tracks. But this centurion surely did. Jesus was so thrilled and impressed with him that he declared he had never seen such faith in any- one else—not even in the most faithful of Israelites! We all know the end of the story: the centurion's servant was healed at that very hour. It can be hard to believe, but it's true: Jesus is thrilled when we proclaim our faith and trust in him. It puts a smile on his face and fills him with joy. So let's make this the cry of our hearts this Liturgy: "Lord, I am not worthy, but only say the word and N will be healed." Believe that he is a good God. Trust that he will take care of you. Surrender your needs and the needs of your loved ones to him. Know that the moment you say this prayer, he has already begun to respond. Be sure to remember that God's response may not look exactly like the response you're looking for. Neither will it always come according to the exact timing that you expect. But it will come, and that's what you need to base your faith on. Simply proclaim, "Lord, I know you have heard my prayer. I know you love me. I know you love the person I am praying for. Now I'm leaving it in your hands. I trust that you will do what you know to be best for all of us." How can you tell that the Lord is working? For one, you will have a growing sense of peace as you continue to pray—an inner confidence that God is in control of the situation. You may also find new wisdom and insight into ways you can improve the situation. Finally, keep your eyes open for signs of healing and restoration. If you are praying for a wounded relationship, look for a thaw that you can step into. If you are looking for physical healing, look for forward progress. Keep declaring your faith, and watch to see how God's marvels unfold. "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word, and I trust that I will see the healing you have in store for me."

FATHER'S DAY

These memories of Dad's goals for me were so clear on May 5, 1987, as I sat on a platform in Springfield, Massachusetts, surrounded by the most revered of all basketball achievers. Ironically, I once had told Dad back in my college days that if I ever made the Hall of Fame, I would refuse the award and tell them they had given it to the wrong guy. "Give the award to my dad," I had told him I'd say, "Because there is no way in the world I deserve the honor before he does."

As I look back now I finally feel as though I understand my inheritance. Dad handed me something beautiful and precious, and I will always be indebted to him. He gave me his life full of instruction and encouragement. He gave me hope in hopeless situations and laughter in the face of grim circumstances. Dad gave me an example of discipline unequaled, dedication unmatched. He gave me the privilege of seeing an unwavering faith when the darkness of life and death surrounded him. But, more than anything, my father became a symbol of what love and compassion can do in anyone's life, and I am happy to accept that love as his heir to a dream.

Pete also shares his conversion experience after a life of rebellion and confusion. One of the first things I realized after I had settled things with God was the difference it made to be dedicated to something other than myself. Everything I had done since childhood was for selfish reasons, such as bringing adoration to myself, finding acceptance among my peers, and gratifying my ego. This selfishness had led to emptiness and no conventional way out of my self-centered way of life. Trying to please others had brought me frustration, a drinking habit, and a love of material possessions. I had gone to the brink of self-destruction. After my conversion that special night in Metairie, Louisiana, I turned full circle. All the fame and fortune I had accumulated looked extremely pale when compared to the abundance of Christ in me. I was driven by a desire to please God because of the newness of life I had received from him. The fears I had once possessed were wiped away; I became much more open to people. The solemn moods that had plagued me began to disappear. Instead my life was now filled with the light and love of Christ.

From "Heir to a Dream," by Pete Maravich

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 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Father Andrew is available on other days and times by appointment.