

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Schedule of Divine Services

Saturday, June 22 **5:00 PM** +Frances Rusnak & +Dale Hinkle by Audrey Hinkle
Sunday, June 23 **9:00 AM** +Steve Tima, Sr. by Steve, Janine & Family

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Web Liturgy for Week of June 23, 2024 sponsored by
Andrea Kristen

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

FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Monday, June 24 **6:30 PM** +Vasil, +Eva, & +John Krenitsky by Family

FEAST OF THE PRE-EMINENT APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL

Friday, June 28 **6:30 PM** +Michael Matus by Jim & Karen Hess

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, June 29 **5:00 PM** +Susan Goda by Rich & Patty Goda
 40th Day Remembrance of +Paul J. Chervenak by Darlene Chervenak
Sunday, June 30 **9:00 AM** +Ronald Ditillo by Carol Beavers

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

Regular Offertory	\$2,842.00
Maintenance Fund	380.00
Loose Cash	70.00
Candles	136.00
Cemetery	500.00
TOTAL	<u>\$3,928.00</u>

*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

- 24 Judith Rihn
- 26 Richard Myers
- 28 Melinda Banks
- 29 Anne Lazarov

In person Attendance: *Saturday, June 15: 40; Sunday, June 16: 58*

Live Stream Viewing: *Saturday, June 15: 29; Sunday, June 16: 53*

Live Stream Donation: \$25 by Leonard & Felicia Simko

MANY YEARS 2024 GRADUATES

Our Parish Family extends its prayer best wishes to our graduates. May they grow in faith and be protected under God’s wings. May God bless their future endeavors, and may God grant to each of them many blessed years!

John Heddleston, Steel Valley High School
Aidan Munsie, West Mifflin High School

MANY YEARS

Our Parish Family extends its prayerful best wishes to **Fr. Tyler Wisniewski**, who will be ordained a priest for the Archeparchy on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at our Cathedral at 3 PM. The ordination will be live-streamed through the Cathedral website and Facebook page. *May God grant to His newly ordained priest, Tyler, peace, health and happiness for many years!*

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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 10: 1-10

Matthew 8:28 - 9:1

The Gospel for this Sunday from Matthew (8:28 - 34) tells how Jesus healed a case of demonic possession and how the demons entered a herd of swine which hurled itself into the Sea of Galilee. This same episode is recalled on the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost.

Most probably, Jesus is in non-Jewish territory since there would be no reason for kosher Jews to keep pigs. The exorcism He performs is not recounted to prove the existence of demonic possession but to accentuate Jesus' power in His ministry as well as in the Church today. Very simply put, what "demons" need cast out of our lives? If we are to be truly free, what do we have to ask Jesus to expel from our way of thinking or acting? Is there anything that has taken possession of our lives... greed, desire for power, bitterness, revenge, and so on? Can we be honest enough to admit this and claim the healing power of Jesus to free us? The people who witnessed Christ's power in this Sunday's Gospel, asked Him to leave their territory. Are afraid of the new life Christ can give us? Would we dare to ask Him to leave the territory of our lives?

By Father Gary Powell, OFM. Cap.

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Many Christians throughout the world commemorate the birth of John the Baptist, the last emissary sent by God to prepare the people for Jesus. From the time his conception was announced by the angel, John was consecrated to do the work of God. He was to be a Nazirite, one dedicated and sacred to God (Numbers 6:1-8; Luke 1:15). He would ready the people by "preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 3:3). After leading a life hidden from public view for nearly thirty years, John emerged to fulfill his vocation. His strength was not in his attractiveness or eloquence of speech, but in his message to repent and be baptized - a message offering hope to all those who would hear. He was not himself the light but would reflect the true light of God,

Jesus Christ. Despite the importance of his work, John knew his place in God's plan (see Luke 3:16). The Jordan River was the Baptizer's font. The baptism of John symbolized the washing away of the deadness of sin through repentance and forgiveness. John's message of repentance was one of hope. Through his words of exhortation calling for personal change and reform, John preached "good news to the poor" (Luke 3:18). Just as John's message was challenging to the people of his day, the message we receive today is challenging to us: we are called to repent of wrongdoing, be cleansed of unrighteousness (or self-righteousness) and accept Jesus as our Savior. What does it mean to repent? Simply, it means that we accept the power of God given to us to change and then turn away from wrongdoing. A striking example of repentance is found in the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-31). Here was a young man who, desiring to be free of his father's authority and protection, went his own way and ended up alone and destitute. After seeing that he had sinned against God and his father (Luke 15:21), he returned home and was welcomed with open arms. We can experience this same joy when we turn from sin and are no longer separated from God's love.

FEAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLES, PETER AND PAUL

Paul ... was put to death every day, or rather he was always dead, no longer alive himself, as he tells us, but having Christ living in him (Galatians 2:20).... He had zeal for God, and was jealous over us with divine jealousy (2 Corinthians 11:2).

The only one to equal him in this was *Peter*, but hear how humble he is when he says of himself, "I am the least of the Apostles, that am not meet to be called an Apostle" (1 Corinthians 15:9)....

As we consider the outcome of their lives, let us imitate how they lived, or at least how they were restored through humility and repentance, even if we cannot attain to their other great and exalted achievements, which are appropriate to great men and fitting for great men to emulate.... Amendment through repentance, however, is more appropriate for us than for the great, since we all sin many times every day, and unless we lay hold of salvation through continuous repentance, we have no hope of it from any other.

By St. Gregory Palamas

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.