

*Saint Michael the Archangel
&
Saints Peter and Paul
Byzantine Catholic Churches*

*"I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except
Jesus Christ and him crucified." 1 Corinthians 2:2*

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Confessions:
Saturdays [P] 3:15-3:45 PM
Sundays: [A] 9:00-9:30 AM
and by appointment
Baptisms and Weddings:
See Father Frank

*If you are looking for a spiritual
home, please know you are
always welcome to be a part of
our Parish Family.*

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**Liturgical Schedule for
The Week of January 4, 2015**

**Saturday~ January 3
Vigil Sunday before Theophany**

4:00 PM [P] Parish Families

**Sunday ~ January 4
Sunday before Theophany**

10:00 AM [A] +Elizabeth Walter by
daughter Denise Douthart

**Monday~ January 5
Vigil Theophany/ Blessing of Water**

7:00 PM [P] +Phyllis A. Dempsey by MM
George Pfeiffer

**Tuesday ~ January 6
Theophany/ Blessing of Water**

7:00 PM [A] Parish Families

**Saturday~ January 10
Vigil Sunday after Theophany**

4:00 PM [P] Parish Families

**Sunday ~ January 11
Sunday after Theophany**

10:00 AM [A] +Michael Mehalschick by
Virginia Mehalschick & Family

***Prayer List: In your kindness, please remember
the following persons in prayer:*** John & Alicia
Sefcik, Shirley Balascak, Loretta Brosky, Antoinette
DeFronzo, Melissa Kavounas, Dolores Flannery,
Theresa Pinto, Patrice Danyluk, Hoyt Walter, Rosalie
Walter, Kristin & Bobbie Di Giacomo & family, The
Mehalshick Family, Doris Smicker & family, Peter
Skimbo & Family, Nicholas Yackanicz, Josephine
Wilk, Stephen Wursta, Maryann Wilk, Charles Hysick,
Father Steven Galuschik, Subdeacon Lewis Rabayda,
Father Diodoro Mendoza, Members of our Parish
Families, Father Frank and his family.

From the Saints

The Lord was Baptized, not to be cleansed Himself, but
to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed
by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have
the power of Baptism. *St. Ambrose of Milan*

Just as a man cannot live in the flesh unless he is born
in the flesh, even so a man cannot have the spiritual
life of grace unless he is born again spiritually. This
regeneration is effected by Baptism: "Unless a man is
born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter
into the kingdom of God" [Jn 3:5]. *St. Thomas Aquinas*

He who desires nothing but God is rich and happy. *St.
Alphonsus Liguori*

**'Biggest human rights rally' returns for March for
Life**

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- "The biggest human rights rally
in the world," as one regular participant described it, will
return to the nation's capital for the annual March for Life
Jan. 22. The 42nd rally on the National Mall and march to
Capitol Hill marks the anniversary of the Supreme Court's
1973 ruling in the case of Roe v. Wade that invalidated
state and federal restrictions on abortions, legalizing
abortion virtually on demand. Micaiah Bilger, education
director of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, said she
sees the march as an opportunity to move forward from
Roe v. Wade. "The March for Life is, I think, the biggest
human rights rally in the world and it's wonderful to go and
be with other people and unite under that cause," Bilger
said in an interview with Catholic News Service. "It's
important for us to stand up in our nation's capital and say,
'Abortion is a human rights injustice and we want to see all
life protected.'" The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation usually
brings a few hundred participants from around the state,
Bilger said. The range of people who attend -- from high
school students to older men and women who have been
going for many years -- offers an opportunity for
participants to meet others of diverse backgrounds who
share the same beliefs about abortion. "We have a really
good, really diverse group of people that go down every
year," she said.

Christmas Collection: The Christmas collection for
Palmerton was \$907.00. The collection for Allentown for
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day was \$3011.00. Thanks to
everyone for your generosity!

The Stewardship Collection totals as of today are:
Palmerton \$1000.00 and Allentown \$4,945.00. Thanks to
the people of Saint's Peter and Paul for meeting their goal.
This money will be sent in to the eparchy in the next week.
Thanks to everyone who gave so generously to the annual
Eparchial Appeal!

Tuesday, January 6 is the feast of Theophany, the
Baptism of the Lord. It is a holy day of obligation. We
have a serious obligation to attend the Divine Liturgy on
Sundays and Holy Days of obligation. Also remember to
bring bottles or jars so you can take holy water home with
you to use as a sacramental.

What is a Sacramental? A sacramental is a special prayer,
action or object which, through the prayers of the Church,
prepares a person to receive grace and to better cooperate
with it. One example is when we make the Sign of the Cross
using holy water when entering a church. That pious action
and the holy water itself, which together remind us of our
baptism, awaken us to the presence of God and dispose us
to receiving God's grace. Unlike a sacrament, a sacramental
does not itself confer the grace of the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless,
like a sacrament, a sacramental helps the faithful to
sanctify each moment of life and to live in the paschal
mystery of our Lord.

One must see God in everyone. *St. Catherine Laboure*

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of December 28 & 29	
Allentown	\$2290.00
Total Bills	\$615.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$1675
Palmerton	\$433.00
Total Bills	\$0.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$433
Bills paid this week:	
Allentown: Rectory Supplies: \$90.00; Cleaning (Church and Center): \$300.00; Cantoring: \$150.00; Additional Rectory Bathroom Work: \$75.00	
Palmerton: No bills this week	