

**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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**Prayer List:** *In your kindness, please remember the following persons in prayer:* Carol Baran, John & Alicia Sefcik, Shirley Balascak, Loretta Brosky, Antoinette DeFronzo,, 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, Barry Hoffman, Chet Greene

**The Popes on Christmas**

Joy is the true gift of Christmas, not the expensive gifts that call for time and money.... Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives. -Pope Benedict

In switching on the light of the Nativity scene, we wish for the light of Christ to be in us. A Christmas without light is not Christmas. Let there be light in the soul, in the heart; let there be forgiveness to others; let there be no hostilities, which are dark. Let there be the beautiful light of Jesus. This is my wish for all of you, when you turn on the light of the crib.

... If you have something dark in your soul, ask the Lord for forgiveness. Christmas is a great opportunity to cleanse the soul. Do not fear, the priest is merciful, forgiving all in the name of God, because God forgives everything.- Pope Francis

**OPPORTUNITY!** Remember to participate in our fundraising opportunities! **GIFT CARD** orders are placed every Monday. Register on line to order any time you would like using Prestopay or place your order with a paper order form located in the back of the church and make check payable to St. Michael's BC Church. **ST. MICHAEL'S AFFINITY GROUP** - Whenever you or anyone you know is buying or selling real estate, contact Janice or Nick Kavounas at Coldwell Banker Heritage Real Estate. 20% of the brokerage fee will be donated back to the church. Call Janice Kavounas at [484-553-3828](tel:484-553-3828) or [jmk@cbheritage.com](mailto:jmk@cbheritage.com) for details. **The profit from Scrip to date is \$174.01**

**Mary's Shelter:** Between now and the end of January we will be collecting baby supplies for Mary's Shelter in Bethlehem. Mary's Shelter Cay Galgon Center provides housing and social services to young women who are pregnant and need a supportive environment because of a lack of suitable housing or favorable family relationships. Applicants must be pregnant, clean and sober and motivated to actively participate in the program activities. Their wish list of baby supplies needed is at [http://www.marysshelter.org/wish\\_list.php](http://www.marysshelter.org/wish_list.php) and will be printed in our bulletin within a week or so. Last year the people at the shelter were overwhelmed by your generosity. Let's overwhelm them with generosity again this year!

<b>Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of December 12 &amp; 13</b>	
<b>Allentown</b>	\$1423.50
Total Bills	\$304.51
Offerings Vs. Expenses	<b>+\$1118.99</b>
<b>Palmerton</b>	\$-
Total Bills	\$181.68
Offerings Vs. Expenses	<b>-\$-</b>
<b>Bills paid this week:</b> Pest Control: \$45.25; Phone:\$29.87; Cable/ Internet: \$71.06; Priest Pension Fund:\$158.33	
<b>Palmerton:</b> PPL (Church): \$94.18; Priest Pension Fund: \$87.50	

**Christmas Schedule**

**Thursday ~ December 24**  
**Vigil Nativity of our Lord**

7:00 PM [A] For the People

**Friday ~ December 25**  
**Nativity of our Lord**

8:00 AM [P] Health & Blessings for Linda Dvorak by Joe & Barbara Herman

11:00 [A] +Josephine Hanincik by Josephine Koshute and Family

the days when three men, untaught by prophetic preaching or the testimonies of the Law, came from the distant East in order to know God, yet we see the same thing happening now even more clearly and on a far larger scale in the enlightenment of all who are called."  
-Saint Leo the Great

"Today the darkness begins to grow shorter and the light to lengthen, as the hours of night become fewer.... Realize that the true light is now here and, through the rays of the gospel, is illumining the whole earth."  
-Saint Gregory of Nyssa

"God rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. Through him we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creatures."  
-Colossians 1:13-15

"The gifts of God are multiplied, and we in our time experience all that the first believers did. For though the gospel account tells us only of

**Liturgical Schedule for The Week of December 20, 2015**

**Saturday ~ December 19**  
**Vigil~ Sunday Before Christmas/Of the Ancestors**

4:00 PM [P] For the People

**Sunday ~ December 20**  
**Sunday Before Christmas/ Of the Ancestors**

10:00 AM [A] +Anna Cszaszar by Stephen Cszaszar

**Saturday ~ December 26**  
**Vigil~ Sunday after Christmas/David, Joseph, James, Stephen**

4:00 PM [P] For the People

**Sunday ~ December 27**  
**Sunday after Christmas/David, Joseph, James, Stephen**

10:00 AM [A]+Conrad Nolden by "Tubby" & Barbara Kushner

The readings at the Divine Liturgy for next week are Galatians 1:11-19  
Matthew 2:13-23