

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

Thoughts for the New Year by the Saints

The bread you store up belongs to the hungry; the cloak that lies in your chest belongs to the naked; the gold you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor. *Saint Basil the Great*

Let us go forward in peace, our eyes upon heaven, the only one goal of our labors. *Saint Therese of Lisieux*

It is not the soul alone that should be healthy; if the mind is healthy in a healthy body, all will be healthy and much better prepared to give God greater service. *Saint Ignatius of Loyola*

We have all known the long loneliness, and we have found that the answer is community. *Dorothy Day*

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like. *Saint Augustine of Hippo*

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 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 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!

Sunday After Christmas By a Monk of the Eastern Church

There is an abundance of apocryphal literature concerning St Joseph; but these legends, by which the Fathers of the Church have sometimes been inspired, have no historical authority. We know nothing more about Joseph than what is related in the gospels according to Matthew and Luke. We are ignorant of his life before he married Mary; we are ignorant of the place and date of his' death. It is not even certain that he was a carpenter, for the Greek word *tekton* can mean a mason as well as a carpenter or a joiner (we notice, moreover, that Jesus, who several times alludes to the skills of a builder, never speaks of work with wood). The veneration of St Joseph seems to have started in the fourth century, in the Coptic Church. Joseph was not included in the Greek menology until after the eighth century. In the west, his name appears in the martyrologies of the ninth century, and his feast was fixed for the 19th March by Pope Sixtus IV, in the fifteenth century. The devotion to St Joseph made great strides in the Roman Church. Pius IX proclaimed Joseph 'patron of the universal Church' (1870). Modern Roman theology has endeavoured to plumb the mystery of the connection between Joseph and the Incarnation more deeply; without its conclusions having any value for dogma, it attributes to Joseph a supereminent sanctity (superior even to that of John the Baptist) and a perpetual virginity; it does not base these affirmations on historical research, but on the necessities of doctrinal deduction.

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of December 19 & 20	
Allentown	\$1315.00
Total Bills	\$0.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$1315.00
Palmerton	\$873.00
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Bills paid this week: No Bills	
Palmerton: No Bills	

Liturgical Schedule for The Week of December 27, 2015

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

Friday ~ January 1
Circumcision of the Lord/ St. Basil

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Saturday ~ January 2
Vigil~ Sunday before Theophany

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday ~ January 3
Sunday before Theophany

10:00 AM [A] Health & Blessings for Stephen Wursta Sr. on his 88th Birthday by the Theodore Wursta Family