

*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 February 1, 2015**

**Saturday~ January 31  
Vigil Sunday of Prodigal Son**

4:00 PM [P] Parish Families

**Sunday ~ February 1  
Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

10:00 AM [A] +Harold R. Brink Jr. by Wife  
Lois and Family

**Monday February 2  
Encounter with Simeon and Anna~  
Solemn Holyday**

10:00 AM [A] Parish Families

**Saturday~ February 7  
Vigil Sunday of Meatfare**

4:00 PM [P] Parish Families

**Sunday ~ February 8  
Sunday of Meatfare**

10:00 AM [A] +George Davidowich by  
Eleanor Davidovicz

***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**

If God is slow in answering your request, or if you  
ask but do not promptly receive anything, do not be  
upset, for you are not wiser than God. **St. Isaac of  
Nineveh**

O Christ, on you the many-eyed cherubim are  
unable to look because of the glory of your  
countenance, yet out of your love you accepted  
spittle on your face. Remove the shame from my  
face, and grant me to have an unashamed face  
before you at the time of prayer. **St. Isaac of  
Nineveh**

If zeal had been appropriate for putting humanity  
right, why did God the Word clothe himself in the  
body, using gentleness and humility in order to bring  
the world back to his Father? **St. Isaac of Nineveh**

**Persecuted for faith, Christians are united in bloodshed,  
pope says**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Christians are united in  
bloodshed as they suffer from violence and persecution  
in various parts of the world, Pope Francis told Christian  
leaders. Today's martyrs are men and women, who  
through their witness to Jesus, are "persecuted and  
killed because they are Christian," the pope said Jan.  
25 during an ecumenical prayer service marking the  
end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Those  
who persecute them make no distinction about "which  
denomination they belong to. They are Christians and  
for that (they are) persecuted. This, brothers and  
sisters, is the ecumenism of blood." With Orthodox,  
Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist and  
other Christian representatives present and reading some of the prayers, Pope Francis presided  
over the service at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. The service began with Pope  
Francis, Orthodox Metropolitan Gennadios of Italy and Anglican Archbishop David Moxon, the  
archbishop of Canterbury's representative in Rome, bowing in prayer before the tomb of St.  
Paul on the feast of his conversion. Closing the Jan. 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,  
the pope said Jesus showed that encountering those who are different "from us can make us  
grow."

**Become islands of mercy in the sea of world's indifference, pope says**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Christians are called to overcome apathy, discouragement and  
pretensions of self-sufficiency by letting God enter into their hearts, making them joyful, merciful  
and strong, Pope Francis said. Through prayer, charity and humility before God, people receive  
a heart "which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed,  
indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference," the pope said in his message for Lent,  
which begins Feb. 18 for Latin-rite Catholics. In fact, the individualistic "selfish attitude of  
indifference has taken on global proportions," turning it into "one of the most urgent challenges"  
that "we, as Christians, need to confront," the pope wrote. Released by the Vatican Jan. 27, the  
text of the pope's Lenten message focused on the need for inner conversion and renewal, with  
the title, "Make your hearts firm," which is from the Letter of James. A firm heart is strong and  
steadfast against temptation and evil, but it is also open to God, capable of being "pierced by  
the Spirit," touched by his love and moved to share it with others, he said. "When the people of  
God are converted to his love, they find answers to the questions that history continually raises,"  
the pope said, including the pressing problem today of "the globalization of indifference."

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Every true prayer is a prayer of the Church; by means of that prayer the  
Church prays, since it is the Holy Spirit living in the Church, Who in every  
single soul 'prays in us with unspeakable groanings'. **Edith Stein**

<b>Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of January 24 &amp; 25</b>	
<b>Allentown</b>	\$704.00
Total Bills	\$746.07
Offerings Vs. Expenses	<b>-\$42.07</b>
<b>Palmerton</b>	No Liturgy
Total Bills	0.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	<b>N.A.</b>
<b>Bills paid this week:</b>	
<b>Allentown:</b> Sewer and Water: (\$149.62); UGI (Center) \$62.45; UGI (Rectory): \$14.12; Fax Line: \$69.88; Snow Removal: \$450.00	
<b>Palmerton:</b> No Bills Paid this Week	