

*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
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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 15, 2015**

**Saturday ~ February 14
Vigil~Sunday of Cheesefare**

4:00 PM [P] Parish Families

**Sunday ~ February 15
Sunday of Cheesefare**

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

Friday ~ February 20

7:00 PM [A] Presanctified Liturgy

**Saturday ~ February 21
Vigil~ First Sunday of the Fast**

4:00 PM [P] Parish Families

**Sunday ~ February 22
First Sunday of the Fast**

10:00 AM [A] +Margaret Walson by MM Metro Ketz

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, Deacon Lewis Rabayda, Father Diodoro Mendoza, Josephine Hanincik. Members of our Parish Families, Father Frank and his family.

From the Saints

Let us also love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve. *Saint Francis of Assisi*

The best remedy for dryness of spirit, is to picture ourselves as beggars in the presence of God and the Saints, and like a beggar, to go first to one saint, then to another, to ask a spiritual alms of them with the same earnestness as a poor fellow in the streets would ask an alms of us. *Saint Phillip Neri*

When you can do good, defer it not, because "alms delivers from death. *Saint Polycarp of Smyrna*

Lenten Fasting: The Great Fast begins on Monday, February 16. The fasting regulations for the Fast are as follows: No meat, eggs or dairy products on the first day of Lent and on Good Friday. No meat on Wednesday and Friday during Lent. These regulations are binding on all who receive Holy Communion (those who are eligible to receive). However, if you need a dispensation from any aspects of the fast because of age or health, do not hesitate to ask Father Frank.

Our parish families offer condolences to the family of Paul Yaromy who fell asleep in the Lord this past week. He was buried from Kohut Funeral Home on Friday. Please pray for him and for the family members he leaves behind. **May his memory be eternal!**

'Fifty Shades of Grey' called 'direct assault' on marriage, morality

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The new movie "Fifty Shades of Grey" is "a direct assault on Christian marriage and on the moral and spiritual strength of God's people," Cincinnati's archbishop told pastors in his archdiocese. "We need to inform our people about the destructive message of this movie and to highlight the beauty of God's design for loving relationships between a husband and a wife in the bond of marriage," Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr said in an early February letter. "The story line is presented as a romance; however, the underlying theme is that bondage, dominance, and sadomasochism are normal and pleasurable," he added. Archbishop Schnurr's letter echoed the sentiment expressed by several Catholic and other religious leaders and organizations that have criticized the film, hitting theaters Feb. 13. It is based on the first book in a trilogy by E.L. James that features an erotic and sadomasochistic story line about a young college student who agrees to become a sex slave to a business tycoon. The chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth in a letter to his fellow bishops urged them to alert Catholics to such an objectionable film, which he said is being promoted as a romantic story but is a "graphic portrayal of a young woman agreeing to be abused and degraded in a sexual relationship."

Presanctified Liturgy~ We will be having the Presanctified Liturgy in our church in Allentown on Friday evenings during the Great Fast. During the Fast we are called to pray a little more, fast a little more and give to the poor a little more than at other times of the year. Coming to the Presanctified Liturgy even once or twice during lent give an opportunity to "pray a little more" as well as to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is "for the forgiveness of sins and for the healing of soul and body," because it is an encounter with Jesus Himself. This Lent, come and encounter Jesus during the Presanctified Liturgy "for the forgiveness of sins and for life everlasting."

I hunger for the bread of God, the flesh of Jesus Christ...; I long to drink of his blood, the gift of unending love. - *St. Ignatius of Antioch*

How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you touch Him, you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment. - *St. John Chrysostom*

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of February 7 & 8	
Allentown	\$639.00
Total Bills	\$1545.88
Offerings Vs. Expenses	-\$906.88
Palmerton	\$107.00
Total Bills	\$2180.10
Offerings Vs. Expenses	-\$2073.10
Bills paid this week:	
Allentown: Pest Control: \$43.50; Heating Service Contract: \$553.40; PPL (Rectory): \$83.98; Snow Removal: \$465.00; Candles: \$400.00	
Palmerton: Heating Oil: \$2180.10	