

*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 April 5, 2015**

**Saturday ~ April 4  
Vigil~ Pascha**

**3:00 PM [P]** Resurrection Matins with  
Divine Liturgy for the parish family of  
Saints Peter and Paul

**7:00 PM [A]** Resurrection Matins with  
Divine Liturgy~ Parish Families of Saint  
Michael

**Sunday ~ April 5  
Pascha**

**10:00 AM [A]** + Special Intention

**Monday ~ April 6  
Bright Monday**

**10:00 AM [A]** For the people of the  
parishes

**Saturday ~ April 11  
Vigil~ Thomas Sunday**

**4:00 PM [P]** +Joseph Dvorak by Joseph and  
Barbara Herman

**Sunday ~ April 12  
Thomas Sunday**

**10:00 AM [A]** Parish Families

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

**From the Popes**

Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a  
friend, **with trust:** he is life! If up till now you have  
kept him at a distance, step forward. He will receive  
you with open arms. If you have been indifferent,  
take a risk: you won't be disappointed. If following  
him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust him, be  
confident that he is close to you, he is with you and  
he will give you the peace you are looking for and the  
strength to live as he would have you do.

Pope Francis

Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is a  
future for every human being; the cry for unending  
life which is a part of the person is indeed answered.

Pope Benedict XVI

**An Easter Reflection on Luke**

One of the most well-known Resurrection passages in the  
Gospels is Luke's depiction of the disciples on their way to  
the village of Emmaus, some seven miles from Jerusalem,  
on the evening of that first Resurrection Day. They are  
discouraged, confused and aimless as they recount to this  
unknown companion all the staggering events of the last few  
days.

Along the way Jesus opens the meaning of the Scriptures  
for them and then performs a ritual that has become familiar  
to believers throughout the centuries: he prays a blessing  
and breaks bread with them. Only then are their eyes  
opened. Only then do they understand the reality of the  
Resurrection and the fact that Jesus will always be with us till the end of time.

Luke's account is meant not to relate the happy ending of a troublesome event. It is meant to give  
believers of every generation reassurance that we have not been abandoned but continue to experience  
the presence of Jesus in new and wonderful ways.

There is another depiction of the presence of Jesus that this brings to mind. It is a woodcut by the  
artist Fritz Eichenburg called *Christ of the Breadlines*. There among those waiting in a Depression era-  
like line is the figure of Jesus Christ. The revelation here is that Jesus truly hides in the need of others.

How fortunate we are to recognize Jesus in the words of Sacred Scripture and especially in the  
sacramental presence of our rituals dating back to the Last Supper. How fortunate also we are as  
people privileged to be entrusted to work in the social mission of the Gospel to recognize the presence  
of Christ in all of those who come to our doors for help and encouragement.

Dom Helder Camara, a great Brazilian Archbishop (1909-1999), writes of an instance while he was  
reflecting on this particular passage of Luke's Gospel when there was a knock on the door. It was a  
poor man. He quickly gave him a little cash to get rid of him so that he could go back to his rich  
meditation. But no sooner had he sat back down when he realized that he had just dismissed the  
person of Christ hiding in the needs of this poor man in order to get back to his own thoughts.

This Easter may we be blessed with a truly renewed faith in the presence of Christ in our midst. May  
we be blessed with the eyes of faith to recognize the many and wonderful ways that he makes himself  
know to us. And may we renew our commitment to serve those in need with reverence and awe as we  
continue our own journey to Emmaus. *From Catholic Charities USA*

**Christ is risen!**

**Indeed, He is risen!**

<b>Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of March 28 &amp; 29</b>	
<b>Allentown</b>	\$2298.00
<b>Total Bills</b>	\$1567.28
<b>Offerings Vs. Expenses</b>	<b>+\$730.72</b>
<b>Palmerton</b>	\$254.00
<b>Total Bills</b>	\$0.00
<b>Offerings Vs. Expenses</b>	<b>+\$254.00</b>
<b>Bills paid this week: Allentown:</b> Snow Plowing: \$475.00; UGI: \$126.73; Allentown Real Estate Tax: \$965.55	
<b>Palmerton:</b> No bills paid this week.	