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] 3:15-4:45 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 July 27, 2014

<u>Saturday~ July 26</u> Vigil Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

4:00 PM [P] Parish Families

<u>Sunday ~ July 27</u> <u>Seventh Sunday After Pentecost</u>

10:00 AM [A] Health & Blessings for Robert DiGiacomo by Catherine and Joseph Brosky

<u>Saturday~ August 2</u> <u>Vigil Eighth Sunday After Pentecost</u>

4:00 PM [P] Parish Families

<u>Sunday ~ August 3</u> Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM [A] Health & Blessings for Alex and Emily Rich by Joseph Brosky

Prayer List: In your kindness, please remember the following persons in prayer: John & Alicia Sefcik, Loretta Brosky, Antoinette DeFronzo, Melissa Kavounas, Dolores Flannery, Kristin & Bobbie Di Giacomo & family, Doris Smicker & family, Peter Skimbo & Family, Deacon Steven Galuschik, Subdeacon Lewis Rabayda, Father Diodoro Mendoza, Father Frank and his family.

As a parish family we should pray for one another. If you would like anyone to be remembered in prayer please give the name(s) to Father Frank or to Loretta for inclusion on the prayer list.

From the Saints

"'Eat my flesh,' [Jesus] says, 'and drink my blood.' The Lord supplies us with these intimate nutrients, he delivers over his flesh and pours out his blood, and nothing is lacking for the growth of his children" -St. Clement of Alexandria

"Christ said, "I am the Truth"; he did not say "I am the custom." -St. Toribio

"Love God, serve God; everything is in that." -St. Clare of Assisi

7th Sunday After Pentecost

By Fr. Gary Powell OFM Cap.

On this 7th Sunday after Pentecost we return to our regular readings. In the Epistle reading from Romans (15:1-7) St. Paul continues with practical advice for living. Of course, we need patience and concern for those who are weak. Our motivation for all this must be basing our lives on Jesus. Knowing Jesus begins with knowing the Scriptures. To meet God's final and perfect Word, Jesus the Christ, we must not be afraid to search for Him in the Bible. To know Christ we should get to know the Scriptures. What is our attitude towards the Word of God? Do we make sure we read a few verses each day? Most Catholic bookstores have little booklets with daily Scripture readings. Is there a Bible study class in my parish? Do I ever attend it? If my parish does not have one, could I not offer my services to get one started? If I make the effort to know Jesus through His Word, my life will be richer and more fulfilled.

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of June 19 & 20	
Allentown	\$1766.00
Total Bills	\$1054.11
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$711.89
Palmerton	\$354.00
Total Bills	\$1240.84
Offerings Vs. Expenses	-\$886.84
Total Bills	\$1240.84

Bills paid this week:

Allentown: Gas (Rectory): \$13.46; Gas (Center): \$11.25; Phone: \$68.52; Fire Extinguisher Inspection:

\$330.00; Sewer (Church): \$108.03; Sewer (Rectory): \$59.30; Grass Cutting & Misc. Fixes: \$463.55

Palmerton: Electric (Hall): \$17.57; Electric (Church): \$49.62; Heating Oil (Hall): \$334.90; Heating Oil

(Church): \$837.75

Do I dare to try? It is Jesus as healer who is shown to us the Gospel this weekend from Matthew (9:27-35). Jesus opens the eyes of blind men and gives speech to a dumb man possessed by the devil. This is what the people needed at the time. On other occasions we have seen Jesus warning the people and condemning improper practices. On these occasions Jesus was no less loving than He was when he was curing sickness. True love means saying and doing what is best for people.

In our own lives there are times when we may wonder whether God really loves us. When everything seems to be going wrong, it is difficult to believe that there is a loving God who is directing our lives. When we attend the Divine Liturgy this weekend, it is the ideal time for us to grow in accepting the truth that whatever God does, is done out of love, and is best for us.

May the Word of the Lord dwell in our hearts and guide the actions of our lives.

Our parish family congratulates Joel and Rebecca Ivory upon the baptism of their son, Gabriel Stephen. He will receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Communion) following Sunday's Liturgy. May God grant to His newly enlightened servant, Gabriel Stephen, and his family peace, health and happiness for many happy and blessed years.