

*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

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

**From the Saints**

The best prayer is: "Lord! You know all things. Do with me as You will!" *Saint Theophan the Recluse*

"A dog is better than I am, for he has love and does not judge." *Saint Xanthias*

"When you are about to pray to our Lady the Holy Virgin, be firmly assured, before praying, that you will not depart from her without having received mercy. To think thus and to have confidence in her is meet and right. She is, the All-Merciful Mother of the All-Merciful God, the Word, and her mercies, incalculably great and innumerable, have been declared from all ages by all Christian Churches; she is, indeed, an abyss of mercies and bounties, as is said of Her in the canon of Odigityr." *Saint John of Kronstadt*

"No matter what provokes it, anger blinds the soul's eyes, preventing it from seeing the Sun of Righteousness." *Saint John Cassian*

**Creating the Future** – When a couple marries the crowns placed on their heads are not decorative, or a *novelty* added to Eastern Catholic and Orthodox wedding ceremonies. The Crowning of a man and woman in marriage is the sign of their reception of this Holy Mystery, and the bestowal upon them of a great responsibility. The beauty of the crowns is not only in their appearance but in what they signify: Martyrdom and Kingship. Martyr means "witness," and for the married couple this martyrdom manifests in two ways. Just as the great martyrs of the Church gave up their lives for their faith in Christ, the couple must also "die to self" in service of their new family. This means to focus away from self and toward God, one's spouse and any children that may come. Being a martyr also means that their love for each other is an icon of God's love. No family is perfect, but His grace and our commitment enables us to strive to live holy and generous lives. The Crown of Kingship signifies God's gift of Himself to the couple. He makes them "King and Queen" of their home, giving them stewardship of their resources and freedom to make decisions for the good of the family. God alone creates from nothing, yet He shares His creative power with the married couple. Together with Him husband and wife have the capacity to co-create new life, and their kingdom extends to raising children. The future of all of us depends on solid marriages built on faith in God and crowned with His grace and love.

**Did you know?** The World Meeting of Families event was established by Pope St. John Paul II in 1994. It is held every three years in cities across the world. 2015 is the first time it will be in the United States. Its goals are (1) to strengthen family bonds and (2) to give witness to the fundamental role of the family in society. Learn more at [WorldMeeting2015.org](http://WorldMeeting2015.org). Email Fr. Ed Cimbala, [FREDSTMARY@aol.com](mailto:FREDSTMARY@aol.com), for information on the gathering, and how families with children can get a partial credit on their WMOF Congress registration.

**Looking Ahead:** ECF classes will be starting in on September 20<sup>th</sup> which is catechetical Sunday. See Loretta for more information.

Father Frank will be away at the priest's retreat in New Jersey during the week of September 20<sup>th</sup>. He will leave on Sunday and return Thursday. This is the annual retreat mandated by church law.

Our parish congratulates Penelope Ann Roth who receives the Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist) at today's Liturgy. We also congratulate her parents Cory and Angela. **May God grant to His newly enlightened servant, Penelope Ann, peace, health and happiness for many happy and blessed years!**

"The Church does not dispense the sacrament of baptism in order to acquire for herself an increase in membership but in order to consecrate a human being to God and to communicate to that person the divine gift of birth from God." Hans Urs von Balthasar

<b>Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of August 29 &amp; 30</b>	
Allentown	\$1081
Total Bills	\$1200
Offerings Vs. Expenses	<b>(-\$119.00)</b>
Palmerton	\$176.00
Total Bills	\$0.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	<b>+\$176.00</b>
<b>Bills paid this week: Grass:250.00; Car Insurance: \$705.00; Bulletins: \$188.00; Eastern Catholic Life: \$57.00</b>	
<b>Palmerton: No Bills this Week</b>	

**Liturgical Schedule for  
The Week of September 6, 2015**

**Saturday ~ September 5  
Vigil~ Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

4:00 PM [P] For the People

**Sunday ~ September 6  
Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

10:00 AM [A] Stephen Csaszar by Donna Csaszar

**Tuesday ~ September 8  
Nativity of the Theotokos**

7:00 PM [A] For the People

**Saturday ~ September 12  
Vigil~ Sunday before Exaltation**

4:00 PM [P] Gwendolyn Herman by Joe & Barbara Herman

**Sunday ~ September 13  
Sunday before Exaltation of the  
Cross**

10:00 AM [A] For the People

The readings at the Divine Liturgy for next week are: Galatians 6:11-18 & John 3:13-17