

*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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Saturdays [P] 3:15-3:45 PM
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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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***Prayer List: In your kindness, please
remember the following persons in prayer:***
John & Alicia Sefcik, Loretta Brosky,
Antoinette DeFronzo, Melissa Kavounas,
Dolores Flannery, Theresa Pinto, Kristin &
Bobbie Di Giacomo & family, Doris Smicker &
family, Peter Skimbo & Family, Nicholas
Yackanicz, Charles Hysick, 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.**

On the Cross

*It is to the Cross that the Christian is challenged to follow
his Master: no path of redemption can make a detour around
it. - Hans Urs von Balthasar*

*If you seek to carry no other crosses but those whose reason
you understand, perfection is not for you. -St. Teresa of Avila*

*In this life Jesus does not ask you to carry the heavy cross
with Him, but a small piece of His cross, a piece that
consists of human suffering. St. Padre Pio*

**A Special Collection For Victims Of Violence In The
Middle East**

Bishop Kurt has asked for our participation in the U. S.
Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) special
collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral
support for our affected brothers and sisters in the
Middle East. **The collection will be taken this
weekend.** This will be a second collection in addition to
the usual weekly collection. **Please be generous in
your support for our suffering brothers and sisters
in the Middle East.** *"Not all of us are called to die a
martyr's death, but all of us are called to have the same
spirit of self-sacrifice and love to the very end as these
martyrs had."* - Richard Wurmbrand, *The Midnight
Bride*

Pope: Just as God freely offers salvation, don't give hoping to benefit

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Christians are called to help those who have nothing to give and love those who don't
love back, Pope Francis said. Salvation and changing the world for the better require "doing good to those who
aren't able to repay us, just like the Father did with us, giving us Jesus," the pope said at his weekly general
audience in St. Peter's Square Sept 10. "How much have we paid for our redemption? Nothing! It was all free!
So do good without expecting something in return. Just as the father did with us, we have to do the same. Do
good and keep going! It's not enough to love the one who loves us. It's not enough to do good to those who
help us." People are called not to be self-centered, but to model themselves after Jesus' gratuitous love, he
said. The pope continued a series of talks on the nature of the Catholic Church, focusing on "the church as a
mother who teaches us the works of mercy."

For some Iraqi Christians, returning to homeland is not an option

BEIRUT (CNS) -- Uprooted from his home in Iraq by the advance of Islamic State fighters, Nouree sees no
future for Christians in his country. "It's like a nightmare," the Chaldean Catholic father of six told Catholic News
from a modest apartment in Beirut where he and his family have temporarily resettled after fleeing Iraq. "They
just came and took our villages," Nouree said of the militants. Nouree requested that his full name not be used
to protect his identity. "It's not a coincidence. It's like a plan to rid the region of Christians. We Christians paid
the price, and the Yezidis (the minority religious community) did, too," Nouree said. "Even though they pushed
us out, we won't forget our homeland. This is our past, our history." His village, Tel Isqof, about 19 miles north
of Mosul, was home to some 1,500 Christian families, all of whom fled the advance of the Islamic State fighters
in early August. For nearly two months, following the militants' attack on Mosul in June, Nouree and his family
slept on the roof of their house to watch for flashing lights of artillery shelling, signaling such an advance
because there were constant rumors that the fighters were coming toward their village. "We were always on
alert. We thought that at least if there was an attack, we could see it coming and evacuate, to save ourselves,"
Nouree said.

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of September 6 & 7	
Allentown	\$1808.00
Total Bills	\$1145.93
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$662.07
Palmerton	\$208.00
Total Bills	\$24.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+184.00
Bills paid this week:	
Allentown: Eastern Catholic Life:\$136.00; Pest Control: \$43.50; Heating Oil Budget Plan (Church):\$428.00; Phone:\$68.43; Priest Retreat: \$400.00; Computer Desk Payment: \$70.00	
Palmerton: Eastern Catholic Life: \$24.00	