

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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Prayer List: *In your kindness, please remember the following persons in prayer:* Carol Baran, John & Alicia Sefcik, Shirley Balascak, Loretta Brosky, Antoinette DeFronzo,, 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, Barry Hoffman, Chet Greene

From the Saints and Elders

Do not be ashamed to enter again into the Church. Be ashamed when you sin. Do not be ashamed when you repent. Pay attention to what the devil did to you. These are two things: sin and repentance. Sin is a wound; repentance is a medicine. Just as there are for the body wounds and medicines, so for the soul are sins and repentance. However, sin has the shame and repentance possesses the courage. love looks like. *Saint John Chrysostom*


The drunkard, the fornicator, the proud—he will receive God’s mercy. But he who does not want to forgive, to excuse, to justify consciously, intentionally ... that person closes himself to eternal life before God, and even more so in the present life. He is turned away and not heard [by God]. *Elder Sampson*

You receive the Cup which seemingly comes from the hands of man. What is it to you whether the bearer of the Cup acts righteously or unrighteously? As a follower of Jesus, your concern is to act righteously; to receive the Cup with thanksgiving to God and with a living faith; and courageously to drink it to the dregs. + *St. Ignatius Brianchaninov*

OPPORTUNITY! Remember to participate in our fundraising opportunities! **GIFT CARD** orders are placed every Monday. Register on line to order any time you would like using Prestopay or place your order with a paper order form located in the back of the church and make check payable to St. Michael's BC Church. **ST. MICHAEL'S AFFINITY GROUP** - Whenever you or anyone you know is buying or selling real estate, contact Janice or Nick Kavounas at Coldwell Banker Heritage Real Estate. 20% of the brokerage fee will be donated back to the church. Call Janice Kavounas at [484-553-3828](tel:484-553-3828) or jmk@cbheritage.com for details.

Mary's Shelter: Between now and the end of January we will be collecting baby supplies for Mary's Shelter in Bethlehem. Mary's Shelter Cay Galgon Center provides housing and social services to young women who are pregnant and need a supportive environment because of a lack of suitable housing or favorable family relationships. Applicants must be pregnant, clean and sober and motivated to actively participate in the program activities. Their wish list of baby supplies needed is at http://www.marysshelter.org/wish_list.php and will be printed in our bulletin within a week or so. Last year the people at the shelter were overwhelmed by your generosity. Let's overwhelm them with generosity again this year!

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of December 26 & 27	
Allentown	\$1386.00
Christmas	\$4525.00
Total Bills	\$135.90
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$5775.10
Palmerton	\$156.00
Christmas	\$398.00
Total Bills	\$105.91
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$448.09
Bills paid this week: Yard Work: \$75.00; Phone:\$23.48; UGI (Rectory):\$24.71; UGI (Hall): \$12.71	
Palmerton: Priest Pension Fund: \$87.50; PPL (Hall): 18.41	



“People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”
— **Mother Teresa**

Wednesday, January 5 is the feast of the Theophany, the Baptism of our Lord. It is a holy day of obligation. This means we have the same obligation to attend the Divine Liturgy as we do on a Sunday. The obligation is so serious that the church teaches that it is a mortal sin to miss liturgy on a Sunday or holy day of obligation and that you must confess and receive sacramental absolution before receiving communion if you miss church on these days without a good reason like illness or inability to drive at night. For your convenience, we will have Liturgy with the Blessing of Water in Palmerton on Tuesday at

7:00 PM and Liturgy with the Great Blessing of Water on Wednesday at 7:00 PM in Allentown. You can bring containers to take holy water for use at home and small bottles will also be available.

Liturgical Schedule for The Week of January 3, 2016

Saturday ~ January 2
Vigil~ Sunday before Theophany

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday ~ January 3
Sunday before Theophany

10:00 AM [A] Health & Blessings for Stephen Wursta Sr. on his 88th Birthday by the Theodore Wursta Family

Tuesday ~ January 5
Vigil of Theophany/ Blessing of Water

7:00 PM [P] For the People

Wednesday ~ January 6
Theophany/ Blessing of Water

7:00 PM [A] For the People

Saturday ~ January 9
Vigil~ Sunday after Theophany

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday ~ January 3
Sunday after Theophany

10:00 AM [A] Charles Hysick by Granddaughter Anna Hysick