

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
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Baptisms and Weddings:
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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 March 6, 2016

Saturday ~ March 5
Vigil~ John Climacus

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday ~ March 6
John Climacus

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

Friday ~ March 11
Presanctified Liturgy

CANCELLED

Saturday ~ March 12
Vigil~ Mary of Egypt

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday ~ March 13
Mary of Egypt/ Liturgy with Baptism

10:00 AM [A] Health & Blessings for the Ivory family on the occasion of the baptism of their new baby

The Sunday readings for next week are: Hebrews 9:11-14 and Mark 10:32-45

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, Faye Ketz

Saint Quotes

Even if we perform upon thousands of good works, my brethren: fasts, prayers, almsgiving; even if we shed our blood for our Christ and we don't have these two loves [love of God and love of brethren], but on the contrary have hatred and malice toward our brethren, all the good we have done is of the devil and we go to hell. But, you say, we go to hell despite all the good we do because of that little hatred? Yes, my brethren, because that hatred is the devil's poison, and just as when we put a little yeast in a hundred pounds of flour it has such power that it causes all the dough to rise, so it is with hatred. It transforms all the good we have done into the devil's poison. +St. Kosmas Aitolos

If we make every effort to avoid death of the body, still more should it be our endeavor to avoid death of the soul. There is no obstacle for a man who wants to be saved other than negligence and laziness of soul.

St. Anthony the Great

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.

Easter Egg Hunt- The annual Easter egg hunt for children and grandchildren of St. Michael's parishioners will be held at 9:00 am, Palm Sunday, on the parish grounds. Participants must be 12 years old or younger. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served after the Easter egg hunt.

Daylight savings time begins next Sunday, March 13. Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

Lent through the Lens of Grace

Just imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced. Imagine that there will be many graces offered us this year. Let's even imagine that God is going to help transform our lives, with greater freedom, greater joy, and deeper desires for love and service. Preparing our hearts is a process of preparing our desires. This means practicing our sense of anticipation. If we imagine Lent as an "ordeal" or a time to dread in some way, then we've already pre-disposed ourselves to not get very much out of it. These days before Lent are a time to start anticipating something wonderful that is about to happen. Our sense of excitement and anticipation will grow more easily if we begin to imagine what God wants to give us. There is something coming that we can truly look forward to. If we get too focused on ourselves and what we are going to do or not do, we could risk missing the gift God wants to give us. We have to keep aware of the fact that grace comes from God. This is about God's great desire to bless us. With this mindset, it is easier for us to imagine that what we really want to do is place ourselves in a space to receive what God wants to give us. We receive God's gifts as body-persons. We experience things with our senses, relish them with our imaginations, and share in God's own creative and loving activity when our hearts and hands work together for and with others. We can let our homes be places full of the holy – things that help raise our minds and hearts to God. Our world is full of so many images that lure our minds and hearts elsewhere. Some symbols will carry the ongoing meaning we give them, for us and for our families and loved ones. We can make sure that we have a crucifix in a central place in our home during Lent. A bowl of water on our dining room table can be transformed into a reminder of our preparing to renew our baptismal promises. A candle can be lit at each meal to remind us of the light of Christ among us in Lent. Placing a Bible in a central place in our home reminds us of the central place of God's Word in our lives on this Lenten journey. This year's Lent can be different. It will take an openness to God's grace, a deep desire to receive what is being offered us, and a few signs and symbols to help us stay focused throughout the season. But if we do these things, God's desire for our hearts and our desire for greater union with God will meet. Lent will no longer feel like a burden, but rather a blessing. *Andy Alexander, S.J. and Maureen McCann Waldron*

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of February 27 & 28	
Allentown	\$1460.00
Total Bills	\$873.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$587.00
Palmerton	\$229.00
Total Bills	\$121.60
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$107.40
Bills paid this week: Cleaning church:\$300.00; Cantor: \$150.00; Cable/ Internet: \$71.06; Telephone (Rectory):\$22.73; UGI (Center):\$13.69; UGI (Rectory): \$78.61; Water Treatment (Rectory): \$44.41; Pest Control: \$45.75; Bulletin Covers: \$147.40	
Palmerton: PPL (Church): \$97.83; PPL(Hall): 23.77	