

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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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, Maryann Wilk, Barry Hoffman, Chet Greene, Faye Ketz, Lila Smerkanich

Saint Quotes

"What does it mean to take up your cross? It means the willing acceptance, at the hand of Providence, of every means of healing, bitter though it may be, that is offered. Do great catastrophes fall on you? Be obedient to God's will, as Noah was. Is sacrifice demanded of you? Give yourself into God's hands with the same faith as Abram had when he went to sacrifice his son. Is your property ruined? Do your children die suddenly? Suffer it all with patience, cleaving to God in your heart, as Job did. Do your friends forsake you, and you find yourself surrounded by enemies? Bear it all without grumbling, and with faith that God's help is at hand, as the apostles did."
+ St. Nikolai Velimirovich

'To cling always to God and to the things of God - this must be our major effort, this must be the road that the heart follows unswervingly.' St. John Cassian

Liturgical Schedule for The Week of April 10, 2016

Saturday April 9
Vigil~ Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday April 10
Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women

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

Saturday April 16
Vigil~ Sunday of the Paralytic Man

4:00 PM [P] Health & Blessings for Gary Dvorak by Joseph & Barbara Herman

Sunday April 17
Sunday of the Paralytic Man

10:00 AM [A] For the People

The Sunday readings for next week are: Acts 9:32-42 & John 5:1-15

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.

Sunday of The Ointment-bearers

By Fr. John Sekellick

Since Easter Sunday, in place of a selection from the epistles, we have been reading a portion of the Acts of the Apostles. Today's selection (6:1-7) describes the appointment of the first seven deacons. These men are chosen to ensure the daily administration of the Christian community, that is, the distribution of material help to those in need. The reason for this special work is to allow the apostles to concentrate on their spiritual activities of prayer and preaching.

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The specialization of work gives us an important perspective; it helps us to see the two-fold focus of social and spiritual interaction within the Christian community. On one hand, it is necessary to serve tables, as the account in the Acts puts it. Help to the community certainly should not be available. On the other hand, the Gospel involves more than social work. There must be provision for spiritual activity as well.

The apostles learned this very early in their ministry. They established a division of work so that the common good of the community would benefit. Their example to us shows how various responsibilities can and must be shared. Today's reading demonstrates a balance between caring for our physical needs and concern for a proper spiritual orientation. Too much emphasis on one only leads to neglect of the other.

When the apostles themselves recognized their dilemma, they arrived at an answer by involving others in the work which was distracting them from their spiritual ministry. We too can sometimes become overburdened in our efforts at managing our own lives. Most importantly, their example shows us how dependent we are on each other not only for material considerations but especially for our spiritual welfare.

When Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians for the first time, he explained to them the interdependence which exists within the Church. This, in part, is what he said:

"For as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, many as they are, form one body, so also it is with Christ.... And if one member suffers anything, all the members suffer with it, or if one member glories, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, member for member." (12:12, 26-27).

Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles is a practical situation that gave the early Christian community a challenge to fulfill the needs of many people without neglecting the inner needs of the apostles themselves. That has become in the Church a model for service to others both materially and spiritually.

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of April 2 & 3	
Allentown	\$669.00
Total Bills	\$154.95
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$514.05
Palmerton	\$104.00
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