

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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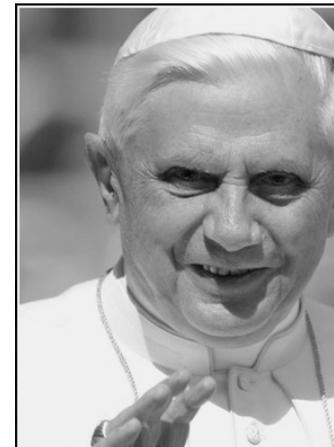
Confessions:
Saturdays [P] 3:15-3:45 PM
Sundays: [A] 9:00-9:30 AM
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If you are looking for a spiritual home, please know you are always welcome to be a part of our Parish Family.
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The Love of a Father

It is not easy being a father. One cynic, speaking from his own experience, noted that children go through four fascinating stages. First they call you DaDa. Then they call you Daddy. As they mature they call you Dad. Finally they call you collect. Today we salute fathers. Dads, we love you. The role of a Christian father is more important in today's world than ever before. It is a different roll than in earlier generations. In most households today Dad is called upon to play more of a nurturing role in caring for children. If Mom works outside the home, Dad must take a more active role in doing household chores. Dad is no longer "lord of the castle." Hopefully, however, he has not been reduced to being another of the vassals. Today's father needs to be nurturing of his children, supportive of his wife, and yet at the same time provide the spiritual leadership of the home that the Bible accords to fathers. It is a rare man, a special kind of man, who can combine all three of these qualities. We salute Christian fathers this day. Your family needs you more than ever before. The most common image that Jesus used in describing God was that of "Father." It makes me think that Joseph must have been a very special kind of father. We center much of our attention on his mother, Mary, but Joseph must have also combined those very special qualities of strength and gentleness that we associate with Jesus. Jesus had a very keen knowledge of the Old Testament Scriptures. In the Jewish home it was the father who had the primary responsibility for his son's religious instruction. Of course we know that Jesus had an unique relationship with God. Still, I have to believe that Joseph, though barely mentioned in the Gospel narrative, was probably an influential role model for Jesus. Why else would Jesus have chosen the imagery of "Father" to portray God? In Matthew 10: 29-31 we have one of the most important Scriptural reminders of the love of our Heavenly Father for His children. "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?" Jesus asks, "And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's will. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore; you are of value than many sparrows. What moving testimony to the very intimate love has for each of us.

1. Sparrows Do Fall from Skies
2. Life's Problems are Not Punishment for Our Sins
3. We Never Fall Beyond the Watchful Eye of the Father.



If you follow the will of God, you know that in spite of all the terrible things that happen to you, you will never lose a final refuge. You know that the foundation of the world is love, so that even when no human being can or will help you, you may go on, trusting in the One that loves you.

— Pope Benedict XVI —

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of June 11 & 12	
Allentown	\$3701.00
Total Bills	\$174.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$3527.00
Palmerton	\$130.00
Total Bills	\$399.85
Offerings Vs. Expenses	-\$269.85
Bills paid this week: Eastern Catholic Life: \$174.00	
Palmerton. Church Envelopes:\$263.46; Eastern Catholic Life:\$57.00;PPL: \$79.39	

The Scripture readings for next week (The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost) are: Romans 12:6-14 and Matthew 9:1-8

Marks of the True Christian

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Liturgical Schedule for The Week of June 19, 2016

Saturday June 18 Vigil~ Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

4:00 PM [P] +For the People

Sunday June 19 Fifth Sunday of Pentecost/ Father's Day

9:00 AM [A] Living & Deceased Fathers of our Parish Families

Thursday June 23 Vigil Birth of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 PM [A] Private Intention

Saturday June 25 Vigil~ Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

4:00 PM [P] +For the People

Sunday June 26 Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 AM [A] Stephen Csazar by Daughter Donna Csazar

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 Mehalschick Family, Doris Smicker & family, Peter Skimbo & Family, Nicholas Yackanicz, Josephine Wilk, Maryann Wilk, Barry Hoffman, Chet Greene, Lila Smerkanich,, Fatima Eslami, Roger Susanin

The Popes on Fatherhood

Original sin is not only the violation of a positive command ... but ... attempts ... to abolish fatherhood, destroying its rays which permeate the created world, placing in doubt the truth about God who is Love and leaving man with only a sense of the master-slave relationship. Pope St. John Paul II

Yes, the civilization of love is possible; it is not a utopia. But it is only possible by a constant and ready reference to the "Father from whom all fatherhood and motherhood on earth is named," from whom every human family comes. Pope St. John Paul II

God himself "willed to manifest and describe himself as Father." "Human fatherhood gives us an anticipation of what He is. But when this fatherhood does not exist, when it is experienced only as a biological phenomenon, without its human and spiritual dimension, all statements about God the Father are empty. The crisis of fatherhood we are living today is an element, perhaps the most important, threatening man in his humanity. The dissolution of fatherhood and motherhood is linked to the dissolution of our being sons and daughters." Pope Benedict XVI