

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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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, Lila Smerkanich,, Fatima Eslami, Roger Susanin, Father Phillip Scott, Lois Brink

From the Saints

"Preferring nothing to Him who preferred nothing to us, clinging tenaciously to His love, standing by His Cross with loyalty and courage ... This is what it means to do the will of the Father." -St. Cyprian

'Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and pray for them.'

The Blessed Virgin, Our Lady of Fatima

'God has no need of your money, but the poor have. You give it to the poor, and God receives it.' -St. Augustine

'Be devout to the Madonna, keep yourself from sin, and God will deliver you from your evils.' St. Philip Neri

'Forget your own interests and leave the care of yourself to your heavenly Father. The further you withdraw from self, the closer you draw to God.' St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Coffee & Cake! Come one come all! Join in the fun at a little social hour after liturgy TODAY July 10! We can catch up with our fellow parishioners and have a little snack! It is important that we spend time together outside Liturgy to have fellowship and get to know each other as a parish family. Please try to attend.

8th Sunday After Pentecost
By Fr. Gary Powell, O.F.M. Cap.

This, the 8th Sunday after Pentecost in the Church Year, we are confronted with some basic truths of our faith: unity and the Eucharist, in the Epistle, St. Paul is writing to the Church at Corinth, probably around the year 57 A.D. Corinth was a Roman colony built on the remains of an old Greek city and it was materially prosperous and morally corrupt. St. Paul is speaking out against the divisions which he finds in this Christian Church.

The words of this Epistle (1 Corinthians 1: 10-17) certainly could be addressed to the Church of America! A divided Christ is unthinkable to Paul. A fragmented Christ is an inauthentic Christ. Facing the facts, we can see that our modern Christian community is a divided community. All claim allegiance to Christ one way or another. All espouse a Christian viewpoint one way or another. How can a Church of Christ say it's a woman's right to kill an unborn baby? How can a Church of Christ give its approval to mocking a political leader just because he is pro-life? How can a Church of Christ feel it is better than someone else and look down on them? How can a Church of Christ speak authentically to a divided world about unity and peace when in many

The Scripture readings for next week (Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils) are: Hebrews 13:7-16 & John 17:1-12

¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go forth to him outside the camp, bearing abuse for him. ¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

sections it is divided and at war with each other? St. Paul is correct when he says a fragmented Christ is an inauthentic Christ. The challenge of unity reminds us that there is plenty of room among us for difference and diversity, but no room for division and dissension. Diversity enriches us while division destroys us! If the larger Christian Church is ever to be one again, it must start with each one of us in our local Churches. There are so many opportunities for us at home, our parishes, school, our places of work to cooperate with one another. Why waste them arguing and quarreling, when we can experience the satisfaction that comes from working together? Our Gospel passage (Matthew 14: 14-22) is the multiplication of the bread and fish. The crowds had followed Jesus on foot from everywhere, because He had something to give them, and He share it with them willingly. Spiritually Jesus shared His divine wisdom with the people. Jesus felt sympathy for their needs. His heart was moved to pity and he cured their sick. Then, with His great generosity, he fed them because they were hungry. But above all, the multiplication of loaves and fish the sign of a spiritual reality that Jesus is the food for our souls, the living bread come down from heaven. Do we truly appreciate the Lord's presence in the Eucharist? Do we receive Holy Communion respectfully? Are we receiving the Lord Jesus with hearts that are fostering disunity and hate when the Eucharist is supposed to be the center of our love and unity?

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of July 2 & 3	
Allentown	\$932.10
Total Bills	\$557.45
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$374.65
Palmerton	
Total Bills	\$288.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$288.00
Bills paid this week: Cut Grass (4x):\$300.00; Repair Church Air Conditioning: \$236.25; Office Supplies:\$21.20	
Palmerton: No Bills This Week	

Liturgical Schedule for The Week of July 10, 2016

Saturday July 9
Vigil~ Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 PM [P] No Liturgy- Father Away

Sunday July 10
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM [A] For the People

Saturday July 16
Vigil~ Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday July 17
Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils

9:00 AM [A] +Mary & John Stefanick by John A. Stefanick