

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 Mehalschick 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, Gabrielle Yaskanich

From the Popes

The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." *Pope Benedict XVI*

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world." *Pope Saint John Paul II*

"Genuine love is demanding, but its beauty lies precisely in the demands it makes." *Pope Francis*

"Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed." *Pope Benedict XVI*

"Seeing with the eyes of Christ, I can give to others much more than their outward necessities; I can give them the look of love which they crave."
— *Pope Benedict XVI, God Is Love: Deus Caritas Est*

Our parish family offers warm congratulations to Julie Zemyan and Alex Dapkewicz who were joined in matrimony at Saint Michael's yesterday. **May God grant to His newlywed servants Alex and Julie peace health and happiness for many happy and blessed years!**

14th Sunday After Pentecost, Fr. Gary Powell O.F.M. Cap.

The first reading for the Liturgy for the 14th Sunday After Pentecost is from 2 Corinthians 1:21-24; 2:1-4. The terms *gives us security, seal, first ins/ailment* are used in this section analogously to refer to the process of initiation into the Christian life, perhaps specifically to Baptism. The passage is clearly Trinitarian. The Spirit is *the first installment* or "down payment" of the full messianic benefits that God guarantees to Christians.

True Love- The concluding part of this weekend's Reading has St. Paul telling the Corinthians that he

will work for their joy and to stand firm in the faith. All the afflictions and anguish that he is suffering, he is bearing so that his readers will know the abundant love he has for them. St. Paul is speaking frankly to them about his feelings. Do we have friends with whom we can speak openly and frankly? Do we let these friends know how much we appreciate them? If not, isn't it time to start? Have we told someone recently that we love them? Has anyone seen the presence of the Lord in our actions recently? Have we upheld the teachings of the Catholic faith when all around us the forces of evil are tearing them down? Practical questions for practical Christians...

Suspicious Motivation

As well as gratitude and admiration, great generosity often evokes suspicion in some hearts. Unsolicited generosity,

especially, sometimes causes people to question the motivation of the big hearted donor. The first reaction is to wonder that does the giver receive in return. We find it hard to believe that there may be no return. The human condition makes us skeptical about disinterested unselfishness in anybody. As a result, we may even doubt God's generosity.

Accepting the Invitation

So, Jesus goes to great trouble to convince us of God's unconditional self-giving. One of the central parables He uses is this weekend's story of everyone being invited to the wedding feast (St. Matthew 22:2-14) The feast is a symbol of God's sharing Himself with us. Some reject the invitation to be part of God's people and so lose out on eternal life. Others accept the invitation at first, but then refuse to live as God asks and their loss is just as great. It is not that God withdraws the gift but that their selfish life-style prevents them from accepting it.

The question is not why does God love us so recklessly, but why do we not let such love melt our hearts so that we would live forever dressed in the wedding garment of His friendship. May the Word of God dwell in our hearts and guide the actions of our lives.

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of August 13 & 14	
Allentown	\$1013.00
Total Bills	\$0.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+1013.00
Palmerton	\$120.00
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Bills paid this week: No Bills Paid This Week	
Palmerton: No Bills This Week	

Liturgical Schedule for The Week of August 21, 2016

Saturday August 20 Vigil~ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

No Liturgy due to wedding in Allentown

Sunday August 21 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM [A] +Melissa Kavounas by Janice & Nick Kavounas

Saturday August 27 Vigil~ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 PM [P] For the people

Sunday August 28 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM [A] + Paul F. Yaromy by Ronald Getz