

**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  
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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, Gabrielle Yaskanich

**From the Saints on the Cross**

Whoever does not seek the cross of Christ doesn't seek the glory of Christ. - *St. John of the Cross*

You will be consoled according to the greatness of your sorrow and affliction; the greater the suffering, the greater will be the reward. - *St. Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi*

If God sends you many sufferings, it is a sign that He has great plans for you and certainly wants to make you a saint. - *St. Ignatius Loyola*

We ought to glory in nothing other than the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are blessed and don't know it. You have Jesus Crucified with you. - *St. Paul of the Cross*

In the heart of Jesus, which was pierced, the kingdom of heaven and the land of earth are bound together. Here is for us the source of life. This heart is the heart of the Triune Divinity, and the center of all human hearts ... it draws us to itself with secret power, it conceals us in itself in the Father's bosom and floods us with the Holy Spirit. This heart, it beats for us in a small tabernacle where it remains mysteriously hidden in that still, white host. - *St. Edith Stein (Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)*

**Coffee and Cake Social:** Don't forget to attend the monthly social after church THIS Sunday, September 11! Come and enjoy some fellowship with your parish family!

**Don't Forget!** That the Liturgy Schedule changes next week to 10 AM. ECF classes will also begin next Sunday at 9 AM.

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS** By Fr. Jerome Machar, OCSO.

The author of Hebrews wrote: "Continue to love each other like brothers, remember always to welcome strangers, for by doing this, some people have entertained angels without knowing it" (Heb. 13: 12). We could imagine the story of Abraham and his three guests was being referred to. St. Benedict dedicated Chapter 53 of his Rule

The Scripture readings for next week (Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost) are: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 & Luke 5:1-11

The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.

to the reception of Guests: "All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (RB 53. 1). As Mother Theresa was wont to say, the Lord comes to us in many distressing disguises. Unfortunately, we tend to avert our gaze as we rush past Him. We either don't want to get involved or we fear being taken advantage of. To salve our consciences, we disguise our cold indifference towards others we employ some very pious terms: "custody of the eyes" or "prayerful recollection" or "fuga mundi". It is strange that people will weep as they look at a crucifix, and then will stare dry-eyed at another human being in pain or distress. "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son" (Jn. 3: 16). "The Word was made Flesh, and lived among us" (Jn. 1: 14), so that the children of Adam and Eve might once again walk with God in the cool of the day (cf. Gen. 3: 8). Christ stretched out His arms on the Cross that we might stretch out our hands to those in need. Whenever we help someone in trouble, we are helped by Him Who first loved us. Qoheleth was not wrong when he wrote: "Cast your bread on the waters; at long last you will find it again" (Qo. 11: 1). We need to remember the words of Jesus: "Give and there will be gifts for you: full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back" (Lk. 6: 38). I'd like to close with a story. Driving home after a long hard day, a construction worker spotted a car pulled off the road. The driver was a fashionably dress woman, who seemed nervous and anxious. Parking his car behind hers, he called out: "My name is Joe. If you open the trunk of your car, I'll do what I can to get you on your way." Once the tire was changed, he refused to take any money. He looked at the lady and said, "I've been in your shoes many times myself. All I ask is that the next time you meet someone in need, lend a hand." With that he drove off. A while later, the lady pulled into a small diner to have supper. The waitress was in the last stages of her pregnancy and movement from table to table required great effort. Yet she did so with a smile and tried to make each of her customers' comfortable. Clearing the table where the well dressed lady took her meal, she found an envelope containing \$100. On the envelope was a note: "I've been in your shoes many times myself. All I ask is that the next time you meet someone in need, lend a hand." The gift filled her with hope. That night, when the waitress got home, she found her husband sleeping at the table, his head resting on a stack of unpaid bills. She smiled as his eyes met hers. Placing the envelope in his hands, she said: "Joe, I think everything will be alright." With that, they embraced and praised God for His loving kindness towards them.

<b>Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of September 3 &amp; 4</b>	
<b>Allentown</b>	\$1415.00
<b>Total Bills</b>	\$174.00
<b>Offerings Vs. Expenses</b>	<b>+\$1241.00</b>
<b>Palmerton</b>	
<b>Total Bills</b>	\$260.00
<b>Offerings Vs. Expenses</b>	<b>+\$260.00</b>
<b>Bills paid this week:</b> Eastern Catholic Life Subscriptions: \$174.00	
<b>Palmerton:</b> No Bills This Week	

**Liturgical Schedule for The Week of September 11, 2016**

**Saturday September 10 Vigil~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**Sunday September 11 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 AM [A] For the people

**Wednesday September 14 Exaltation of the Cross**

7:00 PM [A] For the people

**Saturday September 17 Vigil~ Sunday after Exaltation of the Cross**

4:00 PM [P] For the people

**Sunday September 18 Sunday after Exaltation of the Cross**

10:00 AM [A] +Charles Hysick by Granddaughters Anna & Penelope