

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
and by appointment
Baptisms and Weddings:
See Father Frank

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, Gabriella Yaskanich

Catholic Quotes

"Be thankful for the least gift, so shalt thou be meant to receive greater." – Thomas a Kempis

"We should not accept in silence the benefactions of God, but return thanks for them." – St. Basil the Great

"Take a moment to think of everything you're proud of about yourself and your life. Then ask yourself if you would have any of this without God's permission and aid? Give credit where credit is due; praise and thank Him, not yourself." – St. Francis of Assisi

"We must never undervalue any person. The workman loves not that his work should be despised in his presence. Now God is present everywhere, and every person is His work." – St. Francis de Sales

"Our good Redeemer, by speedily granting what is asked, draws to His love those who are grateful. But He keeps ungrateful souls praying a long time before Him, hungering and thirsting for what they want, since a badly trained dog rushes off as soon as it is given bread and leaves the giver behind." – St. John Climacus

Eternal Memory to Peter Skimbo who fell asleep in the Lord this past week and who will be buried from Kohut Funeral Home on Monday at 10 AM. Please remember him in your prayers!

Looking Ahead: Father will be away on vacation from February 13 to 23. Father Edward Higgins will be filling in for him. He will have Liturgy in Allentown on Saturday, February 18 at 4:00 PM. There will be no Sunday Liturgy that weekend. Also, Liturgy is cancelled that weekend in Palmerton to ease Father Higgins' schedule. In case of a

funeral, Father Higgins will be called.

Thanks for your understanding in accommodating this temporary schedule so Father Frank can take a vacation!

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Today we are confronted with a new parable, or rather, a new story of the life of Christ: the story of Zacchaeus. This story speaks to us again directly and the question which is been asked from us is this: What matters to me more? The good opinion of people around me, that people should not jeer at you, laugh at you because you are seeking to see God, to meet Him, or the necessity, the inner call to discover everything provided you can see Christ face to face? Is vanity stronger in us or the hunger for God? And Saint John of the Ladder says clearly that vanity is contempt of God and cowardice

before men. What is our attitude: are we prepared to discard everything, provided we can meet God - or not? And in our circumstances it is not so much people who will prevent us, people will not jeer at us, they will not laugh at us: they will be totally indifferent; but this does not mean that we like beggars not turn to them, hoping for their approval, and in order to receive this approval, turn away from our search, from the only thing that can heal us and give us new life.

Also, we will find within ourselves conflicting voices, saying, Don't! Don't make yourself ridiculous! Don't single yourself out by a search which is not necessary; you have got everything... Zacchaeus was rich, Zacchaeus was known as an honorable citizen - so are we! We possess so much, we are respected - are we going to start on a road that will make us into what Paul calls 'the scum of the earth', debase us? This is the question which today's story of Zacchaeus says to us: is vanity, that is the search of things which are vain, empty, and the fear of other people's opinion that will prevail, or the hunger each of us has, at times, acute for a meeting with the living God? Amen. *Metropolitan Anthony Bloom*

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of January 11 & 22	
Allentown	\$1344.00
Total Bills	\$300.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$1044.00
Palmerton	\$
Total Bills	\$255.10
Offerings Vs. Expenses	-
Bills paid this week: Church Cleaning: \$300.00	
Palmerton: Sewer, Water, Trash: \$255.10	

Liturgical Schedule for The Week of January 29, 2017

Saturday January 28
Vigil~ Sunday of Zacchaeus

4:00 PM [P] For the people

Sunday January 29
Sunday of Zacchaeus

10:00 AM [A] Joseph & Mary Parcell by Georgiana & Rich Davidson

Thursday February 2
Encounter with Simeon

7:00 PM [A] +Josephine Hanincik by Ann Springborn

Saturday February 4
Vigil~ Sunday of the Publican & Pharisees

4:00 PM [P] For the people

Sunday February 5
Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

10:00 AM [A] +Mlynek Family by Carl Mlynek