

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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and by appointment
Baptisms and Weddings:
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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, Josephine Koshute,, Fatima Eslami, Roger Susanin, Father Phillip Scott, Lois Brink, Gabriella Yackanicz

Catholic Quotes

"I thank God for His goodness to me. Apart from heaven, this (prison camp) is the one place where I wish to remain. Here we are all equal: Poles, Jews, Ukrainians, Russians, Latvians and Estonians. Of all these here I am the only priest. I cannot even imagine how it would be here without me. Here I see God, who is the same for us all, regardless of our religious distinctions. Perhaps our churches are different, but the same great and Almighty God rules over us all. When I celebrate the Divine Liturgy, they all join in prayer." – Blessed Emilian Kowcz

"The Church must discover the power of silence. Confronted with the sorrows, doubts and uncertainties of people she cannot pretend to give easy solutions. In Jesus, silence becomes the way of attentive listening, compassion and prayer. It is the way to truth." – Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle

"Compassion is preferable to cleanliness: with a little bit of soap I can clean my bed, but think of the flood of tears I would require to clean from my soul the stain that harshness against this unfortunate would leave." Saint Martin de Porres

"To those who wish to stand in God's grace, neither the guardianship of saints nor the defenses of angels are wanting." – Saint Hilary of Poitiers

Looking ahead: Bible study begins again on January 12 and 13. Father Frank will be away on January 26 and 27 to attend the March for Life in Washington.

The power of water blessed at Theophany

"From long experience, I have learned that there is nothing like holy water to put devils to flight and prevent them from coming back again. They also flee from the Cross, but return; so holy water must have great virtue. For my own part, whenever I take it, my soul feels a particular and most notable consolation." – St. Teresa of Avila

Here is a list of eight ways to use holy water in your everyday life:

1. Bless yourself – This suggestion is obvious, but if we are only blessing ourselves with holy water on Sunday, then aren't we missing out on the rest of the week? You can never have too much grace or blessing in your life. Use holy water daily. Keeping a holy water font in the home is a great idea so that you, your family, and guests can be blessed in the comings and goings from your home.

The Scripture readings for next week (35th Sunday after Pentecost) are: **Colossians 3:12-16 and Luke 18:18-27**

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, ¹³ forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.

5. Bless your car – The car is probably the most dangerous place where you spend a significant amount of time each day. Never underestimate the power of holy water applied to your vehicle to keep you safe from harm's way, when used in faith and trust in God. In fact, you can also have a priest bless your car with holy water.

6. Bless your vegetable garden – It was a common practice in the Middle Ages for people to sprinkle their vegetable gardens with holy water. In times when people were very dependent on crops for their livelihood, lack of rain or early frosts could be devastating. Using holy water to bless and sanctify the plants that would be used for the family's sustenance showed their reliance on God's grace.

7. Bless the sick – If you know of any sick friends or family, then blessing them with holy water probably counts as a corporeal and a spiritual work of mercy. If you visit the sick in a hospital or nursing home, bless their living space with holy water and leave a holy water bottle with them as a comfort in their time of need.

8. Bless your pets – Many parishes on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi have a rite of blessing for pets. Pets are loved companions for individuals and families and often provide a great service to them, and even these can be blessed with holy water because all creation has the end of giving glory to God.

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of December 17 & 18	
Allentown	\$1294.00
Total Bills	\$889.97
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$404.03
Palmerton	No Liturgy
Total Bills	\$0.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	NA
Bills paid this week: Phone/Fax: \$48.65; Candles: \$445.00; Office Supplies: \$96.32; Church and Center Cleaning: \$300.00	
Palmerton: No Bills	

Keep the font right by the front door to ensure you never leave home without it.

2. Bless your house – If you haven't taken the time to bless your house with holy water, then no time is better than the present. Your home is the domestic Church and is in need of spiritual protection. You can sprinkle holy water in your home yourself, or have a priest formally bless your home using holy water as part of the house blessing ceremony.

3. Bless your family – Use holy water to pray and make the Sign of the Cross over your spouse and children before they go to sleep at night. Bonding the family to each other and to God in this way is a great family tradition to adopt. Keep a holy water bottle by the bedside for this purpose.

4. Bless your work space – If you work outside of the home, sprinkling your work space with holy water is a great idea, not only for spiritual protection on the work front, but also as to sanctify your daily work for the glory of God.

Liturgical Schedule for The Week of January 8, 2017

Saturday January 7 Sunday after Theophany

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday January 8 Vigil~Sunday after Theophany

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

Saturday January 14 Vigil~ 35th Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 PM [P] Special Intention by Anonymous

Sunday January 15 35th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM [A] For the People