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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<u>Liturgical Schedule for</u> <u>The Week of February 26, 2017</u>

<u>Saturday February 25</u> <u>Vigil~ Sunday of Cheesefare</u>

4:00 PM [P] For the people

Sunday February 26 Sunday of Cheesefare

10:00 AM [A] + Peter Skimbo by Father Frank

Friday March 3

7:00 PM [A] Presanctified Liturgy

<u>Saturday March 4</u> <u>Vigil~ Sunday of Orthodoxy</u>

4:00 PM [P] + Anna Samock

Sunday March 5
Sunday of Orthodoxy

10:00 AM [A] For the people

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, Mary Maronich, Fatima Eslami, Roger Susanin, Father Phillip Scott, Lois Brink, Gabriella Yaskanich

Catholic Quotes

"We can think of Lent as a time to eradicate evil or cultivate virtue, a time to pull up weeds or to plant good seeds. Which is better is clear, for the Christian ideal is always positive rather than negative. A person is great not by the ferocity of his hatred of evil, but by the intensity of his love for God. Asceticism and mortification are not the ends of a Christian life; they are only the means. The end is charity. Penance merely makes an opening in our ego in which the Light of God can pour. As we deflate ourselves, God fills us. And it is GOD's arrival that is the important event." – Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"Each year, Lent offers us a providential opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives, and it stimulates us to rediscover the mercy of God so that we, in turn, become more merciful toward our brothers and sisters. In the Lenten period, the Church makes it her duty to propose some specific tasks that accompany the faithful concretely in this process of interior renewal: these are prayer, fasting and almsgiving." – Pope Benedict XVI

Our parish offers condolences to the family of John Weston who fell asleep in the Lord this past week. He was buried from our church on Friday. *May his memory be eternal!*

Candy Sale: The parish is selling Easter Candy this year. Brochures are in the back of the church. Questions? See Sandy and Lois Brink. Everybody should have a chocolate cross for their Easter basket, right? Here's your chance to get one and help your church financially!

Lent is a time when we pray, fast and show our concern for the poor. Inspired by the parable of the Good

Samaritan, Natalie Komnath has started a food collection for non-perishable items to be donated to the local food

The Scripture readings for next week (Sunday of Orthodoxy) are: Hebrews 11:24-26,32-12:2 & John 1:43-51

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward.

he local food bank. Please place items in the basket at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of February 18	
Allentown	\$886.00
Total Bills	\$500.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$386.00
Palmerton	\$-
Total Bills	\$-
Offerings Vs. Expenses	-
Bills paid this week: Church Cleaning \$300; Snow Removal: \$200	
Palmerton: No Bills Paid This Week	

Pirohi Sale: During Lent we will be selling pirohi, halushki, ravioli and potato pancake mix. See the flyers at the back of the church for prices. For details see Angela Roth, Metro Ketz or Larry Trubilla. Remember, we fast from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent so you are going to need lots and lots of pirohi and halushki!

Monday is the first day of Lent. It is a day of strict fast and abstinence. We do not eat meat or dairy products on this day.

REGULATIONS FOR THE SEASON OF THE GREAT FAST

The fasts of the liturgical year are to be kept in accordance with the Norms of Particular Law of the Byzantine Metropolitan Church sui iuris of Pittsburgh.

ABSTINENCE The law of simple abstinence forbids the use of meat, permitting the use of eggs and dairy products. All the faithful of the who receive the Eucharist are bound to abstain. Abstinence is obligatory on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast. STRICT ABSTINENCE The law of strict abstinence (fast) forbids the use of meat, eggs and dairy products. While they are permitted, facsimiles, substitutes, and synthetic derivatives violate the intention and spirit of the law of strict abstinence.

All the faithful who receive the Eucharist are bound to observe strict abstinence. Strict abstinence (fast) is to be observed on Pure Monday, (the first day of the Great Fast) and on Great and Holy Friday. If you need a dispensation from these regulations, please see Father Frank.