

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
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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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Liturgical Schedule for The Week of February 5, 2017

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

Saturday February 11
Vigil~ Sunday of the Prodigal Son

4:00 PM [P] For the people

Sunday February 12
Sunday of the Prodigal Son

10:00 AM [A] +Melissa Kavounas by Louise Finney

Saturday February 18
Vigil~ Sunday of Meatfare

4:00 PM [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 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

"The proud man counts his newspaper clippings, the humble man his blessings." – Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"Modesty is always beautiful."- G.K. Chesterton

"Angels can fly because they can take themselves lightly." – G.K. Chesterton

"Without the Way, there is no going, Without the Truth, there is no knowing, Without the Life, there is no living." – Thomas a Kempis

"Often we are made to believe that self-deprecation is a virtue, called humility. But humility is, in reality, the opposite of self-deprecation. It is the grateful recognition that we are precious in God's eyes and that all we are is pure gift." – Father Henri Nouwen

"The feelings of my smallness and my nothingness always kept me good company." Pope St. John XXIII

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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The Scripture readings for next week (Sunday of the Prodigal Son) are: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 & Luke 15:11-32

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

- *Sayings of the Desert Fathers:*

An old man much given to simplicity questioned Father Ammonas: "Three thoughts occupy me, either, should I wander in the deserts, or should I go to a foreign land where no one knows me, or should I shut myself up in a cell without opening the door to anyone, eating only every second day?" Father Ammonas replied, "It is not right for you to do any of these three things. Rather, sit in your cell and eat a little every day, keeping the word of the publican always in your heart, and you may be saved."

Mother Syncletiki said: "Imitate the Publican and you will not be condemned with the Pharisee. Choose the meekness of Moses and you will find your heart which is a rock changed into a spring of water."

This coming Friday, February 10, is a "Free Friday;" it is free from fasting and we may eat meat on that day.

Repentance and humility are more important and higher than all of the other virtues, continuing until the end of our life. Referring to the words of the Prophet David, Saint John Climacus writes, "I did not fast, I did not keep vigil, I did not sleep on the bare earth, but I humbled myself and the Lord saved me." - *Elder Ambrose of Optina*

If repentance is too much for you, and you sin out of habit even when you do not want to, show humility like the publican; this is enough to ensure your salvation. - *Saint Peter of Damascus*

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of January 28 & 29	
Allentown	\$941.00
Total Bills	\$726.06
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$214.94
Palmerton	\$300.00
Total Bills	\$0.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$300.00
Bills paid this week: Oil (Rectory):\$184; Sewer/ Water (Rectory):\$88.53; Sewer/Water (Church & Center):\$257.00; Priest Pension: \$175.00; UGI (Rectory):\$21.43	
Palmerton: No Bills Paid This Week	