

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

Catholic Quotes

"At the Day of Judgement we shall not be asked what we have read, but what we have done." – Thomas a Kempis

"We are so obsessed with doing that we have no time and no imagination left for being. As a result, men are valued not for what they are but for what they do or what they have — for their usefulness." – Thomas Merton

"Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?" – Fulton J. Sheen

"Do not wait for leaders. Do it alone, person to person." – Saint Teresa of Calcutta

"The future starts today, not tomorrow." Saint John Paul II

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

The women are going to the tomb. They want to do a good deed - a final deed of mercy, to anoint Jesus body properly, to give him their respect in this final act of love. They have a question on their way to the tomb. Who will roll back the stone for us? Who will make roll the stone

The Scripture readings for next week (Sunday of the Paralytic) are: Acts 9:32-42 & John 5:1-15

"Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

away that keeps them from Jesus? They are shocked because the stone is rolled away! They are even more shocked

because the grave is empty. Then an angel with even more astonishing news greets them: Jesus is risen! He is not here! This is the news that we bear witness to in the world. This is the news that our Church sings over and over again, a song of triumph! A song of victory! A song that says God wins! God is the final judge! God is the one who raised Jesus from the dead. But our song and our faith are not just about Jesus. Because what God has done for His Son Jesus, He does for each one of us. He frees us from sin, from death, from evil. And when the women say who will roll back the stone for us? We say that also. Who will roll back the heavy burden of sin that keeps us from Jesus? Who will move the rock in our heart that keeps us locked in self-pity, self-hatred, self-defeating behaviors? We know like the women that we can't remove the stone by ourselves. It is too heavy a burden. There is too much guilt, too much anxiety, and too much fear. The stone that we all carry is the stone of human failure, human weakness, and human sinfulness. We are afraid, will this stone ever be lifted from us. We don't know what we will find inside. And so we continue to carry our heavy burden - Jesus already removed the stone, the sins, the failures and the weaknesses of our human nature. And he wants us to see that He is risen. That He is our strength, our hope and our life. We don't and we can't take away all the human burden and guilt and pain by ourselves. God does it for us in Jesus Christ! Jesus did it for us on the Cross. Our sins were nailed with Him on the Cross. He is not contained in the tomb - but has risen and raises us with Him. The women went back home changed. They told their story and no one could hold them back. Christ is risen! God is the Victor! Let no one hold us back. Let us not be blocked by the stone that blocks our hearts to love, to acceptance, to freedom as God's Children. Let us return to our homes, our workshops, our market places knowing that Jesus is not in the tomb, but in our hearts. May we speak boldly and with confidence: Christ is risen!



Sacrificial Giving Thomas Sunday	
Allentown	\$1468.00
Total Bills	\$577.76
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$890.24
Palmerton	\$138.00
Total Bills	\$0.00
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Bills paid this week: Bulletin Covers:\$106.40; Priest Pension:\$175.00; Sewer, Water, Garbage; \$195.00; Gas (Rectory):\$18.76; Gas (Center): \$53.90;Telephone: \$28.36	
Palmerton: No Bills	