

*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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**Liturgical Schedule for
The Week of May 14, 2017**

**Saturday May 13
Vigil~ Sunday of the Samaritan
Woman**

4:00 PM [P] For the people

**Sunday May 14
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**

10:00 AM [A] For the Living and
Deceased Mothers and Women of our
Parish Families

**Saturday May 20
Vigil~ Sunday of the Blind Man**

4:00 PM [P] For the people

**Sunday May 21
Sunday of the Blind Man**

10:00 AM [A] + Roslyn R. Hosak by
Dawnelle Soley



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

Quotes from the East

In spite of our sinfulness, in spite of the darkness
surrounding our souls, the Grace of the Holy Spirit,
conferred by baptism in the name of the Father and the
Son and the Holy Spirit, still shines in our hearts with the
inextinguishable light of Christ ... and when the sinner
turns to the way of repentance the light smooths away
every trace of the sins committed, clothing the former
sinner in the garments of incorruption, spun of the Grace
of the Holy Spirit. It is this acquisition of the Holy Spirit
about which I have been speaking. —*St. Seraphim of
Sarov*

Remember, never to fear the power of evil more than
your trust in the power and love of God.—*Hermas, one of
the Seventy*

"As a handful of sand thrown into the ocean, so are the
sins of all flesh as compared with the mind of God."

"Just as a strongly flowing fountain is not blocked up by a
handful of earth, so the compassion of the Creator is not
overcome by the wickedness of his creatures." -*St. Isaac
of Syria*

The Wedding Jubilarians celebration for the Central Pennsylvania
Syncellate is scheduled for Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.
at SS Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church, Minersville, PA.
If you are celebrating an anniversary in 5 year increments, please
let Father Frank know so you can receive and invitation to this free
event.

Gospel Meditation: The Samaritan Woman

by Msgr. Eugene A. Chromoga

The Scripture readings for next
week (Sunday of the Man Born
Blind) are: Acts 16:16-34 & John 9:1-
38

Jesus heard that they had cast him
out, and having found him he said,
"Do you believe in the Son of
man?" He answered, "And who is he,
sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus
said to him, "You have seen him, and
it is he who speaks to you." He said,
"Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped
him.

not always hear." So how does one communicate with God under such shaky conditions? The proper way which grants us the most assurance of finding Christ and his life-giving waters is by seeking him in our life long traditions and customs. If we look very closely at the opening verses of the Gospel passage we see that Jesus was already at the well waiting for the Samaritan woman to return to the area which was her traditional site for communicating with God. The practice of traditions and the following of family customs appears to the present generations as extra "baggage" that weighs us down and hinders our growth. Many believe that Christ can only be found by following our emotions and in the "free expression" of self. Nothing could be more contrary to the truth and to freedom. Christ cannot be found in the "free expression" of self since he is not present there in the first place. Rather, we must first find him and his source of life-giving water in our traditional expressions of worship. Only by embracing our family customs and traditions of worship can we have free expression of self and also worship the Father in Spirit and truth. God if Spirit and worshipping God in Spirit means to always bear witness to His teachings whether in church or out of church. An hour is coming or may already be here, in which we will not be able to worship God in the church. Because of circumstances beyond our control we will only be able to worship God in Spirit and truth. Often times we are unable to attend church because of a nursing baby or sick children. We may be away at school and unable to attend our traditional services. We may be confined to a hospital bed or we may have family responsibilities. Even alone on a date we still bear witness of His teaching and worship God in Spirit and truth. Of course, many times Christ does seek us out and is able to find us no matter how far we might have strayed from the beaten path of traditional customs and proper behavior, but in all cases it is only to guide us back to that source of life-giving water of which we will "never be thirsty again."

In part of his conversation with the Samaritan woman, Jesus states that "an hour is coming and is already here, when authentic worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth." Jacob's well was not only a source for life-supporting water but the mountain which contained that well was also a site on which the Samaritan people could go to worship God. Yet, as the woman pointed out, the Israelite race of people claimed that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship God. Obviously, both traditions are correct but worshipping God is not limited to just these two areas. God dwells and may be worshipped anywhere in the Universe but "looking we may not always see and listening we may

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of May 6 and 7	
Allentown	\$3154.00
Total Bills	\$2178.23
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$975.77
Palmerton	\$151.00
Total Bills	\$0.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$151.00
Bills paid this week: Candles:\$445.00; Insurance: \$1300.00; Real Estate Tax (Lehigh County): \$433.23	
Palmerton: No Bills	