

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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Prayer List: In your kindness, please remember the following persons in prayer: Carol Baran, John & Alicia Sefcik, Barry Mondichak, 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, Frank Susanin, Nicholas Yackanicz, Josephine Wilk, Maryann Wilk, Barry Hoffman, Chet Greene, Mary Maronich, Fatima Eslami, Roger Susanin, Father Phillip Scott, Lois Brink, Gabriella Yackanicz

"Given the breakdown in family life, the wholesale attack on innocent and defenseless human lives, and the violation of the integrity of the union of marriage in our society, the call to the martyrdom of witness is ever more urgent." Cardinal Raymond Burke

"What abortion is telling us is to wake up to the sacredness of human life. It must be very, very sacred if God became man to assume human life. And God, for all eternity, has a human life... God assumed human life at the incarnation." Father John Hardon

"The so-called right to abortion has portrayed the greatest of gifts — a child — as a competitor, an intrusion and an inconvenience." St. Teresa of Calcutta

"When some lives, including those of the unborn, are subjected to the personal choices of others, no other value or right will be long guaranteed." Pope St. John Paul II

"The right to life is the first among human rights. To abort a child is to kill someone who cannot defend himself." Pope Francis

The Scripture readings for next week (Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee are 2 Timothy 3:10-15 & Luke 18:10-14

Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Looking ahead: Father will be on vacation during the first weekend in February. For that reason, there will be no Liturgy in Palmerton on February 3. Instead, Father Higgins will have Liturgy in Allentown at 4:00 PM on that day. There will be no Sunday Liturgy on February 4. We will return to our regular schedule on the following weekend.

How charity is to be preferred to fasting.

Epiphanius, the Bishop of Cyprus, once sent a message to the holy Hilarion, saying, "Come hither, that we may see each other and converse together before we depart from the body." Hilarion came, and the two old men sat down to eat together. There was set before them the flesh of some birds. Of this the Bishop partook, but Hilarion refused it, saying, "Pardon me, but since I became a monk I have never eaten anything that had life." At these words the Bishop was grieved, and replied, "Since I became a monk I have tried never to allow anyone to sleep until I had removed any cause of complaint he had against me, nor myself to go to sleep while I was vexed with anyone." "My father," said Hilarion, "I pray you pardon me. Your way of life is far more excellent than mine."

The saying of an unknown monk, teaching the same thing.

It is better to eat meat and to drink wine than to feed upon the flesh of your brother by envying him.

The use of fasting, and how it helps the life of the soul.

Fasting is the bridle in the mouth of the monk. It holds him back from sin. He who rejects the practice of fasting is like an unbridled, fiery horse. He is swept away by passion.

| Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of January 6 & 7                     |           |
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| Allentown   | \$1114.00 |
| Total Bills   | \$755.12  |
| Offerings Vs. Expenses  | +\$358.88 |
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| Palmerton   | \$605.00  |
| Total Bills   | \$0.00    |
| Offerings Vs. Expenses  | +\$605.00 |
| Bills paid this week: Fire Inspection: \$510.12; Snow Plowing: \$245.00 |           |
| Palmerton: No Bills   |           |

Liturgical Schedule for The Week of January 14, 2017

Saturday January 13 Vigil~ Sunday of Zacchaeus

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday January 14 Sunday of Zacchaeus

10.00AM [A] + Jason Artim by the Roth Family

Saturday January 20 Vigil~ Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday January 21 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

10.00AM [A] +Ralph Romano by Rosalie and Hoyt Walter