

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
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and by appointment
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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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

“Nothing we do to defend the human person, no matter how small, is ever unfruitful or forgotten. Our actions touch other lives and move other hearts in ways we can never fully understand in this world. Don’t ever underestimate the beauty and power of the witness you give in your pro-life work.” Archbishop Charles Chaput

“Life is precious. Not because it is unchangeable, like a diamond, but because it is vulnerable, like a little bird. To love life means to love its vulnerability, asking for care, attention, guidance, and support.” Henri Nouwen

“Our human dignity is inseparable from the sacredness of life as a gift of the Creator. In God's plan, each person is unique and irreplaceable. A person comes into this world in a family, which is the first focus of humanization, and above all the first school of peace. To build peace, we need to look to the family, supporting it and facilitating its task, and in this way promoting an overall culture of life. The effectiveness of our commitment to peace depends on our understanding of human life. If we want peace, let us defend life!” Pope Benedict XVI

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?

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.

Even if we perform upon thousands of good works, my brethren: fasts, prayers, almsgiving; even if we shed our blood for our Christ and we don’t have these two loves [love of God and love of brethren], but on the contrary, have hatred and malice toward our brethren, all the good we have done is of the devil and we go to hell. But, you say, we go to hell despite all the good we do because of that little hatred?

Yes, my brethren, because that hatred is the devil’s poison, and just as when we put a little yeast in a hundred pounds of flour it has such power that it causes all the dough to rise, so it is with hatred. It transforms all the good we have done into the devil’s poison.

+St. Kosmas Aitolos

A man went into the forest to choose a tree from which to make roof-beams. And he saw two trees, one beside the other. One was smooth and tall, but had rotted away inside, and the other was rough on the outside and ugly, but its core was healthy. The man sighed, and said to himself: “What use is this tree to me if it is rotten inside and useless for beams? The other it is rough and ugly, is at least healthy on the inside and so, if I put a bit more effort into it, I can use it for roof-beams for my house.” And, without thinking any more about it, he chose that tree.

So will God choose between two men for His house, and will choose not the one who appears outwardly righteous, but the one whose heart is filled with God’s healthy righteousness.

+ St. Nikolai Velimirovich

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of January 13 & 14	
Allentown	\$1844.00
Total Bills	\$245.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$1599.00
Palmerton	\$139.00
Total Bills	\$0.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$139.00
Bills paid this week: Snow Plowing: \$245.00	
Palmerton: No Bills	

Liturgical Schedule for The Week of January 21 2017

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

Saturday January 27
Vigil~ Sunday of the Prodigal Son

4:00 PM [P] +Nelson Moyer by Father Frank

Sunday January 28
Sunday of the Prodigal Son

10.00AM [A] For the People

Saturday February 3
Vigil~ Sunday of Meatfare

4:00 PM [A] For the People

Note: No Liturgy in Palmerton