

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

"If we are worth anything, it is not because we have more money or more talent, or more human qualities. Insofar as we are worth anything, it is because we are grafted on to Christ's life, his cross and resurrection. That is a person's measure." Blessed Oscar Romero

"If you are discouraged it is a sign of pride because it shows you trust in your own power. Your self-sufficiency, your selfishness and your intellectual pride will inhibit His coming to live in your heart because God cannot fill what is already full. It is as simple as that." St. Teresa of Calcutta

"The beginning of love is to let those we love be perfectly themselves, and not to twist them to fit our own image. Otherwise we love only the reflection of ourselves we find in them." Thomas Merton

"We live in a culture of narcissism, and within one of the most titanic vortexes of influence: self-fulfillment, self-esteem, self-healing, and self-help: Endless self, always seeking, promising and never delivering a total, salvific solution. And we bring and rely on that flawed self within our prayer, adversely affecting our prayer relationship with God the Trinity. What we need is Grace — God's freely given Life within us." Father John Lombardi

The Scripture readings for next week (Sunday of Zacchaeus) are 1 Timothy 4:9-15 & Luke 19:1-10

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

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.

Of a certain brother who conquered his body lest he should grieve another.

One of the elders was sick, and for many days could not eat. At last his disciple asked to be allowed to prepare a special dish that he might relish. Now there was in the cell a jar in which there was a little honey. Beside it there hung another containing oil, and that rancid, for the lamp. The disciple by mistake poured the oil and not the honey on the dish he had prepared. The old man, when he had tasted it, said not a word but silently swallowed a mouthful. The disciple then constrained him to eat some more. With difficulty, he did so. Again, the disciple pressed him to take of it a third time. But the old man replied, "In truth, I cannot eat again, my son." The disciple still pressed him, saying, "It is very good. See, I will eat with you." When he tasted the dish, and knew what he had done, he fell upon his face and said, "Alas, my father, I have poisoned you. Why did you not speak?" Then the old man said, "Be not grieved, my son. If it had been God's will for me to eat honey then you would have put honey in your dish."

How spiritual thoughts put to silence the demands of the body.

Once there came a hermit to the cell of an elder to talk with him. The elder said to his disciple, "Prepare some vegetables for us, and moisten some bread." The disciple did so. But the two old men remained in spiritual converse till the sixth hour of the next day. Then said the host again to his disciple, "Prepare some food for us." The disciple answered him, "My father, I prepared it yesterday." Then the two old men rose up and ate together.

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of December 30 & 31	
Allentown	\$966.00
Total Bills	\$245.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$721.00
Palmerton	\$-
Total Bills	\$0.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$-
Bills paid this week: Snow Plowing: \$245.00	
Palmerton: No Bills	

Liturgical Schedule for The Week of January 7, 2017

Saturday January 6
Vigil~ Sunday after Theophany

4:00 PM [P] For the People

Sunday January 7
Sunday after Theophany

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

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