

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 February 18, 2017

Saturday February 17 Vigil First Sunday of the Fast

4:00PM [P] For the People

Sunday February 18 First Sunday of the Fast

10:00 AM [A] +Charles Hysick by Granddaughter Anna

Friday February 23 Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 PM [A] For the People

Saturday February 24 Vigil Second Sunday of the Fast

4:00PM [P] For the People with Panachida

Sunday February 25 Second Sunday of the Fast

10:00 AM [A] For the Faithful Departed with Panachida



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

Catholic Quotes

"We live in a culture of affluence — food abundance, super supermarkets and fifty foot salad bars. Proverbially stare in the refrigerator and wonder what to eat for minutes as you stand in your so-called suffering and 'hunger pains.' So much yet so picky, you get finicky and forget your blessings." Fr. John Lombardi

"Through fasting and praying, we allow (Christ) to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God." Pope Benedict XVI

"In fact, the external aspects of fasting, though important, do not convey the full measure of the practice. Joined to the practice should be a sincere desire for inner purification, readiness to obey the divine will and thoughtful solidarity with our brothers and sisters, especially the poor." Pope St. John Paul II

"Conquering the tongue is better than fasting on bread and water!" St. John of the Cross

The Scripture readings for next week (Second Sunday of the Fast) are Hebrews 1:10-2:3 & Mark 2:1-12

"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;
they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;
like a cloak you will roll them up,
and like clothing they will be changed.
But you are the same,
and your years will never end."

Of one who, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, did not shrink from the conflict.

The disciple of a certain holy old man was once attacked by a spirit which tempted him. By the grace of God he fought valiantly against the vile and impure thoughts of his heart. He used the discipline of fasting. He prayed often. He worked diligently and vehemently with his hands. The holy old man beholding his labour and strife, said to him, "If you wish it, my son, I will pray to the Lord and ask Him to remove this adversary away from you." The disciple, however, replied to him, saying, "I perceive, my father, that although I am enduring what is hard, yet good fruit is being perfected in me. By reason of the temptation which besets me I fast more than if I were at peace. I am more steadfast in waiting. I am, as I think, more earnest in prayer. I beseech you, nevertheless, that you pray for me and seek the mercy of God for me. Ask that I may be given valour to endure and to fight according to God's will." Then the old man was filled with joy, and said, "Lo! now I know, my son that you understand this spiritual conflict, how it works in you for the perfecting of your eternal salvation."

Walking with Jesus through Holy Week. Saturday, March 17, 10am-2pm day of recollection presented by Fr Frank Hanincik at Holy Dormition Friary in Sybertsville. We are really present at the events we remember in the Holy Week services. Walk with Jesus on his journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday, exploring the hymns and rituals that help us truly participate in this part of the life of our Lord. Cost \$25 includes full meal and opportunity for Confession. Register by March 12 at holydormition@gmail.com or [570-788-1212 ext 407](tel:570-788-1212) (leave message). Overnight accommodations available. You are welcome to join the friars for Saturday 7am Matins, 8am Divine Liturgy. This day of recollection is sponsored by the Office of Eastern Christian Formation of the Eparchy of Passaic and the Franciscan Friars.

Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of February 10 & 11	
Allentown	\$1061.00
Total Bills	\$495.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$566.00
Palmerton	\$156.00
Total Bills	\$0.00
Offerings Vs. Expenses	+\$156.00
Bills paid this week: -Snow Plowing: \$245.00; Snow shoveling and clearing: \$250.00	
Palmerton: - No Bills This Week	