



June 26, 2016
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Our Tithe to our Church
 June 19, 2016 — \$1806.00

Divine Liturgy Schedule

June 25 (Sat)	Divine Liturgy <i>Intention of our Parish Family</i>	5:00pm
June 26 (Sun)	SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Divine Liturgy <i>+Anne Frenzel req by Eleanor Timko</i>	10:30am
June 27 (Mon)	Divine Liturgy	8:30am
June 29 (Wed)	FEAST OF SS PETER & PAUL Divine Liturgy	7:00pm
July 1 (Fri)	Divine Liturgy	8:30am
July 2 (Sat)	Divine Liturgy <i>Intention of our Parish Family</i>	5:00pm
July 3 (Sun)	SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Divine Liturgy <i>+Bryan Mihalick req by Diane & George Mihalick</i>	10:30am



Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.

James Abraham, Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Marian Campbell, Rose Chomanics, Ted Druga, John Fekete, Marie Klotz, Carl Magdic, Fran Mogush, Joseph Rusinko, Maria Rusinko, Ed Sudzina, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Cecelia Stephen, Margaret Weber, John Voron, Sr.

MERCY MORNINGS



The Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help has been designated as a Pilgrimage site for the Year of Mercy. Pope Francis has encouraged all of us to use this year for special times and places of prayer and reflection.

In response to this, Mount St Macrina House of Prayer presents *Mercy Mornings*, a monthly series of gatherings in prayer. A short presentation will be offered each month followed by time for prayer and reflection.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered periodically depending upon the availability of a Confessor.

Each program will take place from 10:00 am until 11:30 am. A free will offering will be taken. Here is a list of the dates for this summer:

July 28 — August 16

[Extra Credit: Have you noticed something different about this logo each week]



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of June 26 thru July 2 for +Bryan Mihalick *Eternal Memory!*

FEAST OF SS. PETER AND PAUL

This Wednesday we celebrate the feast of SS. Peter and Paul, the prime apostles.

In the Scriptures, a symbol that signified a change in one's life ... was often the changing of one's name. Thus, Peter, the fisherman called by Christ to follow him, was originally named Simon. But Jesus changed his name to Peter (Rock) since he was to become the foundation of the Church.

Peter was a witness, along with James and John, to both the Transfiguration and the Agony in the Garden of the Lord. He was the leader among the apostles and focused his ministry around the city of Jerusalem.



Tradition tells us that he did not consider himself worthy to die on the cross as the Lord did, and thus he asked to be crucified upside down.

Paul did not belong to the original group of the twelve apostles; he experienced the risen Christ in a vision, and then dedicated his life to preaching the Gospel. He endured much suffering and sacrifice, as we can see from the stories in the Acts of the Apostles as well as in Paul's own letters.

One day Paul was on the road to Damascus to snuff out the small community of Christians there. On the way, he had an experience of the risen Lord who spoke to him from the heavens. St. John Chrysostom writes about Paul's change of heart after this experience:

Paul was a wolf, but he became a lamb. He was a thorn, but he became a fruitful vine. From an enemy, he became a friend; from a weed, he became wholesome bread ... The blasphemer became a theologian; the persecutor, a herald of good news; the tormentor -- a leader; the traitor -- a fellow-champion.

*We extol you, O Peter and Paul, Apostles of Christ.
By your teachings you have enlightened the whole world
and have drawn the ends of the earth near to Christ.*

The feast of SS. Peter and Paul is one of the major feasts of the year. It will be solemnly celebrated with the Divine Liturgy at St Stephen Church on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDS

Today's Gospel tells the account of the paralyzed man who was brought to Jesus ... carried by his friends.

This is such a touching image ... and one to which we can relate on so many levels.

At times, we may be one of the friends who do the carrying ... at other times, we are certainly the one who needs to be carried by our friends.

There are times that we all feel weak ... even defeated by the events of life. They can toss us around much like the tumultuous waves of the sea. And some days, we just feel more battered than others! In fact, we can simply feel like giving up.

And left on our own ... we just might do that.



But, this is where friends enter the picture. Friends ... who really care about us ... will not let us do destructive things to ourselves. They will not let us succumb to the negative feelings or environments that surround us.

They literally lift us up and carry us ... much like the people did in the Gospel account ... they carried their friend to Jesus, seeking his help for the paralyzed man.

Friends do not let us give up on ourselves. Sometimes their very presence is enough to lift us up ... at other times, they will guide us in the direction we need to go for help. And they will not rest until we have found the guidance or help we need.

What a gift it is to have dear friends ... and how truly blessed we are when we can count on the friends in our life.

