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**CONFESSIONS:** SS. Peter & Paul: Sunday One half hour prior to Divine Liturgy and Daily prior to Divine Liturgy

St. Mary's: Saturday 3:00 PM

**SICK CALLS:** As scheduled, or anytime in case of an emergency. If anyone is homebound or hospitalized, please call the rectory (544-2074)

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### Jesus' Power over Blindness

There is a blindness resulting from sickness which obscures the vision and is remedied by the passage of time. There is a blindness which is caused by some fluids and this, also, when the trouble is removed, is generally cured by the skill of medicine. From this you may know that when one is cured who has been blind from birth it is not a case of skill but of power. The Lord gave health, and He used no medicine, for the Lord Jesus healed those whom no one else had cured ....

What did He wish in that He who gave back life at His command bestowed health by His Word, saying to the dead: "Come forth" and Lazarus came forth from the tomb; saying to the paralytic: "Arise, take up your pallet" and the paralytic arose and began to take up the pallet on which he was carried when he was paralyzed in all his limbs. Why, I say, did He spit and

make clay and spread the clay over the eyes of the blind man and say to him: "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is interpreted "sent")? So he went away and washed and began to see. What is the reason for this? An important reason, unless I am mistaken, for he whom Jesus touches sees more.

Notice at the same time His divinity and his sanctity. As the Light He touched and shed light; as Priest He fulfilled in the figure of baptism the mysteries of spiritual grace. He spat so that you might realize that the things within Christ are light. One who is cleansed by the means which Christ uses truly sees. His spittle cleanses and so does His Word.

*St. Ambrose of Milan*

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## SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND



*Icon of the Man Born Blind -- John 9:1-38*

**Sunday of the Man Born Blind**  
**Festal Tone**  
**Mother's Day**

Welcome to the parish communities of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Churches of Minersville and Saint Clare, Pennsylvania. We greet and welcome you to our Church. Our Church is a holy place. Our Church is where we get together in Jesus' Name. It is holy because we come here to worship, to be nourished in faith through Sacred Scripture and preaching, to open our hearts and minds to celebrate the mystery of salvation in Jesus Christ and to dedicate ourselves to a life of holiness and service to the Lord and others. The church building itself reflects this faith and calls us to enter into communion with God. We invite you to share our faith in Jesus Christ, to experience our worship and to live a life dedicated to the service of God and one another in Jesus' Name.

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**May 14 – May 20, 2023**

Vigil of Sunday (at St. Mary)

Saturday 4:00 p.m. **+ Joseph & +Julia Gera** req. by Joseph & Cheryl Gera  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. **Health and Blessings of the Parishioners**  
(Livestream)

Monday 9:00 a.m. No Divine Liturgy Today  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. **+Helen Platko** req. by Marie Wanchick

Vigil of **Ascension of Our Lord** at SS. Peter & Paul (Obligation)

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. **+Mary Ann Zimmerman** req. by Al and Mary Ann Marazas

**Ascension of Our Lord** Obligation at SS. Peter & Paul

Thursday 9:00 a.m. **+H&B Parishioners**  
6:00 p.m. **+Francis Steranko** req. by Kathy & Gary Wapinski (St. Mary)

Friday 9:00 a.m. **+Andrew & +Margaret Gershak** req. by Estate

Vigil of Sunday (at St. Mary)

Saturday 4:00 p.m. **+Francis Steranko** req. by Kathy & Gary Wapinski

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. **H&B Parishioners**  
(Livestream)

**Epistle Readers:** 5/7 – Ellen Sinkovich; 5/14 – Marie Wanchick; 5/18 – Dolores Kramer; 5/21 – Gail Burgess; 5/28 – Paulette Murphy.

**Candles in front of the Mother of God, Jesus Christ; the two on the Tetrapod are Offered in memory of:** Health & Blessings of our Parishioners

**According to our Byzantine Catholic Tradition** we do not kneel at any Divine Service from the Great Feast of Pascha, the **Resurrection of Jesus Christ**, until the feast of **Pentecost** when the prayers of kneeling are taken.

**Change:** I've been told that the Confessional is not sufficiently sound-proof and too few Communicants of the parish are reluctant to make use of the Mystery of Forgiveness as a result of the possibility of being overheard.

Since the confession of sins is very personal, I have decided to have the Mystery of Forgiveness celebrated in the room to the left of the vestibule for greater privacy until a more private and suitable arrangement can be made.

**Also,** the mandate of the bishop to distribute Holy Communion from separate spoons has been lifted. Beginning **Ascension Thursday** which marks the end of the Paschal celebration, the distribution of the Sacred Species will be from a single spoon as was and is the venerable practice in our thrice-blessed Byzantine Tradition.

**ASCENSION THURSDAY:**  
*Patristic Commentary*

OVERVIEW! Jesus stands in the midst of his disciples to be present for them and to strengthen their faith. The greeting of "peace" has an extensive Old Testament background and rich over-tones elsewhere in Luke, beginning with Jesus' birth, for he is the Prince of Peace (BEDE). In terror and fear, however, the disciples think that they are seeing a ghost who has passed through the walls and the closed door (AMBROSE). The certainty of faith that despises even death is now attained in Jesus' appearances to his disciples after he rose from the dead (IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH).

## **SS. Peter & Paul Church**

### **Mother's Day Remembrance:**

#### **Living Mothers**

Bertha  
Jen Burgess  
Madeline Dinich  
Carol Dinich  
Dorothy Hatter  
Christine Lukasina  
Kathy Reiley  
Jayne Hontz  
Anna Aoley  
Jennifer Keer  
Joanne Wolfe  
Cecilia Keer  
Anna Kostishak  
Jennifer Kostishak  
Beverly Kostishak  
Suzanne Kostishak  
Dolores Kramer  
Theresa Schellone  
Mary Ann McCarthy  
Anne Mains  
Samatha Maccarone  
Maryann Maccarone  
Michelle Gretskey  
Laura Mitchell  
Paulette Murphy  
Nicole Bowers  
Ellen Sinkovich  
Debbie Sinkovich  
Joan  
Mary Beth Tokarick  
Yvonne Quandel  
Marie Wanchick  
Colleen Zelinsky  
Anya Zelinsky

#### **Deceased Mothers**

Mary Kafora  
Justina Kafora  
Anna Baransky  
Alice Shelonis  
Julia  
Mary  
Sarah  
Mary Percala  
Elizabeth  
Beatrice Richards  
Anna Sirko  
Sarah Hashin  
Pauline Hashin

Mary Marencin  
Mary M Hatter  
Martha Wasser  
Beatrice Richards  
Mary Fedeles  
Jean McGraw  
Jean Konkus  
Bertha Konkus  
Antonette Trautman  
Margaret Kostishak  
Sophie Kramer  
Janet Wachter  
Amelia Faco  
Jeanette Lohin  
Mary Lohin  
Anna Giemza  
Mary K Gretskey  
Patricia Heinbach  
Eva Mitchell  
Helen Platko  
Ruth Murphy  
Mary Fedeles  
Susan Koslosky  
Anna Sinko  
Loretta Melusky  
Susan  
Helen  
Sally Rose  
Mary Ann  
Gloria Tokarick  
Ruth Hummel  
Julia Vasura  
Sue Cheruka  
Mary Kovich  
Irene Pavelko

## **St. Mary Church**

#### **Living Mothers**

Barbara Darvell  
Dolores Kramer  
Theresa Schellong  
Mary Ann McCarthy  
Anne Mains

#### **Deceased Mothers**

Olga Cooper  
Anna Cooper  
Elizabeth Davidovich  
Dorothy Gera

Theresa Gera  
Mary Torbich  
Ann Kovatch  
Kathryn Steranko  
Kathryn Kritak  
Sophie Kramer  
Janet Wachter  
Amelia Fago