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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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On the Holy Images

In former times God, who is without form or body, could never be depicted. But now when God is seen in the flesh conversing with men, I make an image of the God whom I see. I do not worship matter; I worship the Creator of matter who became matter for my sake, who willed to take His abode in matter; who worked out my salvation through matter. Never will I cease honoring the matter which wrought my salvation! I honor it, but not as God. How could God be born out of things which have no existence in themselves? God's body is God because it is joined to His person by a union which shall never pass away. The divine nature remains the same; the flesh created in time is quickened by a reason endowed soul. Because of this I salute all remaining matter with reverence, because God has filled it with His grace and power. Through it my

salvation has come to me. Was not the thrice-happy and thrice blessed wood of the Cross matter? What of the life bearing rock, the holy and life-giving tomb, the fountain of our resurrection, was it not matter? Is not the ink in the most holy Gospel-book matter? Is not the life-giving altar made of matter? From it we receive the bread of life! Are not gold and silver matter? From them we make crosses, patens, chalices! And over and above all these things, is not the Body and Blood of our Lord matter? Either do away with the honor and veneration these things deserve, or accept the tradition of the Church and the veneration of images.

St. John of Damascus

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FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF HOLY IMAGES



Icon of the Restoration of Holy Images

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Christ is among us!

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He is and will be!

Sunday of Holy Images
Festal Tone 5

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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February 26 – March 4, 2023

- Sunday**
9:00 a.m. **Health & Blessing of the Parish Families of SS. Peter & Paul and St Mary's** (Livestreamed)
- Wednesday**
6:00 p.m. **Liturgy of the pre-Sanctified Gifts** (St Mary's)
- Friday**
6:00 p.m. **Liturgy of the pre-Sanctified Gifts** (SS Peter & Paul)
- Saturday**
4:00 p.m. **Health & Blessing of the Parish Families of St Mary's** (Mahanoy City)

Epistle Readers: 2/26 – Ellen Sinkovich; 3/5 Laura Mitchell; 3/12 – Dolores Kramer; 3/19 – Marie Wanchick; 3/26 – Paulette Murphy; 4/2 – Anna Keer

Candle Offering:

Mother of God – Health & Blessing for parishioners
Jesus Christ - Health & Blessing for parishioners
On Sacramental Table - Health & Blessing for parishioners

Lenten Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Schedule

Every Wednesday at 6pm at St Mary's Mahanoy City
Every Friday at 6pm at SS Peter & Paul

Food Bank

Our Food Bank is looking for 4 new volunteers to be “board officers”. The St Vincent DePaul Society has \$20,000 they are holding for us and will release the money once we get the new members in place. Ed and Peggy will still take care of running the daily operations. If you are interested in being a member or would like more information, please contact Ed Butler or John Kostishak. Also, please remember to continue to donate non-perishable goods and hygiene items. Donations can be dropped off every Sunday.

Father Gregory is recovering well. He thanks everyone for their prayers as he continues with his journey.

If you would like your 2022 statement, please fill out your name and return in the collection basket. I will get them to you as soon as possible.
