

Saints Peter & Paul
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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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Mercy and Forgiveness

All that God looks for from us is the slightest opening and He forgives a multitude of sins. ... There were two brothers: they divided their father's goods between them and one stayed home, while the other went away to a foreign country, wasted all he had been given, and then could not bear the shame of his poverty. The son who went away represents those who fall after baptism. This is clear from the fact that he is called a son, since no one is called a son unless he is baptized. Also, he lived in his father's house and took a share of all his father's goods. Before baptism no one receives the Father's goods or enters upon the inheritance. We can therefore take all this as signifying the state of believers.

What does he say after falling into the depths of evil? I will return to my father. The reason the father let him go and did not prevent his departure for a foreign land was so that he might learn well by experience what good things are enjoyed by the one who stays at home. For when words would

not convince us God often leaves us to learn from the things that happen to us. When the dissolute returned after going to a foreign country and finding out by experience what a great sin it is to leave the father's house, the father did not remember past injuries but welcomed him with open arms. Why? Because he was a father and not a judge. And there were dances and festivities and banquets and the whole house was full of joy and gladness.

Are you asking: "Is this what he gets for his wickedness?" Not for his wickedness, but for his return home; not for sin, but for repentance; not for evil, but for being converted. What is more, when the elder son was angry at this the father gently won him over, saying: You were always with me, but he was lost and has been found; he was dead and has come back to life. "When someone who was lost has to be saved," says the father, "it is not the time for passing judgment or making minute inquiries, but only for mercy and forgiveness."

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON



Icon of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

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Christ is among us!

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He is and will be!

**Sunday of The Prodigal Son
Festal Tone 2**

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.

February 5 – February 11, 2023

Sunday
9:00 a.m. **Health & Blessing of the Parish Families of SS. Peter & Paul and St Mary's (Livestreamed)**

Saturday
9:00 a.m. **First All-Souls Saturday (SS Peter & Paul)**

Saturday
4:00 p.m. **St Mary's (Mahanoy City)**

Epistle Readers: 2/5 – Paulette Murphy; 2/12 – Beverley Kostishak; 2/19 Judy Kostura; 2/26 – Ellen Sinkovich

Candle Offering: by parishioners
Mother of God – Health & Blessing for Father Gregory
Jesus Christ - Health & Blessing for Father Gregory
On Sacramental Table - Health & Blessing for Father Gregory

Soup Sale

Sat, Feb 11, 2023

10 AM – Noon or Sell-Out

St Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

131 South Morris St, St Clair

Chili

Cream of Broccoli

Vegetable Beef

Italian Wedding

Stuffed Pepper

Old Time Bean w/Ham

Split Pea

\$9 QUART

\$4.50 PINT

Limited Quantities

Pre-Order by Sat, Feb 4:

Call Dolores 570-544-5398

Additional Soup may be available on Sale Day

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.
