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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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### *Welcome Christ in Your Hearts and Homes*

The Lord, who already welcomed Zacchaeus in his heart, was now ready to be welcomed by him in his house. He said, "Zacchaeus, hurry up and come down, since I have to stay in your house." He thought it was a marvelous piece of good luck to see Christ. While imagining it was a marvelous piece of good luck quite beyond words to see him passing by, he was suddenly found worthy to have him in his house. Grace is poured out, and faith starts working through love.

Christ, who was already dwelling in his heart, is welcomed into his house. Zacchaeus says to Christ, "Lord, half my goods I give to the poor, and if I have

cheated anyone of anything, I am paying back four times over." It is as if he were saying, "The reason I am keeping back half for myself is not in order to have it, but to have something from which to pay people back."

There you are. That is really what welcoming Jesus means, welcoming him into your heart. Christ was already there. He was in Zacchaeus and spoke through him. The apostle says that this is what it means, "For Christ to dwell by faith in your hearts" (Eph 3:17).

*St. Augustine*

## SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS



*Icon of Christ and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)*

**Sunday of Zacchaeus**  
**Festal Tone 8**

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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**January 22 – January 28, 2023**

**Sunday**

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

**Epistle Readers:** 1/22 – Dolores Kramer; 1/29 – Marie Wanchick;  
2/5 – Paulette Murphy; 2/12 – Beverley Kostishak.

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**Candle Offering:** In Front of Icon of:  
Mother of God –  
Jesus Christ -  
On Sacramental Table -

**Father Gregory's surgery went very well. He's home recuperating now and will begin his aftercare treatment in about 30 days. If anyone has get-well cards for Father, you can mail them to the rectory or put them in the collection basket and we will be sure Father receives them.**

While Father Gregory recuperates, Father Jim Carroll will once again cover SS Peter & Paul and St. Mary's in St Clair. Due to Father Jim having to cover four parishes we will assume the liturgy schedule when Father Gregory recuperated from his last surgery.

Beginning this weekend, Saturday, January 14 and Sunday, January 15 the liturgy schedule will be:

Saturday 4pm at St Mary's in Mahanoy City

Sunday 9am at SS Peter & Paul in Minersville

Liturgies at St Mary's in Brockton and St Mary's in St. Clair will be suspended until further notice.

Thank you for your understanding with the schedule and pray that Father Gregory has a successful surgery and recovery.

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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.

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