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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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### *Humility is the Mark of a Sinner*

In the case of that Pharisee who was praying, the things he said were true. Since he was saying them out of pride and the tax collector was telling his sins with humility, the confession of sins of the last was more pleasing to God than the acknowledgment of the almsgiving of the first. It is more difficult to confess one's sins than one's righteousness. God looks on the one who carries a heavy burden. The tax collector therefore appeared to Him to have had more to bear than the Pharisee had. He went down more justified than the Pharisee did, only because of the fact he was humble. If this Pharisee had been sinful, his prayer would have added iniquity to iniquity, but the Lord purified the tax collector of his iniquity. If just by praying, the Pharisee's prayer provoked God's wrath, then as a result of that provocation, the prayer of the tax collector proved all the more potent.

*St. Ephrem the Syrian*

The stern Pharisee, who in his self pride not

only boasted of himself but also discredited the tax collector in the presence of God, made his justice void by being guilty of pride. Instead of the Pharisee, the tax collector went down justified, because he had given glory to God, the Holy One. He did not dare lift his eyes but sought only to plead for mercy. He accused himself by his posture, by striking his breast, and by entertaining no other motive except propitiation. Be on your guard, therefore, and bear in mind this example of severe loss sustained through arrogance. The one guilty of insolent behavior suffered the loss of his justice and forfeited his reward by his bold self-reliance. He was judged inferior to a humble man and a sinner because in his self-exaltation he did not await the judgment of God but pronounced it himself. Never place yourself above anyone, not even great sinners. Humility often saves a sinner who has committed many terrible transgressions.

*St. Basil the Great*

## SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE



*Icon of the Publican and Pharisee (Luke 18:10-14)*



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Christ is among us!

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He is and will be!

**Sunday of The Publican & Pharisee  
Festal Tone 1**

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 29 – February 4, 2023**

**Saturday**

4:00 p.m. St Mary's in Mahanoy City

**Sunday**

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

**Epistle Readers:** 1/29 – Marie Wanchick; 2/5 – Paulette Murphy;  
2/12 – Beverley Kostishak; 2/19 Judy Kostura; 2/26 – Ellen Sinkovich

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**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**

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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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