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St. Mary's: Saturday 1:00 – 1:30 PM

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### *The Apostles' Call and Ours*

But note both their faith and their obedience. For though they were in the midst of their work (and you know how time consuming a chore fishing is), when they heard His command they did not delay or procrastinate. They did not say, "Let us return home, and talk things over with our family." Instead, "they left everything behind and followed," even as Elisha did when he followed Elijah. For Christ seeks this kind of obedience from us, such that we delay not even for a moment, though something absolutely most necessary should vehemently press in on us.

*St. John Chrysostom*

The kingdom of heaven has no price tag on it. It is worth as much as you have. For Zacchaeus it was worth half of what he owned, because the other half that he had unjustly pock-

eted he promised to restore four-fold. For Peter and Andrew it was worth the nets and vessel they had left behind; for the widow it was worth two copper coins; for another it was worth a cup of cold water. So, as we said, the kingdom of heaven is worth as much as you have.

*St. Gregory the Great*

Like Peter, Andrew, James and John, we have been called to discipleship. As such, we are given the name of "Christian." But are we conscious what that name stands for, what responsibility comes with it? It is more than just a title or a label. To be a disciple of Christ, to bear the name of Christian, compels us to take on the responsibility – regardless of the difficulty and cost – of living the Gospel every moment of our lives.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Call of the Apostles*

**Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Tone 1**

Welcome to the parish communities of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Churches of Minersville and Saint Clair, 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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**June 6 – June 12, 2021**

**All Divine Services are livestreamed where noted**

Saturday Vigil Divine Liturgy (at SS Peter & Paul)  
4:00 p.m. + **Margaret Kostishak** req. by Laureen Minder

Sunday  
8:00 a.m. +**Michael Manzik** req. by MM Frank Peron (at St. Mary)  
10:00 am **Health and Blessing of the Parishioners** (at SS. Peter & Paul)  
Livestreamed

Monday  
8:00 a.m. **No Divine Liturgy Today**

Tuesday  
8:00 a.m. **H&B Deborah & Lee Ballenger** req. Marie Wanchick

Wednesday  
8:00 a.m. +**Anna Benzulak** req. by MM Anthony Melusky

Thursday  
8:00 a.m. +**Michael Sinko** req. by MM Joseph Petulich

Friday  
8:00 a.m. +**Nicholas Kostishak** req. by MM John Olearchick

Saturday Vigil Divine Liturgy (at SS. Peter & Paul)  
4:00 p.m. +**Larry Burgess** req. by Larry & Lorraine Palko

**Epistle Readers:** 6:5 – Madeline Dinich; 6/6 – Ellen Sincovich; 6/12 – Angela Frank; 6/13 – Jennifer Keer; 6/19 – Dolores Kramer; 6/20 – Anna Keer; 6/26 – Marie Wanchick; 6/27 – Beverly Kostishak.

**Pastoral Note:** The **Event Committee** has prepared a calendar of events. The following dinner dates are offered to add to your calendar:

June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Roast Beef Dinner
August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Steak/Shrimp cocktail Dinner
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ham & Halubki Dinner
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Turkey Dinner

All Dinners are take-out or for limited number dine in. The **DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS JUNE 15**. This deadline for ordering will be strictly adhered to. As you are well aware, food costs are rising and if at all possible, any monetary donations will be greatly accepted to help us minimize the cost of preparation.

We purposely chose June 27 for our first dinner because it is near the patronal feast day of our parish, June 29, and the preparation period for the Holy Day (the Peter & Paul Fast) began on May 31, the dinner is, therefore, a fitting way to celebrate our patrons, SS Peter & Paul. This particular holy day is one of the five holy days of obligation our Church observes. Unfortunately, many people fail to observe them. We hope you are not one of them.

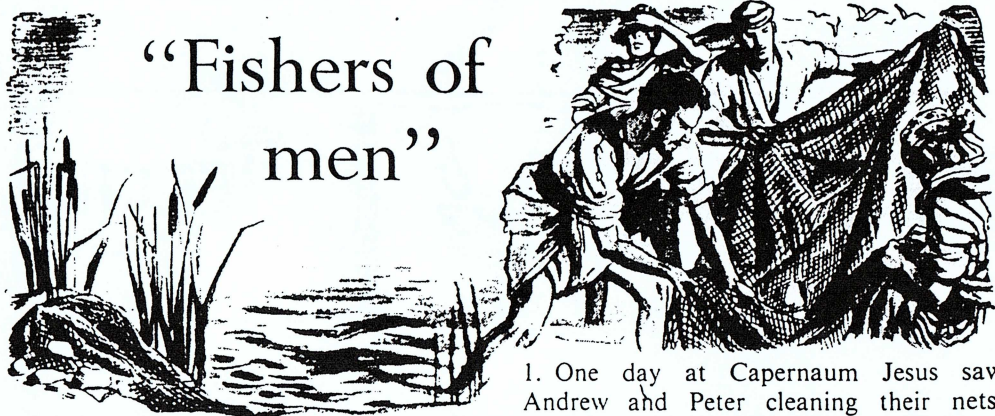
**A request:** Kindly stop sealing with scotch tape the Offering Envelopes. There is simply no need for this added security. It slows down the process of opening and tabulating the collection each week. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**Father's Day Remembrance:** If you wish to remember your father, either living or deceased, please deposit your envelope in the collection today or drop it in the mail slot in the rectory office door by the end of the week. Be sure to print or write clearly the names you wish to remember.

*"If anyone could see his own vices accurately, without the veil of self-love, he would worry about nothing else in his life."*

**(Saint John Climacus, The Ladder of Divine Ascent)** The eight vices are: Gluttony, Lust, Greed, Dejection, Anger, Listlessness, Vainglory and Pride. Are any of these vices in your life? If yes, then Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

# "Fishers of men"



1. One day at Capernaum Jesus saw Andrew and Peter cleaning their nets.



2. Jesus taught the crowds on the shore from Peter's boat. Afterwards He told Peter to launch out into the deep and let down his nets.



3. "We have fished all night and caught nothing," said Peter, "but we will obey." When they did so, there were so many fish that their nets broke.



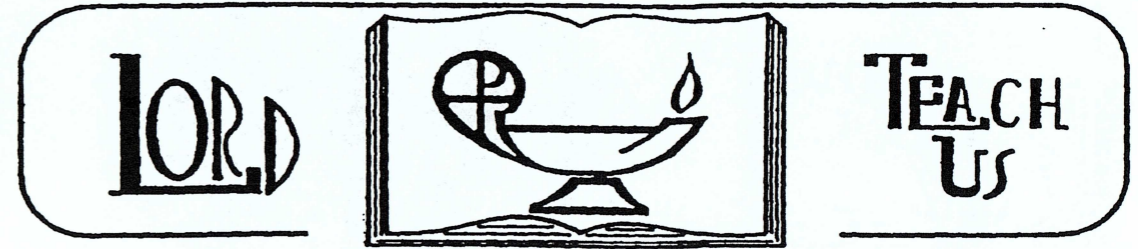
4. And Peter and all with him—for he had called James and John to help bring in the fish—were astonished. Jesus said: "Fear not! Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." And when they had brought their boats to land they left everything and followed Him.

## Second Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 4, 18-23



# Did You Know That ...

- ...the more you love Christ, the more you long for heaven?
- ...some of God's richest nuggets of truth lie deep beneath the surface?
- ...our lives become harmonious when our hearts are in tune with Christ?
- ...empty is the life that is filled with nothing but things?
- ...God's grace can and does change the worst sinners into the most honored saints?
- ...we are not rich by what is in our pockets, but by what is in our hearts?
- ...those who are faithful to our Saviour in receiving the Eucharist every opportunity they get, are Eucharistic people?
- ...where God guides, He also provides?
- ...the gift of faith will only step in when pride steps out?
- ...fidelity to Christ means serving the Saviour in our parish where we most needed?
- ...those who love the Lord make serious and sincere attempts to be with Him as much as possible?
- ...prayers by our communicants for the spiritual growth of our parish are vital and necessary?
- ...an important part of our commitment to Christ is the willingness to share our precious Orthodox faith with others/  
abortion, the wanton murder of the unborn, is the worst crime our government has ever committed?
- if you would check out the person who says life is not worth living, you most likely will find the kind of life he is living is not worth anything?
- ...no one can possibly go forward in the strength of the Lord until he has first learned to stand still in his own helplessness?



## Recognizing Evil

*Be on your guard against false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing but underneath are wolves on the prowl. You will know them by their deeds. Do you ever pick grapes from the thornbushes, or figs from prickly plants? Never! You can tell a tree by its fruit. None of those who cry out 'Lord, Lord' will ever enter the kingdom of heaven but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. When that day comes, many will plead with me, 'Lord, Lord, have not prophesied in your name? Have we not exorcised demons by your power? Did we not do many miracles in your name as well?' Then I will declare to them solemnly, 'I never knew you. Out of my sight you evildoers!' Matthew 7: 15 - 17; 20 - 23.*

*Beloved, do not trust every spirit, but put the spirits to a test to see if they belong to God, because many false prophets have appeared in the world 1 John 4: 1.*

*For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints 1 Corinthians 14: 33.*

*They profess that they know God, but in their actions they deny he exists. They are disgusting, intractable and thoroughly incapable of any decent action Titus 1: 16.*

*Some people have neglected these and instead have turned to meaningless talk, wanting to be teachers of the law but actually not understanding the words they are using, much less the matters they discuss with such assurance I Timothy 1: 7.*

*Anyone who is so 'progressive' that he does not remain rooted in the teaching of Christ does not possess God, while anyone rooted in the teaching possesses both the Father and the Son 2 John 1: 9.*