

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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Whoever Wishes to be Great

Blessed is he who, dwelling amidst many people, does not turn towards the many, but directs his whole heart to God. Blessed is he who purchases Christ with all his belongings and has, as his only possession, the cross, which he raises on high. Blessed is he who, administering his legal possessions, extends God's hand to those who are in need ...

Blessed is he who, having authority over the people, by holy and great sacrifices brings Christ to earthly folk. Blessed is the one, who, being a child of the flock, a most perfect nursing, keeps the place of the heavenly Christ. Blessed is he who, by his pure mind's forceful movements, beholds the brilliance of the heavenly lights. Blessed is he who honors the Lord by much-toiling hands: and, for many people, this is the law of life. All these things fill up the heavenly receptacles in which are

stored the fruit of our souls, while every individual virtue leads to a different place. For many are the mansions pertaining to different lives.

Blessed is he, whom the mighty Spirit has shown to be poor in passions, whoever leads a life of repentance; who can never get his fill of celestial food; who, by bowels of mercy, draws down God's great compassion, being a friend of peace and pure in heart; who, for the sake of the renowned Christ, has endured many sufferings, and will find great honor. Keep to the way of these people, whichever you prefer.

St. Gregory the Theologian

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SAINT MARY OF EGYPT



Icon of Saints Zozimos and Mary of Egypt

**Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast
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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March 26 – April 1, 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 Mahanoy City)

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** (St Clair)

Epistle Readers: 3/26 – Paulette Murphy; 4/2 – Anna Keer; 4/9 - Jennifer Keer; 4/16 - Beverley Kostishak; 4/23 - Judy Kostura; 4/30 - Laura Mitchell

Candle Offering:

Mother of God – Health & Blessing for parishioners

Jesus Christ - Health & Blessing for parishioners

On Sacramental Table - Health & Blessing for parishioners

A note from Father Gregory

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am pleased to announce I will return from my Sick Leave on Friday, March 31 in time to celebrate with you the Entry into Jerusalem of our Saviour Jesus Christ. I ask your indulgence in allowing me to enter into the great Mystery of these days of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection more slowly than usual. Although my Rehab has gone well, my cardiologist suggested I go slowly and not jump right in. Therefore, all Divine Services will be celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul Church for Great and Holy Week rather than duplicating each Divine Service.

I propose the following schedule:

Palm Sunday Saturday, April 1	4:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy at St. Mary
Palm Sunday April 2	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy at SS. Peter and Paul
Holy Monday	9:00 a.m.	1st Lenten Canonical Hour
Holy Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	3rd Lenten Canonical Hour
Holy Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Holy Thursday	4:00 p.m.	Vespers w/Liturgy of St. Basil
Good Friday	4:00 p.m.	Vespers w/Entombment of the Shroud
Holy Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Liturgy of St. Basil
Easter Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Resurrection Matins w/Divine Liturgy

Confessions will be available one hour before Divine Services on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

Simple Blessing of Paschal Foods at 2:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday

Solemn Blessing of Paschal Foods following Resurrection Matins/Divine Liturgy on Pascha (Easter)