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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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Sabbath Renewal

Another reason why the Sabbath day was blessed is that He who formed this world in six days foresaw that man would turn towards evil and would, as a result, go back to the ground, descend to Hades, and be imprisoned there; and this whole world would grow old and useless because of man, but would be renewed by God becoming man. This renewal was effected when God incarnate descended into Hades through death and declared there on the Sabbath the recall of souls. It was because He foresaw that this would happen on the Sabbath that He rightly deemed it the only day worthy to be blessed. However, although this work was secretly made ready on the seventh day, the Sabbath, everything was clearly brought to light and accomplished when the body too

had been summoned to immortality through the Lord's Resurrection on the eighth day. This is why we call it the Lord's Day. As Friday, the day of preparation, stands in relation to the Sabbath, so is the Sabbath in comparison with Sunday, which is obviously superior to it. As perfection and reality surpass beginning, pattern, and shadow, so is Sunday more excellent and honorable, because on it the exceedingly blessed work was finished, and on it we await the General Resurrection of all, the perfect entry of the saints into the divine rest and dissolution of the world into its elements.

St. Gregory Palamas

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SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS



Icon of the Healing of the Paralytic -- Mark 2:1-12

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Christ is among us!

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He is and will be!

**Second Sunday Of The Great Fast
Festal Tone**

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 5 – March 11, 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)

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** (Mahanoy City)

Epistle Readers: 3/5 Laura Mitchell; 3/12 – Dolores Kramer; 3/19 – Marie Wanchick; 3/26 – Paulette Murphy; 4/2 – Anna Keer

Candle Offering: by Randell & Dorthy Hatter
Mother of God – in memory of Emil Keitsock
Jesus Christ - in memory of Emil Keitsock
On Sacramental Table - in memory of Emil Keitsock

Lenten Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Schedule

Every Wednesday at 6pm at St Mary's Mahanoy City
Every Friday at 6pm at SS Peter & Paul

Food Bank

Our Food Bank is looking for 4 new volunteers to be “board officers”. The St Vincent DePaul Society has \$20,000 they are holding for us and will release the money once we get the new members in place. Ed and Peggy will still take care of running the daily operations. If you are interested in being a member or would like more information, please contact Ed Butler or John Kostishak. Also, please remember to continue to donate non-perishable goods and hygiene items. Donations can be dropped off every Sunday.

Father Gregory is recovering well. He thanks everyone for their prayers as he continues with his journey.

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.
