

St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation Saturdays 3:30 p.m., holydays, or by appt.

Holy Mysteries of Initiation Contact the church office.

Holy Mystery of Anointing Ask prior to surgery or serious illness.

Holy Mystery of Marriage Contact the church office at least 8 months prior to wedding.

Religious Education Classes Summer recess until September.

GCU See Bill Dzuricko.

St. Michael's Activity & Recreation Team (SMART) Everyone encouraged to help out.

Bethany Ministry Ministry to the sick; see Joan Walker for info.

St. Michael's Social Center Call parish office for rentals.

St. Michael's Cemetery, 2296 Longview Rd., Hermitage Steve Sherman II, manager.

Your Will Please be so kind as to remember St. Michael's in your last will and testament. Secure our future.



WEEKEND LITURGIES: Sat eve: 4:00 p.m. Sun: 9:00 a.m. **HOLYDAYS:** 10:00 a.m.

The Illustrious and Pre-Eminent Apostles Peter and Paul

The New Testament clearly shows Peter as the leader of the Apostles, chosen by Jesus to have a special relationship with him. With James and John he was privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life and the agony in Gethsemane. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. He was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus' death. His name is first on every list of apostles. But the Gospels prove their own veracity by the unflattering details they include about Peter. He clearly had no public relations person. It is a great comfort for ordinary mortals to know that Peter also has his human weakness, even in the presence of Jesus. After Jesus' Ascension, Peter presided in Jerusalem, was bishop of Antioch, and finally presided over the Church in Rome where on the Vatican Hill he was martyred, head downwards according to tradition, in the Circus of Nero.

Paul had been the most Pharisaic of Pharisees, the most legalistic of Mosaic lawyers. Following his

conversion, he suddenly appears to other Jews as a heretical welcomer of Gentiles, a traitor and apostate. Paul's central conviction was simple and absolute: Only God can save humanity. No human effort – even the most scrupulous observance of law – can create a human good which we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from itself, from sin, from the devil and from death, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Jesus. Paul never lost his love for his Jewish brothers and sisters, though he carried on a lifelong debate with them about the uselessness of the Law without Christ. He reminded the Gentiles that they were grafted on the parent stock of the Jews, who were still God's chosen people, the children of the promise. According to tradition, Paul was beheaded in Rome near the Ostian Way where the church of Tre Fontane now stands.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PETER AND PAUL PRIME APOSTLES



Icon of Saints Peter and Paul -- June 29th

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!



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St. Michael
the Archangel
BYZANTINE
Catholic Church
founded 1905
Hermitage, Pennsylvania



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SAT., JUN 21
4:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy) - Mirovanije
+Andrew Hornyak
(37th anniversary of passing 5.30)

requested by: Son: Jeffrey

Health & God's Blessings Upon
Gracie Mihalson (11th birthday)

requested by: Great-Great Aunt
Martha Stambaugh

SUN., JUN 29

**THE FEASTS OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL &
3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Mirovanije**

9:00 a.m.

+Melvin Walker
(remembrance of 66th wedding ann.)

requested by: Wife: Joan Walker

3:00 p.m.

100th Anniversary of SS. Peter & Paul Church, Warren

FRI., JUL 4
*9:00 a.m.

The 249th Independence Day
God's Blessings Upon our Country



SAT., JUL 5
12:00 noon

Baptism, Chrismation & First Eucharist of
Dominic Francisco Hernandez



4:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy) - Graduates honored
+Susan Borchilo
(7th anniversary of passing 7.6)

requested by: Husband: Richard

+Paul Bajorek
(16th anniversary of passing 7.8)

requested by: MaryAnne

SUN., JUL 6

**THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST -
Graduates Honored**

9:00 a.m.

+George J. Kavlics
(28th anniversary of passing 7.4)

requested by: Tanya & Alan Rymniak

**The Sanctuary Candle
for this week of:**

JUNE 29 - JULY 5, 2025
signifying the Real Presence of our Lord is

In Loving Memory of

+BILLY MARKS JR.

(remembrance of 60th birthday July 9)

From: Brother: Fr. Kevin



**The Mother Of God
Candle for this week of:**

JUNE 29 - JULY 5, 2025
signifying her Intercession is

In Loving Memory of

+GEORGE J. KAVLICS

(28th anniversary of passing July 4)

From: Tanya & Alan Rymniak



Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: June 28, 2025

RESIDING AT HOME - Katherine Asafaylo, Charlotte Bruce, Dan Huscroft, Greta Marks, Judy McBride, Hank & Anne Pajak, George Sewecke, Irene Shaffer, Frank Wahal, Monica Walls, Fay Ward.
Cleveland VA Medical Center (10701 E. Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106) - David Chesmar Jr.
The Lakes At Jefferson (7271 West Market St., Mercer, PA 16137) - Michael Kennis.
Avalon Springs Place (745 Greenville Rd., Mercer, PA 16137) - Dolores Vasil.
The Village of St. Edward at Green (3813 Fortuna Dr., #509 Akron, OH 44312) - Richard Markovich.
Ridgecrest At Cranberry Woods (3020 Fairport Ln., Cranberry Twp., PA 16066) - Richard Will.
St. Paul's Senior Living Care (339 East Jamestown Rd., Greenville, PA 16125) - Lillian Sulick.

Offerings from June 21 & 22, 2025

Sunday Offering \$3,377.00

Candles \$225.00

Holyday.... \$25.00

TOTAL: \$3,627.00

Pledged \$147,715

Deposited \$117,173

Pledges 66

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage)
June 22	\$3,627	\$4,500	(\$873)
YTD	\$88,771	\$112,500	(\$23,729)



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GET 5% FREE

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Church Attendance

Saturday 6/21 - **53** (4:00 pm)

Sunday 6/22 - **72** (9:00 am)

Tuesday 6/24 - **23** 10:00 am)

Quote of the Week

"America is a tune. It
must be sung together."

- Gerald Stanley Lee

4th of July Word Search

F O U R T H A U N I T E D S O
R R E F I R E W O R K S Y B D
E I E P A R A D E R W H I R A
E B E V A S F L A T G A T I T
N B L E O L U L I B E R E T H
A S D E C L A R A T I O N A I
T A U C D J U L Y G J U E I R
I M E M R E O T O A N M A N T
O I F A M A M R I G H T S T E
N C R C A E R A D O S O T H E
W J E R I G R E D A N S A I N
H U E A L I B E R T Y R T L I
I N D E P E N D E N C E E R B
T D O M E T A C P A T R S T Y
E A M E R I C A N B L U E W I



AMERICA	FREEDOM	REVOLUTION
BLUE	INDEPENDENCE	RIGHTS
BRITAIN	JULY	STATES
DECLARATION	LIBERTY	SUMMER
FIREWORKS	NATION	THIRTEEN
FLAG	PARADE	UNITED
FOURTH	RED	WHITE



The Feast of Saints Peter & Paul Today

Saints Peter and Paul were both men who could look frankly at themselves and face up to the truth of man’s fragility. This led them to an openness to God, and a willingness to be used by Him.

Paul’s pride in having served God through many difficulties may sound somewhat confident, but it mirrors his honesty of thought, his degree of commitment, and his relationship with God. Peter, freed from his prison, is well aware that his release is to enable him to carry on his service to the community.

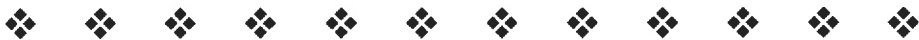
Both Peter and Paul realized that they were called to important work. Both know that their power came from God, not from themselves. So they were able to look at each situation anew, through the eyes of Christ.

Today, we need to do the same, not giving any stereotyped solutions, not avoiding involvement, but trying to approach situations and people with honesty, sympathy, and openness. By doing so, we shall be living out Christ’s message in the same fearless spirit as did Saints Peter and Paul.



Happy Centennial SS. Peter & Paul Church, Warren

Our St. Michael Parish extends Congratulations to Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church, Warren, Ohio who celebrates their 100th Parish Anniversary today. The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will take place at 3:00 p.m. followed by a banquet. As Dean, our pastor will be a concelebrant at the Liturgy and was asked by the parish to be the Master of Ceremonies for the Banquet. Fr. Miron Kerul-Kmec Jr. serves as pastor. May the Lord God grant to the pastor and parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul Church, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l’ita!



Happy 47th Birthday
Fr. Kevin - June 30th



Independence Day this Friday



On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia in the Pennsylvania State House (now Independence Hall), approved the Declaration of Independence. Its purpose was to set forth the principles upon which the Congress had acted two days earlier when it voted in favor of Richard Henry Lee's motion to declare the freedom and independence of the 13 American colonies from England. The Declaration was designed to influence public opinion and gain support both among the new states and abroad -- especially in France, from which the new "United States" sought military assistance. As a scholar well-versed in the ideas and ideals of the French and English Enlightenment, Jefferson found his greatest inspiration in the language and arguments of English philosopher John Locke, who had justified England's "Glorious Revolution" of 1688 on the basis of man's "natural rights." Locke's theory held that government was a contract between the governed and those governing, who derived their power solely from the consent of the governed and whose purpose it was to protect every man's inherent right to property, life and liberty. Jefferson's theory of "natural law" differed in that it substituted the inalienable right of "the pursuit of happiness" for "property," emphasizing that happiness is the product of civic virtue and public duty. The concept of the "pursuit of happiness" originated in the Common Sense School of Scottish philosophy, of which Lord Kames was the best-known proponent. Jefferson emphasized the contractual justification for independence, arguing that when the tyrannical government of King George III of England repeatedly violated "natural law," the colonists had not only the right but the duty to revolt. The assembled Continental Congress deleted a few passages of the draft, and amended others, but outright rejected only two sections: 1) a derogatory reference to the English people; 2) a passionate denunciation of the slave trade. The latter section was left out, as Jefferson reported, to accede to the wishes of South Carolina and Georgia, who wanted to continue the importation of slaves. The rest of the draft was accepted on July 4, and 56 members of Congress began their formal signing of the document on August 2, 1776.

July 4th & fasting....

This year, Independence Day falls on a Friday. As Byzantine Catholics, Fridays are designated to do some form of penance, usually no meat, to honor our Lord's crucifixion. Yet, we have free Friday's to celebrate feasts and to remind us not to be boastful in our fasting. Since many of us celebrate Independence Day with cookouts, get-togethers, and picnics, our pastor is granting a dispensation from any penance this Friday, July 4th. As we celebrate and feast, let us keep in mind God who gives us our freedom, and thank Him this day for all His blessings upon us and upon our country, and ask forgiveness of sins we commit as a nation.

Life is a gift...

- Today before you say an unkind word; Think of someone who can't speak.
- Before you complain about the taste of your food; Think of someone who has nothing to eat.
- Before you complain about your spouse; Think of someone who's crying out to God for a companion.
- Today before you complain about your life; Think of someone who went too early to heaven.
- Before whining about the distance you drive; Think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.
- And when you are tired and complain about your job; Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.
- And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down; Put a smile on your face and think: you're alive and still around.



Congratulations Jubilarians

Our St. Michael Church offers Congratulations to **DIANE & MICHAEL HRISHENKO** celebrating their **40th Wedding Anniversary**. They were married on June 22, 1985. May the Lord God grant to His servants, Diane & Michael, peace, health, and happiness for many years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita!

Happy 90th Ethel

Our Saint Michael Parish offers Happy Birthday wishes to **ETHEL WAHAL** who will celebrate her "**90th**" birthday on Wednesday, July 2nd. May the Lord God grant to His handmaid, Ethel, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita! Happy 90th Birthday Ethel!



REBORN IN WATER & SPIRIT

Our Saint Michael Parish offers our prayerful best wishes and Congratulations to **JAXON ALEXANDER JANCISO** who received the Holy Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist) on Saturday, June 28, 2025. He is the son of Kaitlyn & Jeremy Jancso. May God grant to His newly enlightened servant, Jaxon, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita.

Sympathy extended

+**RONALD J. ADDERTY**, 85, of Canfield, OH, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, June 20, 2025. Our pastor offered his funeral this past Tuesday at the Sherman Funeral Home with interment at our St. Michael Cemetery. May God grant to His departed servant, +Ronald, blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnaja jemu pamjat.

Get your game face on for pure B-I-N-G-O! 🎰🎲🎯🎁🎉

SMART sponsors its 2nd Annual Designer Purse Bingo on **Sat, Sept 27th!** Admission \$30.00; includes 13 Game Bingo Packet + free dauber! (Age 18 & up) Doors open 5PM/Bingo @ 6PM! Dazzling Designer Purses - Brahmin! Coach! Dooney & Bourke! Marc Jacobs! Donna Karan! Michael Kors! Kate Spade! Plus Accessories! Big Chinese Auction Basket Prizes! Includes a Boatload of Gift Cards! Door Prizes! Jackpot & 50/50 Raffle! Yummy Concessions! BYOB! Invite your Family, Friends & Co-Workers! The More the Merrier! Make your reservation NOW! Phone or Text Megan Pisarcik @ 724-699-0613 or Donna Volsko @ 724-877-6736! We reserve for large groups! Pay now or by Wed, Aug 27th.

1) USE ZELLE: (St Michael Smart@roadrunner.com)

2) Or Mail Check to St. Michael Church, C/O Purse Bingo, 2230 Highland Rd., Hermitage, PA 16148 Your ticket (s) will be waiting at the door or we can make arrangements for pick-up.

How Can You Help As A Parishioner? This Event generated a very large profit last year of over \$11,000 which benefited the Church Restoration Fund; your Monetary Donations are greatly appreciated and will help reduce expenses to make this possible again! Or, you may contribute a Gift Card! The Wish List is Boscovs, Dunkin Donuts, Hobby Lobby, Kohl's, Kraynak's, Sheetz, Target, TJ Maxx, Walmart. Envelopes provided at each church entrance! Volunteer Sign-up is in the Church Narthex! The List is beginning to grow! Please keep them coming! Thank You! ❤️

Rummage (Treasure) Sale – October 17 & 18 – save the dates