



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Leaders of the Apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

**Very Rev. Peter Shyshka, Pastor
Cell Phone 646-256-6360
-The Weekly Messenger-
February 16, 2025**

Web Site: www.stspucc.org

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 GOSPEL: Luke 15:11-32

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE:

WEEKDAYS: By request until further notice.

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)

Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy: Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and 9:30AM to 10:00AM

Religious Education:

Sunday Morning from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM.
Call Audrey Sokol 203-924-1184 for more information.

Preservation – Please use the form in church vestibule, mail it to the church or bring it to the Church Hall Office or Fr. Peter Shyshka.

Address/Name Change/New Phone Number:

Please come to the Church Hall Office to update this info.

Returned checks are subject to a **\$35.00 fee per check.**

Bulletin Notices – Notices for the bulletin must be **in writing** by Wednesday @The first had an angel as a herald,6PM to be included in that week's bulletin.

Parish Council meets every **3rd Sunday of the month after the 10am Liturgy** in the Church Hall.

Rectory Office Hours - By Appointment until further notice.

******Please Note** ****

Liturgy Offerings, Sorokousty,

Mother's Day, Father's Day

Checks must be made out to

Fr. Peter Shyshka; **not the Church!** Thank You...

Baptism: Arrangements for baptism are to be made in person at the Parish Office. Please call the Rectory for an appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements for marriage are to be made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date. Please call the Rectory for an appointment.

Sick Calls – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly and sick at home, please call the Rectory or Fr. Peter Shyshka.
Please advise the Rectory of any hospitalization.

Estate planning – Remember Sts. Peter & Paul Church in your Will.

Stewardship - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). All Catholics, should give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church

Special Share in the Eucharist *– Bread & Wine

Offered for a week, month, or year. Donations: one week - \$20.00
Donors/intentions will be listed.

Please come to the Church Hall Office or see **Fr. Peter Shyshka**

Eternal Light *– Offered to light for a week \$10.00.

Please come to the Church Hall Office or see **Fr. Peter Shyshka**
Virgin Mary Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp*- Offered to light for a week is 10.00 each. Please come to the Church Hall Office or see **Fr. Peter Shyshka**

All start on Monday to Sunday.

****Offering must be made when dates are reserved on a first come, first served basis.***





A Welcome to St. Peter and St. Paul Parish to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are over twenty-one years of age and have not yet registered, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, please fill out the form below. Each household must be registered at St. Peter and St. Paul and every adult receives a set of stewardship envelopes. Registration also entails an annual dues to the parish. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for church authorities to issue him or her a sponsor certificate, reference, or any other certification.

Name _____ Phone# _____ Email _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

From Vespers: Tone 4: As the prodigal son I also come to you, O God of goodness, * after having spent my life far from You. O Father, * I wasted the riches that You gave me.* Receive my repentance, O Lord, and have mercy on me.

LITURGIES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK:

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| 02/15 | Saturday | 10:00 AM | +Harry Gela requested by Dorothy Duda |
| 02/16 | Sunday | 8:30 AM 10:00 AM | Health & Blessings for all Parishioners +Adele Comcowich-Foundation Liturgy |
| 02/17 | Monday | No Liturgy | |
| 02/18 | Tuesday | No Liturgy | |
| 02/19 | Wednesday | No Liturgy | |
| 02/20 | Thursday | No Liturgy | |
| 02/21 | Friday | No Liturgy | |
| 02/22 | Saturday | 10:00AM | +James Comcowich Jr.- Foundation Liturgy |
| 02/23 | Sunday | 8:30 AM 10:00AM | Health & Blessings for all Parishioners +Esther Hylwa- Foundation Liturgy |

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| BREAD & WINE |  | <i>None Offered</i> |
| ETERNAL LIGHT |  | <i>In Loving Memory of +Julia Gebuza by Jan & Stefania Gebuza</i> |
| BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP |  | <i>None Offered</i> |
| SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP |  | <i>None Offered</i> |

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| BREAD & WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES | ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 3/31/25-4/6/25 4/7/25-4/13/25 | BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 3/3/25-3/9/25 3/24/25-3/30/25 4/7/25-4/13/25 | SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 3/17/25-3/23/25 4/28/25-5/4/25 |
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PRAYER FOR OUR NATION: Lord, we pray for peace and unity in our nation today. Keep us in peace, O Christ our God, under the protection of your Holy Cross; save us from our enemies, visible and invisible, that we may glorify You with thanksgiving, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. We pray that You would inspire this nation to be a nation under God. Give us your hope. Give us your peace. Amen. The Light of God ~ surround us. The Love of God ~ enfold us.

The Power of God ~ protect us. The Presence of God ~ watch over us.

The Mind of God ~ Guide us. The Law of God ~ direct us.

Wherever we are God ~ be our strength.



PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND THE WORLD: MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS, THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL, SPREAD YOUR OMOPHOR ~ WE IMPLORE YOUR PROTECTION OVER UKRAINE AND BEG THAT

YOU INTERCEDE WITH OUR LORD TO GRANT PEACE.

PRAYER FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF UKRAINE IN TIME OF INVASION: O Lord God of powers, and God of our salvation, O God, who alone work wonders: look down with mercy and compassion on Your humble servants, and out of love for mankind hearken and have mercy on us and on the land of Ukraine. For, behold, enemies have once more gathered together, in order to cause division and enmity. But You who know all things, understand that they have risen up righteously, and that it will be impossible to oppose their multitudes unless You show us Your help. Therefore, we who are sinful and unworthy pray unto You in repentance and with tears: Help us, O God, our Savior, and deliver the land of Ukraine for the sake of the glory of Your Name, that the enemy may not to say: "Their God has forsaken them, and there is none to deliver and save them." But let every nation understand that You are our God, and we Your people are always protected under Your dominion.

...Food for Thought...

“Prayer is the root, the fountain, the mother of a thousand blessings.”
-St. John Chrysostom

“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.”
- Author Mark Twain

Fundraising Committee Meeting: Today, February 16, immediately following the 10:00 A.M. Liturgy. All interested parishioners are invited to attend. Thank you...

Religious Education: Reminders for our Students and their Parents...

Upcoming Classes: February 23, 2025; March 9, 2025. 9:00 A.M. in the Church Hall.

Liturgy at 10:00 A.M. immediately following the Class.



PARISH COUNCIL
Annual Meeting
February 23,
2025



Annual Meeting of St. Peter & St. Paul Board of Directors

Sunday, February 23, 2025

11:00 A.M. in the Church Hall

Snow Date: March 2, 2025

All Parishioners are invited to attend!

Refreshments will be served.



Please Help Our Church and Our Earth!

As a fundraiser for our Church, we will be collecting bottles and cans each week. A blue recycling bin has been placed on the right side of the garage for you to drop them off. Please consider donating them!

We so appreciate that Irene Henry and Michael Smerznak have volunteered to take them each week to recycle and collect the money for our church funds!

Your participation is making this a successful endeavor!

Proceeds from the Week Ending February 8, 2025: \$27.00!
Total Collected to Date: \$388.00!!

Preservation Fund Donations Received In Memory of James V. Horbal:

Anonymous: \$200.00
Michael & Marion Horbal: \$50.00
Laurence & Mary Tosolini: \$50.00

Thank you for your generosity in remembrance of James!

Monday, February 17, is President's Day, a federal holiday celebrated each year on the third Monday of February to honor past U.S. Presidents.

Officially known as Washington's Birthday, the federal holiday was originally meant to honor our country's first president, George Washington, whose birthday is actually February 22 but is now observed on this day.

Eventually, the holiday included honoring President Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday is February 12.

The positioning of the holiday between the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln gave rise to the popular name of President's Day!

On this day, please remember all of our past president's that faithfully served our country.

The Parish Rumor Mill is ablaze with rumors about a **Pre-Lent Perohy Production Run**, which would concentrate on **sauerkraut** perohy, and take place on one of the last two weekends in February or the first weekend in March.

The odds are highly favorable that this will be discussed at today's Fundraising Committee Meeting.

Plan on attending the meeting and you may find out more information about this project...

Rest in Peace: Please remember in your prayers our fellow parishioners who were recently called to eternal life:

Carol Bodak, age 75, passed on February 8, 2025. Funeral services were celebrated at our Church on Friday, February 14, 2025. The Wakelee Memorial Funeral Home oversaw the arrangements.

John Felenchak, age 95, who also passed on February 8, 2025. Funeral services will take place at a date to be determined. The Ralph E. Hull Funeral Home in Seymour, CT is in charge of the arrangements.

Michael Bak, whose funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.




...May They Rest in Peace...



All I Need To Know I Learned in Kindergarten by Robert Fulghum

Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people.
Put things back where you found them.
Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours.
Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
Wash your hands before you eat. Flush.
Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
Live a balanced life – learn some & think some & draw & paint
& sing & dance & play & work every day some.
Take a nap every afternoon.
When you go out in the world, watch out for traffic,
hold hands and stick together.
Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup:
the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how
or why, but we are all like that.
Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the
Styrofoam cup – they all die. So do we....
Everything you need to know is in there somewhere.
**....And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out in the
world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.**



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| For your AD info, Call 203-734-3895 | <p>WAKELEE MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME John S. Zaleski Director Virginia K. Hylwa Administrator</p> <p>203.734.1490 <i>Parishioners Serving Parishioners Over 90 Yrs.</i></p>  | For your AD info, Call 203-734-3895 |
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An Important Message from the Ion Bank Foundation:

Subject: Help Us Earn Money!

The Ion Bank Foundation Community Awards Program gives each Ion Bank customer the opportunity to vote for their favorite non-profit organization to help the Ion Bank Foundation give away up to \$100,000!

Voting has begun so please help us earn money! We will receive a \$25 donation from the Ion Bank Foundation for every vote¹ we receive!

Every vote counts! If you are an Ion Bank customer, please visit <https://cap.ionbank.com/CAP/> to vote until March 3, 2025.

¹Voting is open to all Ion Bank customers. One vote per customer, however, for accounts with multiple owners, each owner may vote. Customers with multiple accounts may only vote once. Each customer can vote for only one organization.

We are very excited about this giving program and hope you will partner with the Ion Bank Foundation to help us help your non-profit organization.

Thank you for all the good work you do in the community.

If you have any questions, please call me at 203-720-4114.

Kathleen A. Brochhausen
Executive Director

