

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Fifth Sunday after Easter

May 5, 2013

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Rev. Mr. Massimo Botta, FSSP, in residence

### Mass Intentions

Sun. May 5th	Fifth Sunday after Easter, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Joyce and Chris Keifer - <i>Stephen Keifer</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. May 6th	Rogation Mass, <i>II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Holy Souls in Purgatory - <i>Anon.</i>
Tues. May 7th	St. Stanislaus, <i>Bishop &amp; Martyr, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Stanley Darden - <i>Samuel and Doris Aronica</i>
Wed. May 8th	Vigil of the Ascension, <i>II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Edward Bellington - <i>Walter Heisler</i>
Thur. May 9th	Ascension of Our Lord, <i>I Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Alan and Julie Lucchesi
7:00 p.m.	Special Intention
Fri. May 10th	St. Antonius, <i>III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	† Elizabeth Pendrak - <i>Stephanie Pendrak</i>
Sat. May 11th	SS Philip & James, <i>Apostles, II Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Christian & Janette Keifer - <i>Chris and Joyce Keifer</i>
Sun. May 12th	Sunday after the Ascension, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Mother's Day
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

#### Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

#### Confessions

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50

& 9:15-10:05

#### DEVOTIONS

#### Exposition-Benediction

Fridays 5:00 pm

(First Friday 5:00 pm)

(Saturdays 8:00 am)

#### OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am-5 pm

**THURSDAY - CLOSED**

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

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## INTROIT

*Is. 48, 20*

Declare it with the voice of joy, and make it known, alleluia: declare it even unto the ends of the earth; the Lord hath delivered His people, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 65, 1-2.* Shout with joy to God all the earth: sing ye a psalm to His Name, give glory to His praise.. Glory be to the Father ... Declare the voice...

## COLLECT

O God, From Whom all good things come, generously grant to us who beseech Thee that we may, by Thy inspiration, think those things which are right and, that we perform them under Thy guidance. Through our Lord.

## EPISTLE

*1 James 1, 22-27*

Dearly beloved, Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if a man be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he shall be compared to a man beholding his own countenance in a glass. For he beheld himself, and went his way, and presently forgot what manner of man he was. But he that hath looked into the perfect law of liberty and hath continued therein, not becoming a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. And if any man think himself to be religious, not bridling his tongue, but deceiving his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Religion clean and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their tribulation, and to keep one's self unspotted from this world.

## ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

*V.* Christ is risen, and hath shone His light upon us whom He hath redeemed with His Blood. Alleluia. *V. John. 16, 28.* I went out from the Father and came into the world; again, I leave the world and go to the Father. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

*John 16, 23-30*

At that time, Jesus saith to His disciples, Amen, amen I say to you, if you ask the Father anything in My Name, He will give it you. Hitherto you have not asked anything in My Name: ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things I have spoken to you in proverbs: the hour cometh when I will no more speak to you in proverbs, but will show you plainly of the Father. In that day, you shall ask in My

Name; and I say not to you that I will ask the Father for you, for the Father himself loveth you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciple say to Him, Behold, now Thou speakest plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now we know that Thou knowest all things, and Thou needest not that any man should ask Thee: by this we believe that Thou camest forth from God.

## OFFERTORY

*Ps. 65, 8, 9, 26*

O bless the Lord our God, ye gentiles, and make the voice of His praise to be heard: Who hath set my soul to live, and hath not suffered my feet to be moved: blessed be the Lord, Who hath not turned away my prayer, and His mercy from me, alleluia.

## SECRET

Receive, O Lord, the prayers of the faithful, with offerings of sacrifices, that through these offices of pious devotion we may pass to heavenly glory. Through our Lord.

## COMMUNION

*Ps. 95, 2*

Sing ye to the Lord, alleluia; sing ye to the Lord, and bless His Name; show forth His salvation from day to day, alleluia, alleluia.

## POSTCOMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, unto us, who have been regaled with the virtue of the heavenly table, both to desire what is right and to obtain what we desire. Through our Lord.



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*If you ask the Father any thing in My Name, He will give it you.* (John 16:23) The genuine meaning is given by St. Chrysostom, Theophylact, Toletus, and others, who say: To ask in the Name of Christ is to ask through Christ, or through Christ's merits, dignity and authority. For Christ, by His Passion and death, merited that we should obtain from God whatever we ask in His Name. Therefore this obtaining, with respect to us, is grace, and with respect to Christ is but justice. "His Name" signifies in Scripture His strength, virtue, merits, grace, dignity, and authority. Therefore to ask in the Name of Christ, is to ask while counting on His merits, and to trust in them, not in our own; that God may look, not on our unworthiness and our sins, but upon the face of His anointed, and on account of His sanctity and merits grant us that which we do not deserve. Christ therefore points here not merely to God, but to God Incarnate, and obedient even unto the death of the Cross. For He merited, that the Father should hear our prayers. This is the Church's interpretation, for she ends all her prayers "through our Lord Jesus Christ."

*He will give it you.* But you will say: We find that many people ask many things of God, and obtain not; how then can this be said, He will give it you? I answer, The reason they obtain not, is because they ask not the things which they ought, nor in the way they ought. As St. James teaches in chapter 4 of his Epistle. For the affirmative promises in Scripture require certain conditions, which it [Scripture] explains elsewhere. Thus prayer and obtaining what is asked requires:

1. Humility and reverence; therefore he who lacks this and prays proudly and presumptuously, like the Pharisee in Luke 18, obtains nothing.

2. It requires contrition for sin, so that he who prays may be, or may heartily wish to become, a friend of God. Sinners therefore, willfully persisting in sin, are not heard by God. Dost thou wish God to hear thee? Do thou first hear and fulfill His law. Do thou first obey His will, and so God will do thy will, and fulfill thy desires. This is the meaning of Isaias 1:15, I will not hear, for your hands are full of blood.

3. It requires great faith and hope, or confidence, that we shall obtain what we ask for through the merits of Christ. This confidence many have not, and therefore they obtain not. But let him ask in faith, it says in James 1:6, nothing wavering. Hence St. Basil (Constitut. monast. cap. 2) assigns the reason for our not being heard: "Thou hast not asked rightly, for thou askedst either with doubting, or when engaged on something else."

4. It requires perseverance, as is evident from Luke 11:7-8. Lastly, St. Augustine (in loco tract. 73) rightly observes, "God occasionally refuses what we ask for, because this is more expedient for our salvation and His glory. God therefore hears us, not according to our wishes, but according to our salvation. And thus He hearkened not to Paul when he prayed to be delivered from the thorn in the flesh, because it was more profitable to him, to humble him, and that he might continually struggle with and overcome it." Hence he heard [God say], My grace is sufficient for thee: for power is made perfect in infirmity (2 Corinth. 12:9).

*Give it [to] you.* St. Basil (in Regul. brevior. reg. 261), Toletus, and others, think that the promise holds good, whether we pray for ourselves or for others. For God gives us that which He gives to others for whom we pray, for He gives to us who pray the fruit of our prayer. And this more accords with the very bountiful beneficence of God. Besides, to pray for others is a work of greater charity, especially if we pray for our enemies. And such a prayer as this is usually heard, as Christ was heard when He prayed for His crucifiers, and St. Stephen when he prayed for Saul. The reason is the one given by St. Gregory (hom. 27): "The virtue," he says, "of true prayer is the very sublimest charity. And a man obtains that which he rightly asks for, when his mind is not darkened when he prays, even by hatred of his enemy. But we often overcome the reluctance of our mind to pray, when we pray for our enemies." Moreover, when sometimes we are not heard when we pray for others, it is either our own fault, or the fault of them for whom we pray, who by their sloth or evil disposition render themselves unworthy of God's grace, and at times rail against Him, and despise His call. (The Great Commentary of Cornelius à Lapide)

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH** wishes to extend a hearty welcome to all visitors.

**6:30 a.m. MASS:** Monday through Saturday of this week.

**Fr. Poisson** will be gone from May 11th until May 18th. There will be no 6:30 a.m. until his return.

**Monday May 13th, Mass has been rescheduled for 5:00 p.m.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**May 9th - Ascension Thursday (Holyday)**  
- Low Mass 7:45 a.m. High Mass 7:00 p.m.

**May 12th - May Crowning 10:15 a.m.**

**May 18th - First Holy Confessions & Practice 9:00 a.m.**

**May 19th - Sung Vespers of Pentecost 1:30 p.m.**

**May 26th - First Holy Communions 10:15 a.m.**

**Please pray for the repose of the soul** of Bishop Joseph McFadden, Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, who passed away on May 2nd. May God grant him eternal rest and peace.

**MAY CROWNING** is May 12th! All participants will meet in the church basement at 9:45 a.m. Please see sign-up sheet in vestibule of Church. Any questions please call Mrs. McGuirk at 570-333-1484.

**ALTAR BOY PRACTICE** has been re-scheduled for Saturday, May 18th. **Everyone needs to attend.**

**SECOND COLLECTION:** On Sunday May 19, there will be a second collection for the support of Foreign Missions. This year we will support the **Oblates of St. Francis de Sales**. Thank you for your generosity.

**DEACON BOTTA:** Deacon Botta's diaconal apostolate has come to an end. He departs Monday, May 20th. Please pray for him as he prepares for Priestly ordination on June 22nd.

**ASCENSION THURSDAY: TEAM A** is scheduled to serve the evening Mass on Ascension Thursday.

**CAMP SAINT ISAAC JOGUES 2013**

- Now accepting application until May 31st.
- Camp St. Jogue is a summer camp hosted by priests and seminarians of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter located on the property of the Fraternity Headquarters in Elmhurst Township, PA.
- Catholic young men ages 13-15 years old. For more information please look at our web page. <http://seminarycamps.wordpress.com/camp-st-isaac-jogues-2/>.

**COLLECTION:** April 28th - \$2,193.00

## *Altar Boys*

**FIFTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER EASTER**

**May 5**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

<b>AC1</b>	William Skuba
<b>AC2</b>	John Skuba
<b>TEAM E</b>	
<b>MC</b>	Alex Reitzig
<b>TH</b>	Robert Seeley
<b>AC1</b>	Dominic Gardner
<b>AC2</b>	Chris Shanahan
<b>C</b>	Joseph Seeley
<b>S1</b>	Timothy Emig
<b>S2</b>	Patrick Seeley
<b>S3</b>	Brendan Seeley
<b>S4</b>	Jack Gardner

**WEEK ONE**

<b>Monday</b>	Joseph Schneider
<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	Patrick Schneider
<b>Tuesday</b>	Alex Reitzig
<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Matthew Davidson
<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	William Skuba
<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	John Skuba

**SUNDAY AFTER**  
**ASCENSION**

**May 12**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

<b>AC1</b>	Joseph Schneider
<b>AC2</b>	Patrick Schneider
<b>TEAM B</b>	
<b>MC</b>	Andrew Mitchell
<b>TH</b>	William Skuba
<b>AC1</b>	Anthony Mitchell
<b>AC2</b>	Matthew Davidson
<b>C</b>	Timothy Sica
<b>S1</b>	Francis LaFata
<b>S2</b>	Stephen LaFata
<b>S3</b>	John Mitchell
<b>S4</b>	John Skuba