

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Sunday after the Ascension

May 12, 2013

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Fr. Joseph Poisson, FSSP, Assistant Pastor

Rev. Mr. Massimo Botta, FSSP, in residence

### Mass Intentions

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>
Mon. May 13th	St. Robert Bellarmine, <i>Bp, Conf. &amp; Doc., III Class</i>
5:00 p.m.	Joyce and Chris Keifer
Tues. May 14th	St. Boniface, <i>Martyr, IV Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Mr. Edward Bellington - <i>Evelyn Tereshko</i>
Wed. May 15th	St. John Baptist de la Salle, <i>Confessor, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Neglected Souls in Purgatory - <i>Hanisch Family</i>
Thur. May 16th	St. Ubaldus, <i>Bishop &amp; Confessor, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Fr. Rapposelli - <i>Sica Family</i>
Fri. May 17th	St. Paschal Baylon, <i>Confessor, III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	Jean and Lester Dwyer - <i>Lorraine Chidester</i>
Sat. May 18th	Vigil of Pentecost, <i>I Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Sofia Sherrick - <i>Grandparents</i>
Sun. May 19th	Pentecost Sunday, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Leonard and Mary Tabone
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

*Ps. 26: 7, 8, 9*

Hear, O Lord, my voice with which I have cried to Thee, alleluia: my heart hath said to Thee: I have sought Thy face, Thy face, O Lord, I will seek: turn not away Thy face from me, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 26:1* The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? {V} Glory be to the Father ... Hear, O Lord ...

## COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God, grant that our service of Thy divine majesty may ever be that of a devoted will and of a pure heart. Through our Lord.

## EPISTLE

*1 Peter 4: 7-11*

Dearly beloved, be prudent and watch in prayers. But before all things have a constant mutual charity among yourselves; for charity covers a multitude of sins. Using hospitality one towards another without murmuring. As every man hath received grace, ministering the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the words of God. If any man minister, let him do it as of the power which God administers; that in all things God may be honored through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## ALLELUIA

*Ps. 46: 9*

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord hath reigned over all the nations; God sits on His holy throne. Alleluia. *John 14: 18* I will not leave you orphans; I go and I come to you, and your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

*John 15: 26-27; 16: 1-4*

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: When the Paraclete cometh, whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, Who proceeds from the Father, He shall give testimony of Me: and you shall give testimony, because you are with Me from the beginning. These things have I spoken to you, that you may not be scandalized. They will put you out of the synagogues: yea, the hour cometh, that whosoever kills you will think that he does a service to God. And these things will they do to you, because they have not known the Father, nor Me. But these things I have told you, that, when the hour shall come, you may remember that I told you.

## OFFERTORY

*Ps. 46: 6*

God is ascended with jubilee, and the Lord with the sound of trumpet, alleluia.

## SECRET

May this spotless sacrifice, O Lord, purify our souls, and endure us with the strength of grace from on high. Through our Lord.

## COMMUNION

*John 17:12-13*

Father, while I was with them, I kept them whom Thou gavest Me, alleluia; but now I come to Thee; I pray not that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from evil, alleluia, alleluia.

## POSTCOMMUNION

Filled, O Lord, with Thy heavenly gifts: may we, by Thy grace, ever abide in thanksgiving for the same. Through our Lord.



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*These things have I spoken to you, that you may not be scandalized.* (John 16:1) St. Bede the Venerable and Euthymius, and others refer the words to the Holy Ghost Who had just been spoken of, explaining them thus: I have foretold these things about the Holy Ghost Who will come upon you, in order that you may not be scandalized when you see yourselves assailed by persecutions, but may boldly withstand them with the thought that the Holy Ghost will render you His aid. St. Augustine says much the same thing (tract. 93): "Having promised the Holy Ghost, by whose operation in them they would become His witnesses, He rightly added, These things have I spoken to you. For when the love of God is poured out in our hearts by the Holy Ghost Who is given us, much peace have they who love the law of God (cf. Psalm 118:165), so that there will be no scandal."

*Yea, the hour cometh* (the time draws near), *that whosoever killeth you, will think that he doth a service to God.* (John 16:2).

*Service.* "Sacrifice", as the Arabic translates it, or "offering" in the Syriac. For "latria" signifies the service and worship which is due to God alone, such as adoration and sacrifice. Meaning: Both Jews and Gentiles will slay you as victims for sin and sacrifice you to God. They will judge you to be godless, wicked men, subverters of a hallowed religion, the enemies of God, and therefore the refuse of this world and the off-scouring of all (1 Corinth. 4:13). Therefore they will think that by killing you they are offering to God a most pleasing sacrifice. Moreover, St. Augustine (tract. 93) thinks that this was said by Christ to console the Apostles. The Jews will cast you out, but I will gather you, and you will convert so vast a multitude of men to Me, that the Jews, fearing the desertion of the temple and the law, will kill you, supposing that they thus greatly honor God, by killing you in order to defend their temple and law.

Note: Christ is speaking here about the persecution, not only by the Jews, but also by the Gentiles, and especially by the Roman rulers and emperors, who from Nero down to Constantine for three hundred years fiercely persecuted the Apostles and all Christians, so that in Rome alone more than 200,000 Christians were martyred.

The first reason was that the Devil and the priests of the idols persuaded the rulers that their empire would be overturned by Christianity, as though the people, from belief in and allegiance to them, would be drawn away to the Christian faith and obedience to Christ, and therefore would care little for the earth and for earthly rulers, because they were striving for heaven and heavenly things.

2. Because the rulers themselves thought that their ancestral and age-old religion, namely the worship of their gods (actually demons), was the basis of their empire; and they saw that this was being destroyed by the Apostles and the Christians.

3. Because the Apostles were introducing a new and earth-shaking religion, and were teaching that a crucified man, Christ, must be worshiped and adored.

4. Because they saw that the Apostles were correcting and chastising their godless ways, namely their lust, drunkenness, hatred, quarrels, pride, and envy.

5. Because the Devil and the pagan priests persuaded them that the Christian religion was the cause of all evils and public calamities, e.g. of famine, war, plague, floods, as is evident from Tertullian, Athenagoras, Justin and other writers in the Apologies for the Christians.

*And these things will they do to you; because they have not known the Father, nor Me.* (John 16:3). He gives the reason for the persecutions, not so as to excuse the persecutors, but rather to accuse them and to comfort the Apostles. As if to say: The reason why Jews and gentiles will persecute you, is because they do not know and do not wish to know that I am the Son of God the Father, which I have nevertheless proved by so many miracles and arguments and which you, too, shall prove. Therefore their ignorance does not diminish but rather aggravates their guilt, because it is a crude, indeed a feigned ignorance. But it will be a consolation to you in your persecutions, that you know, worship and love Me and My Father, and are suffering for both Our sakes. For if it is glorious to die for one's country and republic, it is much more glorious to die for God. Thus St. Augustine. (*The Great Commentary of Cornelius à Lapide*)

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

**In your charity** please pray for the repose of the soul of **Miss. Mary Kaniecki**. A Mass will be said for her on Saturday May 25th.

**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 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.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Rev. Mr. Botta for preparing this year's Confirmation class.

**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.

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

**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.

### CAMP SAINT ISAAC JOGUES 2013

- Now accepting application until May 31st.
- Camp St. Jogues 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:** May 5th - \$2,913.00

## Altar Boys

### SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

May 12  
8:00 a.m. Mass

**ACI** Joseph Schneider  
**AC2** Patrick Schneider

#### TEAM B

**MC** Andrew Mitchell  
**TH** William Skuba  
**AC1** Anthony Mitchell  
**AC2** Matthew Davidson  
**C** Timothy Sica  
**S1** Francis LaFata  
**S2** Stephen LaFata  
**S3** John Mitchell  
**S4** John Skuba

### WEEK TWO

**Monday**  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Tuesday** James McWhirter  
**7:45 a.m.** Joseph McWhirter

**Wednesday** Andrew Mitchell  
**7:45 a.m.** Anthony Mitchell

**Thursday** Chris Shanahan  
**7:45 a.m.**

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19  
8:00 a.m. Mass

**ACI** Dominic Gardner  
**AC2** Jack Gardner

#### TEAM C

**MC** Justin LaFata  
**TH** James McWhirter  
**AC1** Francis LaFata  
**AC2** Patrick Seeley  
**C** Timothy Emig  
**S1** Stephen LaFata  
**S2**  
**S3** Brendan Seeley  
**S4** Joseph Seeley