

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Easter Sunday

March 27, 2016

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Mar. 27th 10:15 a.m.	Easter Sunday, <i>I Class</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Mar. 28th 7:45 a.m.	Easter Monday, <i>I Class</i> † Amelia Wassell
Tues. Mar. 29th 7:45 a.m.	Easter Tuesday, <i>I Class</i> Soul in Purgatory - <i>Eric R. Helfrich</i>
Wed. Mar. 30th 7:45 a.m.	Easter Wednesday, <i>I Class</i> Ann Bean - <i>Stephen Pendrak</i>
Thu. Mar. 31st 7:45 a.m.	Easter Thursday, <i>I Class</i> FSSP - <i>Holden Family</i>
Fri. Apr. 1st 6:00 p.m.	Easter Friday, <i>I Class</i> † Carol Cunningham - <i>Jerome Lackner</i>
Sat. Apr. 2nd 9:00 a.m.	Easter Saturday, <i>I Class</i> McWhirter Family - <i>Anon.</i>
Sun. Apr. 3rd 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Low Sunday, <i>I Class</i> James & Diane Craig - <i>Chris & Joyce Keifer</i> <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

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Thursday - After Mass

Friday-Sunday - Before Mass

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am-4 pm

THURSDAY - CLOSED

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

Easter Sunday

INTROIT

Ps. 138, 18, 5, 6

I arose, and am still with Thee, alleluia: Thou hast laid Thy hand upon Me, alleluia: Thy knowledge is become wonderful, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 138, 1, 2.* Lord, Thou hast proved Me, and known Me; Thou hast known My sitting down, and My rising up. *V. Glory.* "I arose, and..."

COLLECT

O God, Who, this day by Thine only-begotten Son, vanquishing death, hast unlocked for us the gate of eternity, help us to attain the desires to which Thou hast led us by Thine inspirations. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

1 Cor. 5, 7, 8

Brethren, purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new paste, as you are unleavened: for Christ our Pasch is sacrificed. Therefore, let us feast, not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

GRADUAL

Ps. 121, 1, 7

This is the day which the Lord hath made: Let us be glad and rejoice therein. *V.* Give praise to the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. *Alleluia, alleluia.* *V. 1 Cor. 5, 7.* Christ our Pasch is sacrificed.

SEQUENCE

To the Paschal Victim, hymns of praise,
Come, ye Christians, joyous raise!
Lamb unstained, unmeasured price hath paid
Ransom for the sheep that strayed.
To a Father kind, rebellious men
Sinless Son hath led again:
Life and death in combat fierce engage,
Marvel dazzling every age.
Prince of life, by hellish monster slain,
Liveth now, shall ever reign.
Tell us, Mary, thou our herald be,
What in passing thou didst see?
Empty tomb, where Christ, now living, lay.
Angels saw I in bright array,
Shroud and vesture loosely cast aside
Prove clear: He is risen glorified
Yea! My hope hath snapped the fatal chain,
Death has smote and risen again:

Quick before you, sped to Galilee.

Christ in glory haste to see.

Know we now that Christ hath truly risen,
Wrenched the gates of hell's dark prison.

Hail, Thou Victor! Hail, Thou glorious King,
Help and save us while we sing. Amen. *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL

Mark 16, 1-7

At that time, Mary Magdalen, and Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought sweet spices, that coming they might anoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they come to the sepulcher, the sun being now risen; and they said one to another, Who shall roll back the stone from the door of the sepulcher? And looking, they saw the stone rolled back: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulcher, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed with a white robe, and they were astonished: who saith to them, Be not affrighted; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified: He is risen, He is not here; behold the place where they laid Him: but go, tell His disciples, and Peter, that He goeth before you into Galilee: there you shall see Him, as He told you.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 75, 9, 10

The earth trembled and was still, when God arose in judgment. Alleluia.

SECRET

Receive, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayers of Thy people with the offerings of sacrifices, that the things begun in the Paschal mysteries may, by Thy operation, avail us for a healing remedy unto life everlasting. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

1 Cor. 5, 7, 8

Christ, our Pasch is immolated, alleluia: therefore let us feast in the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION

Pour upon us, O Lord, the Spirit of Thy love, to make us of one mind, whom, by Thy tender mercy, Thou hast filled with the Paschal sacrament. Through our Lord.

Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us be glad and rejoice therein. This is the most excellent day, the happiest day in the whole year, because it is the day when "Christ, our Pasch, has been sacrificed." Christmas, too, is a joyous feast, but whereas Christmas vibrates with a characteristic note of sweetness, the Paschal solemnity resounds with an unmistakable note of triumph; it is joy for the triumph of Christ, for His victory. The liturgy of the Mass shows us this Paschal joy under two aspects: joy in truth and joy in charity.

Joy in truth: According to the vibrant admonition of St. Paul, "Let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." In this world there are many ephemeral joys, based on fragile, insecure foundations; but the Paschal joy is solidly grounded on the knowledge that we are in the truth, the truth which Christ brought to the world and which He confirmed by His Resurrection. The Resurrection tells us that our faith is not in vain, that our hope is not founded on a dead man, but on a living one, the *Living One* par excellence, whose life is so strong that it vivifies, in time as in eternity, all those who believe in Him. "I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, although he be dead, shall live." Joy in truth: for only sincere and upright souls who seek the truth lovingly and, still more, "do the truth" can fully rejoice in the Resurrection. We are sincere when we recognize ourselves for what we are, with all our faults, deficiencies, and need for conversion. From this knowledge of our miseries springs the sincere resolve to purify ourselves of the old leaven of the passions in order to be renewed completely in the risen Christ.

Truth, however, must be accomplished in charity; therefore the Postcommunion prayer that is placed on our lips is more timely than ever: "Pour forth upon us, O Lord, the spirit of Thy love, to make us of one heart." Without unity and mutual charity there can be no real Paschal joy.

The Gospel places before our eyes the faithful

holy women who, at the first rays of the Sunday dawn, run to the sepulcher, and on the way, wonder: "Who will roll back the stone from the door of the sepulcher for us?" This preoccupation, although it is well justified on account of the size and weight of the stone, does not deter them from proceeding with their plans; they are too much taken up with the desire of finding Jesus! And behold! hardly have they arrived when they see "the stone rolled back." They enter the tomb and find an Angel who greets them with the glad announcement: "He is risen; He is not here. "At this time, Jesus does not let Himself be found or seen; but a little later when, in obedience to the command of the Angel, the women leave the tomb to bring the news to the disciples, He will appear before them saying, "all hail!", and their joy will be overwhelming.

We, too, have a keen desire to find the Lord; perhaps we have been seeking Him for many long years. Further, this desire may have been accomplished by serious preoccupation with the question of how we might rid ourselves of the obstacles and roll away from our souls the stone which has prevented us thus far from finding the Lord, from giving ourselves entirely to Him, and from letting Him triumph in us. Precisely because we want to find the Lords we have already overcome many obstacles, sustained by His grace; divine Providence has helped us roll away many stones, overcome many difficulties. Nevertheless, the search for God is progressive, and must be maintained during our whole life. For this reason, following the example of the holy women, we must always have a holy preoccupation about finding the Lord, a preoccupation which will make us industrious and diligent in seeking Him, and at the same time confident of the divine aid, since the Lord will certainly take care that we arrive where our own strength could never bring us, because He will do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Every year Easter marks a time of renewal in our spiritual life, in our search for God; every year we reascend the path toward Him in newness of life.

**ST. MICHAEL'S WISHES
EVERYONE A VERY BLESSED
EASTER!**

St. Michael the Archangel Parish extends a warm welcome to all new parishioners in the parish. If you would like to register, please contact the rectory.

EASTER TRIDUUM: St. Michael's wishes to thank Mr. Graham Latimer, FSSP Seminarian, for his assistance during Holy Week.

SPECIAL APPRECIATION to everyone who helped prepare the Church for Holy Week. May God reward you!

EASTER BASKETS will be blessed after the 10:15 Mass today.

ALTAR BOYS: There will be NO altar boy practice in April.



DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS: The church will be available on Sunday, April 3rd at 1:00 p.m. for anyone who wishes to pray the Chaplet of Mercy. Mr. Anthony George will lead the devotions.

COLLECTION: March 20th - \$5,234.00

Altar Boy Schedule

EASTER SUNDAY

March 27th
10:15 a.m. Mass

MC Tim Emig
TH Francis LaFata
AC1 Patrick Schneider
AC2 Stephen LaFata
C Brian LaFata
S1 Collin Chidester
S2 Brendan Seeley

WEEK TWO

Monday
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Joshua Sica
7:45 a.m. Timothy Sica

Thursday John Mitchell
7:45 a.m.

LOW SUNDAY

April 3rd
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Dominic Gardner
AC2 Jack Gardner

TEAM B

MC Francis LaFata
TH Joseph McWhirter
AC1 John Mitchell
AC2 Stephen LaFata
C Mathias Morris
S1 Brian LaFata
S2 Ian McGuirk