

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2013

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Sep. 22nd	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Andrew Toth - <i>Mr. & Mrs. Gene DeAngelis</i>
10:15 a.m.	Pro Populo
Mon. Sep. 23rd	St. Linus, <i>Pope and Martyr, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Louis Guzek - <i>Elaine Guzek</i>
Tues. Sep. 24th	Our Lady of Ransom, <i>IV Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Holy Souls in Purgatory - <i>Anon.</i>
Wed. Sep. 25th	Votive Mass of Saint Joseph, <i>IV Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Walter Heisler - <i>Cilia Family</i>
Thur. Sep. 26th	SS Isaac Joques, Jean de Brebeuf & Companions, <i>Martyrs, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Mr. William Skuba - <i>Skuba Family</i>
Fri. Sep. 27th	SS Cosmas and Damian, <i>Martyrs, III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	† Bishop Joseph P. McFadden - <i>Anon.</i>
Sat. Sep. 28th	St. Wenceslaus, <i>Duke and Martyr, III Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Eric McWhirter & Family - <i>David McWhirter</i>
Sun. Sep. 29th	Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Jack & Christine Burnham - <i>33rd Anniversary</i>
10:15 a.m.	Pro Populo

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

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am-5 pm

THURSDAY - CLOSED

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

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INTROIT

Ecclus. 36, 18

Give peace, O Lord, to them that patiently wait for Thee, that Thy prophets may be found faithful: hear the prayers of Thy servant, and of Thy people Israel. *Ps. 121, 1.* I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of the Lord. *V.* Glory.

COLLECT

Let the operation of Thy mercy, we beseech Thee, O Lord, direct our hearts, for without Thee we can not please Thee. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

1 Cor. 1, 4-6

Brethren, I give thanks to my God always for you, for the grace of God that is given you in Jesus Christ, that in all things you are made rich in Him, in all utterance and in all knowledge, as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, so that nothing is wanting to you in any grace, waiting for the manifestation of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Who also will confirm you unto the end without crime, in the day of the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

GRADUAL

Ps. 121, 1, 7

I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of Our Lord. *V.* Let peace be in thy strength, and abundance in thy towers.

ALLELUIA

Ps. 101, 16

Alleluia, alleluia. The gentiles shall fear Thy name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth Thy glory. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matt. 9, 1-8

At that time, Jesus entering into a ship, passed over the water and came into His own city. And behold they brought to Him one sick of the palsy lying in a bed; and Jesus seeing their faith, said to the man sick of the palsy, Be of good heart, son, thy sins are forgiven thee. And behold some of the scribes said within themselves, He blasphemeth. And Jesus seeing their thoughts, said, Why do you think evil in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say, Thy sins are forgiven Thee; or to say, Arise and walk? But that you may know that the Son of

man hath power on earth to forgive sins (then said He to the man sick of the palsy). Arise, take up thy bed, and go into thy house. And he arose, and went into his house. And the multitude seeing it, feared, and glorified God Who had given such power to men.

OFFERTORY

Ex. 24, 4, 5

Moses consecrated an altar to the Lord, offering upon it holocausts, and sacrificing victims: he made an evening sacrifice to the Lord God for an odor of sweetness, in the sight of the children of Israel.

SECRET

O God, Who, through the august communication of this sacrifice, dost make us partakers of the one supreme divinity, grant, we beseech Thee, that, as we know Thy truth, so we may ever follow it with worthy actions. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Ps. 75, 12, 13

Bring up sacrifices, and come into His courts: adore ye the Lord in His holy court.

POSTCOMMUNION

Strengthened by the sacred gift, we render thanks to Thee, O Lord, beseeching Thy mercy that Thou make us entirely worthy to partake thereof. Through our Lord.



But that you may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins (then said he to the man sick of the palsy). Arise, take up thy bed, and go into thy house. (Saint Matthew 9:6) Note the expression, Son of man, for Christ forgave sins, not only as God by His omnipotence, but also as man, authoritatively and meritoriously. Because His humanity was hypostatically united to His Divinity, and subsisted in the divine Person of the Son of God, therefore, He was able to merit and make full satisfaction *ex aequo* for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, this primary authority and power of forgiving sins was given unto Him, next unto God, which power He is able to grant unto others likewise, such as priests, who are instituted by Him, as His ministers, that they, too, should forgive sins. Hence St. Thomas says (Summa, Part III, q.64, a.3), "The power of the excellence of Christ consists of four things. 1. Because His merit, and the virtue of His Passion, operate in the Sacraments. 2. Because by His Name the Sacraments are sanctified. 3. Because He Himself, who gives virtue to the Sacraments, had power to institute them. 4. Because Christ is able to confer the effect of the Sacraments (in other words, the remission of sins, and grace) without the Sacraments. This power is peculiar to Christ alone, *quà man*; and, therefore, it has been communicated to no priest nor pontiff, nor even to St. Peter."

And he arose, and went into his house. (Saint Matthew 9:7) He arose at once, for what Christ said was straightaway done. And the man went away with the bed upon his shoulders, as Christ had commanded, as a sign of the perfect health to which Christ restored him.

St. Simon Stylites followed the example of this miracle of Christ. A certain Saracen tribune brought to him one of his servants, a paralytic, and asked him to heal him. "The holy man commanded him to be brought into the midst, and bade him abjure the impiety of his ancestors. After the man had done this, he asked him if he believed in the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. He replied that he did believe. 'If thou believest,' said he, 'rise up.' As soon as he had arisen, he bade him take up and carry the before-named Tribune, who was an excessively fat man, upon his shoulders, as far as his tent. And he immediately raised him up, and carried him whither he was bidden. All the spectators were amazed at this miracle, and glorified God. For he had bidden him to do this after the example of the Lord, who had commanded the paralytic to take up his bed."

Tropologically, St. Gregory says, "By the bed on which the flesh finds rest, flesh itself is signified; but the house

is a figure of the conscience. Therefore, take up your bed, that is, carry the bed by which you were carried, because it is necessary for everyone who is cured to bear with the infirmity of the flesh in which he formerly lay sick. What does it mean, then, to say Take up thy bed and go into thy house? but 'Bear with the temptations of the flesh, in which you have lain prostrate until now, and return to your senses, to your conscience, so that you see what you have done.'" By the just judgment of God it comes to pass that the sinner who formerly consented freely to temptation, after he has repented, feels temptation against his will. For repentance truly takes away sin, but not sinful habits and depraved inclinations, which the sinner of his own will contracted and put on. Thus St. Mary of Egypt, after her conversion, felt for seventeen years the sharp goads of lust, because for so many years she had shamefully lived in lust, as related in her Life written by Zozyms.

Tropologically, paralysis is any disease of the soul whatsoever, but especially of fleshly lust, and the carelessness and indifference to spiritual things which it generates. For it so entirely prostrates the soul, that it is without power to lift itself up to virtue, to heaven, to God. Therefore, the man that labors under this disease must be carried by bearers, that is, by pastors, preachers, confessors, up upon the housetop, that is, to the desire of salvation and heavenly things; and then must be let down through the roof to the feet of Christ; and they must ask of Him by earnest prayer to heal him by His grace, and restore to him the power of motion, and the sense of spiritual things. Then when he is healed, let him give thanks to Christ his Savior, and let him not be slothful, but let him go away to the house of his mind and conscience, and sweep it clean of vices, and adorn it with all virtuous actions. Thus ought the soul to trust in the Lord, because He alone is able to supply all her wants. She ought to arise from the sleep of sin, and the bed of depraved habits, by calling to mind into what a state she has fallen, which she doth by Confession; for as he who arises, so also does he who confesses, come forth: she ought to take up her bed, which pertains to satisfaction [reparation], for when that is enjoined in Confession, it is a sort of burden to be borne. For the flesh which, as a bed, gave pleasure, and as it were carried the dead soul, ought, after remission and satisfaction, to be a burden to a man, as it was to him who cried out, Unhappy man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? (Romans 7:24).

(The Great Commentary of Cornelius à Lapide)

FEAST OF ST MICHAEL: Sunday, September 29th, is the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. The 10:15 a.m. High Mass will be celebrated in honor of our Patron Saint. A pot luck will be held downstairs following the Mass. Everyone is welcome!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th, we are planning to have our Annual Rosary Procession for the month of the Holy Rosary. The Act of Consecration of the North America District to the Blessed Mother of God will be made after each Mass.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 15th, on the feast of St. Luke, we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter as a society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right. A High Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for the many graces that we have received in this first quarter-century.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27th, we will have a procession of the Blessed Sacrament for the Feast of Christ the King. Please mark these dates in your calendars and make a special effort to be at the 10:15 Mass and processions afterwards to witness publically to our faith.

ST. MICHAEL VESTMENT GUILD: The first meeting of the St. Michael Vestment Guild will be held on October 5th. Anyone interested in making beautiful vestments for the Glory of God is invited to attend.

Future meetings will be held the first Saturday of each month. Bring an embroidery hoop and your favorite needle. For any questions please call Martina Schuler at (570) 937-9438. May God reward you.

CONFRATERNITY MEMBERS: Anyone who was enrolled in the Confraternity of St. Peter last year is asked to call the rectory. You will recite the prayer of the Confraternity, receive a blessing and your certificate on Sunday October 20th, after the High Mass. More information may be found in the church vestibule.

PARISH DIRECTORY: Some parishioners would like to have a directory of the names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and professions of St. Michael's members. Of course this is voluntary. If you would like to be included in the directory please contact Eileen Ranieri at 570-344-4846 or eranieri@classicproperties.com

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

DIOCESAN APPEAL: Prayerfully consider your response and please be generous. Make sure you mark your donation to the appeal with our parish code 060. May God reward you.

COLLECTION: September 15 - \$2,203.00

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
September 22nd

8:00 a.m. Mass
ACI Justin LaFata
AC2 Francis LaFata

10:15 a.m. Mass
MC William Skuba
TH Chris Shanahan

WEEK TWO

Monday
7:45 a.m.

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

Wednesday John Mitchell
7:45 a.m. Anthony Mitchell

Thursday
7:45 a.m.

FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL
THE ARCHANGEL
September 29th

8:00 a.m. Mass
AC1 Joshua Sica
AC2 Timothy Sica

TEAM A
MC James McWhirter
TH Joseph McWhirter
AC1 John Gillenkirk
AC2 Patrick Seeley
C Robert Seeley
S1 John Pheasant
S2 Andrew Pheasant
S3 Matthew Gillenkirk
S4 Timothy Emig