

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2015

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Aug. 9th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, II Class Daniel Mitchell - <i>His Parents</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Aug. 10th 7:45 a.m.	St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr, II Class † Michael Harold Angley, Sr. - <i>His Son</i>
Tues. Aug. 11th 7:45 a.m.	SS. Tiburtius & Susanna, Virgin, Martyrs, IV Class † Greg Cox - <i>Judy Ferraro</i>
Wed. Aug. 12th 7:45 a.m.	St. Clare, Virgin, III Class † Jackqueline Gates - <i>John Bellington</i>
Thu. Aug. 13th 7:45 a.m.	SS. Hippolytus & Cassian, Martyrs, IV Class Mary & Jeffrey Ludwig - <i>Mike & Nancy Emig</i>
Fri. Aug. 14th 6:00 p.m.	Vigil of the Assumption, II Class † Stephen Toman - <i>Daughter</i>
Sat. Aug. 15th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I Class</i> Mary Ann Kemp - <i>Her Sister</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun. Aug. 16th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class † Ralph Portzer - <i>Mr. & Mrs. Charles Aronica Family</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

Low 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

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INTROIT ANTIPHON

Ps. 67: 6-7, 36

God in His holy place; God who maketh men of one mind to dwell in a house: He shall give power and strength to His people. *Ps.* Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered: and let them that hate Him flee from before His face. {V} Glory be.

COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God, who in the abundance of Thy loving kindness exceeds the merits and desires of those who humbly pray; pour down upon us Thy mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and granting us those blessings which we dare not presume to ask. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

1 Cor. 15: 1-10

Brethren: I make known unto you the Gospel which I preached to you, which also you have received, and wherein you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast after what manner I preached unto you, unless you have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all, which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures; and that He was seen by Cephas, and after that by the eleven. Then was He seen by more than five hundred brethren at once; of whom many remain until this present, and some are fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James then by all the apostles. And last of all He was seen also by me, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the Apostles, who am not worthy to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God; but by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace in me hath not been void.

GRADUAL

Ps. 27: 7, 1

In God hath my heart confided, and I have been helped; and my flesh hath flourished again; and with my will I will give praise to Him. {V} Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord: O my God, be not Thou silent; depart not from me.

ALLELUIA

Ps. 80: 2-3

Alleluia, alleluia. {V} Rejoice to God our helper; sing aloud to the God of Jacob; take a pleasant psalm with the harp. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 7: 31-37

At that time, Jesus going out of the coasts of Tyre, came by Sidon to the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis. And they bring to Him one deaf and dumb, and they besought Him that He would lay His hand upon him. And taking him from the multitude apart, He put His fingers into his ears, and spitting, He touched his tongue; and looking up to Heaven, He groaned and said to him: Ephphetha, which is, Be thou opened: and immediately his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke right. And He charged them that they should tell no man: but the more He charged them so much the more a great deal did they publish it; and so much the more did they wonder, saying: He hath done all things well; He hath made both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 29: 2-3

I will extol Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast upheld me; and hast not made my enemies to rejoice over me: O Lord, I have cried to Thee, and Thou hast healed me.

SECRET

Look down in mercy upon the lowliness of our service, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the gifts we offer may be acceptable unto Thee, and a support in our weakness. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps. 3: 9-10

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first of all thy fruits: and thy barns shall be filled with abundance, and thy presses shall run over with wine.

POSTCOMMUNION

Having received thy holy Sacrament, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may feel supported in soul and body; that being saved in both, we may glory in the fullness of the heavenly remedy. Through our Lord.

Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*

Grant, O Lord, that the grace of holy Baptism may reach its full development in me!

The healing of the deaf-mute, as narrated in today's Gospel is a figure of baptismal grace. We, too, were once taken before Jesus in a condition similar to that of the poor man in Galilee. We were deaf and dumb in the life of the spirit, and Jesus, in the person of the priest, welcomed us lovingly at the baptismal font. The priest made the same gesture over us and said the same word as did the divine Master in the Gospel: "*Ephpheta*," "Be thou opened!" From that moment the hearing of our soul was opened to faith and our tongue was loosed to give praise to God. We were enabled to listen to the voice of faith—to the exterior voice of the teaching Church and to the interior voice of the Holy Spirit, urging us to do good; from that moment, we could open our lips in prayer: in praise, adoration, and petition. But later the noise of the world deafened and distracted us; likewise, the tumult of our passions deadened our capacity to listen to the voice of God. Then, too, idle conversations about worldly things and great anxiety over various events in our life have left us unable to pray sincerely and earnestly. But Jesus wishes to renew the grace of our Baptism today and to repeat the all-powerful word "*Ephpheta*." How greatly we need Him to reopen our ears to His voice and to make us more attentive and sensitive to His call! "In the morning He wakens my ear that I may hear Him as a master; I do not resist, I have not gone back," says Isaias (50:4,5). This is the grace we must ask of Our Lord today, that we may not only hear His voice, but may follow it, without resistance. The more faithfully we follow it, the more sensitive we shall become to its slightest whisper. At the same time let us ask for the grace of always being ready to give praise to the Lord, to call upon His mercy, to ask His pardon humbly, accusing ourselves of our faults sincerely and with sorrow.

Those who were present when Jesus performed this miracle wondered at it, saying, "He hath done all things well; He hath made both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak." Certainly, Jesus has done all things well; He has arranged everything in the best

way possible for our sanctification. He has prepared for us all the graces we need, and not only in sufficient measure, but even superabundantly. Unfortunately, however, we do not always cooperate with His grace; many times pride, egoism, and all our other uncontrolled passions turn to evil what God has planned for our good. If we had accepted lovingly and with resignation that difficulty, that trial, or disappointment which God had permitted for the sole purpose of providing us with an opportunity to practice virtue, we should have made great progress; but by giving way to impatience, by protesting and complaining, we rather added to our failures and infidelities. We should cooperate with grace more readily and strive to maintain our soul in an attitude of open docility to all the invitations to virtue which God is continually sending us by means of the different circumstances of life.

Today's Mass, and especially the Epistle, offers us a splendid model of cooperation with grace. It is St. Paul, the Apostle, who in his humility calls himself "the least of the Apostles," who says most sincerely: "By the grace of God, I am what I am, and His grace in me hath not been void." St. Paul realizes that, if he became an Apostle, instead of the persecutor which he had been, it was not because of his own merits, but solely by the grace of God; he attributes nothing to himself, but all to God. At the same time, he is conscious of his personal correspondence, the correspondence which is always the fruit of grace, but which also includes, as an indispensable element, our free adherence to it. Consequently, we must have an attitude of profound humility as the basis of our correspondence to grace that is, we must clearly realize that whatever good is in us is due only to God. This attitude of humility must be accompanied by a voluntary, continual assent of our will to God's invitations. We cannot give this assent without the help of grace, and yet it depends on us; it is entirely in our hands. Therefore, like St. Paul, we can attribute nothing to our own merits, but should say with him, "By the grace of God, I am what I am." Our willing adherence to grace, however, will give us the right to add, "and His grace in me hath not been void." But only steady, faithful, generous adherence will give us that right.

REMINDER: Saturday, August 15th, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of obligation. We will have a Sunday schedule on this day. **TEAM C will serve the High Mass.**

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC: The parish picnic is **Saturday, August 15th** at LaCoe's Grove in Clarks Summit. Directions are in the vestibule of the church, along with sign-up sheets for each family to bring their favorite dish for 12 people. The food will be blessed at 1:00 p.m. Let's pray for NO rain!

SEMINARIAN FUND: The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all parishioners who contributed to this year's Seminarian Fund. The total collection was \$3,250. May God reward your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS: We are now taking mass intentions for the 2016 year. Please submit your stipend at the time of your mass request.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMS are now available in the vestibule of the Church. These should be completed by parents whose children are to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation next year. Please be advised that classes will begin on **September 13th** this year. Registration forms must be in by Monday **August 31st**. The age for First Communion is seven and for Confirmation twelve and up.

AURIESVIELLE PILGRIMAGE: Join the 20th annual *Pilgrimage for Restoration* on Friday-Sunday, September 18-20. Affordable! For more information see Mr. Eric McWhirter or inquire 484-560-9515, coalition@fast.net, <http://pilgrimage.stblogs.com>.

ALTAR BOYS: The New Altar Boy Schedule is posted in the church vestibule.

COLLECTION: August 2 - \$2,770.00

Altar Boy Schedule

ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

Aug. 9th
8:00 a.m. Mass

Stephen LaFata
Francis LaFata

10:15 a.m. Mass

John Mitchell
Joshua Sica

WEEK THREE

Monday Joseph Schneider
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Dominic Gardner
7:45 a.m. Jack Gardner

Thursday
7:45 a.m.

TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

Aug. 16th
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Stephen LaFata
AC2 Francis LaFata

TEAM D

MC Matthew Gillenkirk
TH Andrew Pheasant
AC1 Patrick Schneider
AC2 John Mitchell
C John Skuba
S1 Michael Gardner
S2 Joe Skuba