

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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External Solemnity of St. Michael

September 25, 2016

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Sep. 25th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class Nicholas LaFata - <i>His Parents</i> External Solemnity of St. Michael the Archangel, II Class <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Sep. 26th 7:45 a.m.	Jean Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions, <i>Martyrs, III Class</i> Kathleen Sherrick - <i>Her Husband</i>
Tues. Sep. 27th 7:45 a.m.	SS. Cosmos & Damian, <i>Martyrs, III Class</i> † Virginia Marie Lammers - <i>Ferraro Family</i>
Wed. Sep. 28th 7:45 a.m.	St. Wenceslaus, <i>Duke & Martyr, III Class</i> † Margaret Dutkevitch - <i>Vera & Julie Luongo</i>
Thu. Sep. 29th 7:45 a.m.	Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel, I Class † Lee Campbell - <i>Claire Van Beek</i>
Fri. Sep. 30th 6:00 p.m.	St. Jerome, <i>Priest, Confessor, & Doctor, III Class</i> Skae Family - <i>Seeley Family</i>
Sat. Oct. 1st 9:00 a.m.	Immaculate Heart of Mary, <i>III Class</i> Eileen Emig - <i>Gillenkirk Family</i>
Sun. Oct. 2nd 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Robert & Cathy Seeley - <i>Robert Seeley</i> External Solemnity Our Lady of the Rosary, II Class <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 am

& 9:15-10:05 am

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

Ps. 120:20

Bless the Lord, all ye His Angels: you that are mighty in strength, and execute His word, hearkening to the voice of His orders. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and let all that is within me bless His holy Name. V. Glory be.

COLLECT

O God, who hast constituted the services of Angels and of men in a wonderful order, mercifully grant, that they who ever stand before Thy face to do Thee service in heaven, may also defend our life upon earth. Though our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity...

EPISTLE

Apoc. 1:1-5

In those days: God signified the things which must shortly come to pass, sending by His Angel to His servant John, who hath given testimony of Jesus Christ, what things soever he hath seen. Blessed is he that readeth and heareth the words of this prophecy, and keepeth those things which are written in it; for the time is at hand. John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you and peace from Him that is, and that was, and that is to come; and from the seven spirits which are before His throne; and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful Witness, the First Begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth, who hath loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own Blood.

GRADUAL

Ps. 102:20-21

Bless the Lord all ye His Angels: you that are mighty in strength, that do His will. O my soul, bless thou the Lord: and all that is within me praise His Holy name.

ALLELUIA

Ps. 101: 16

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Holy Archangel Michael, defend us in battle; that we may not perish in the dreadful judgment. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matt. 18: 1-10

At that time, the disciples came to Jesus, saying: Who thinkest Thou, is the greater in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus calling unto Him a little child, set him in the midst of them, and said: Amen I say to you, unless you

be converted, and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, he is the greater in the kingdom of heaven and he that shall receive one such little child in My name, receiveth Me. But he that shall scandalize one of these little ones that believe in Me, it were better for him that a mill-stone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of scandals: for it must needs be that scandals come; but nevertheless woe to that man by whom the scandal cometh. And if they hand or thy foot scandalize thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee. It is better for thee to go into life maimed or lame, than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye scandalize thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee. It is better for thee having one eye to enter into life, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. See that you despise not one of these little ones; for I say to you, that their Angels in heaven always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

OFFERTORY

Apoc. 8:3-4

An Angel stood near the altar of the temple, having a golden censer in his hand: and there was given to him much incense and the smoke of the perfumes ascended before God.

SECRET

We offer unto Thee, O Lord, the Sacrifice of praise and humbly beseech Thee, that through the prayers of the Angels who plead for us, Thou wouldst graciously accept it and make it of avail to us for salvation. Through our Lord...

COMMUNION

Dan 3:58

All you Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord: sing a hymn, and exalt Him above all forever.

POSTCOMMUNION

Supported by the intercession of blessed Michael, Thine Archangel, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, that what has passed our lips, we may lay hold of with our minds. Through our Lord...

Introduction to the Devout Life

All the children of Israel went forth from the land of Egypt, but not all went forth heartily, and so, when wandering in the desert, some of them sighed after the leeks and onions,--the fleshpots of Egypt. Even so there are penitents who forsake sin, yet without forsaking their sinful affections; that is to say, they intend to sin no more, but it goes sorely against them to abstain from the pleasures of sin;--they formally renounce and forsake sinful acts, but they turn back many a fond lingering look to what they have left, like Lot's wife as she fled from Sodom. They are like a sick man who abstains from eating melon when the doctor says it would kill him, but who all the while longs for it, talks about it, bargains when he may have it, would at least like just to sniff the perfume, and thinks those who are free to eat of it very fortunate. And so these weak cowardly penitents abstain awhile from sin, but reluctantly; -- they would fain be able to sin without incurring damnation;--they talk with a lingering taste of their sinful deeds, and envy those who are yet indulging in the like. Thus a man who has meditated some revenge gives it up in confession, but soon after he is to be found talking about the quarrel, averring that but for the fear of God he would do this or that; complaining that it is hard to keep the Divine rule of forgiveness; would to God it were lawful to avenge one's self! Who can fail to see that even if this poor man is not actually committing sin, he is altogether bound with the affections thereof, and although he may have come out of Egypt, he yet hungers after it, and longs for the leeks and onions he was wont to feed upon there! It is the same with the woman who, though she has given up her life of sin, yet takes delight in being sought after and admired.

Alas! of a truth, all such are in great peril.

Be sure, my child, that if you seek to lead a devout life, you must not merely forsake sin; but you must further cleanse your heart from all affections pertaining to sin; for, to say nothing of the danger of a relapse, these wretched affections will perpetually enfeeble your mind, and clog it, so that you will be unable to be diligent, ready and frequent in good works, wherein nevertheless lies the very essence of all true devotion. Souls which, in spite of having forsaken sin, yet retain such likings and longings, remind us of those persons who, without being actually ill, are pale and sickly, languid in all they do, eating without appetite, sleeping without refreshment, laughing without mirth, dragging themselves about rather than walking briskly. Such souls as I have described lose all the grace of their good deeds, which are probably few and feeble, through their spiritual languor.

St. Francis deSales

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: This year our parish goal is \$10,000. Through your continued generosity, I am confident that we will achieve this goal. Make sure you mark your donation to the appeal with our parish code 060. Envelopes for the appeal are in the church vestibule. Thank you for your support.

EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: Sunday, September 25th, there will be a pot luck in honor of our Patron, Saint Michael, after the 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

FR. GERARD SAGUTO FSSP: Will give his next class on Wednesday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be **“Observations and Comments on the Creed.”** Instruction on how to present the faith and counter modern criticism will be covered. Everyone is welcome!

Fr. Zepeda will be on vacation from Monday, September 26th, through Friday October 14th. Fr. Joseph Orłowski, FSSP, will be covering until Wednesday, October 12th. **Please note:** Fr. Harkins FSSP will cover the masses on Thursday, October 13th and Friday 14th. Both masses will be at 7:45am.

MASS INTENTIONS: We are now taking mass intentions for the 2017 year. Please submit your stipend at the time of your mass request. than

RESPECT LIFE BANQUET: The Wyoming Valley Chapter, Pennsylvanians for Human Life’s annual Respect Life Banquet will be held, Monday, October 10, 2016, at 6:00 pm, at Genetti’s Best Western, 77 E. Market Street, Wilkes-Barre. This year’s Speaker is special in every way, Doctor Anthony Levatino, former abortionist who converted to Pro-Life. For reservations please make checks (\$35.00) to 'PHL' (include a phone number) and mail in advance to: PHL, 31 Hanover Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18702. Tickets will Not be available at the door. Thank You.

Mark Your Calendar

September 25th - Feast of St. Michael the Archangel

October 2nd - External Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary and Rosary Procession.

October 7th - Our Lady’s Tea

October 30th - Feast of Christ the King and Eucharistic Procession

EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF ST. MICHAEL

WEEK ONE

EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

September 25th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Patrick Schneider
AC2 Mathias Morris

TEAM C
MC Dominic Gardner
TH Patrick Seeley
AC1 Joseph Seeley
AC2 Brendan Seeley
C Jack Gardner
S1 Michael Gardner
S2 Sean Michelin

Monday Patrick Schneider
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Andrew Pheasant
7:45 a.m.

Thursday
7:45 a.m.

October 2nd
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Francis LaFata
AC2 Stephen LaFata

TEAM D
MC Andrew Pheasant
TH Joshua Sica
AC1 Matthew Gillenkirk
AC2 Jack Gardner
C Michael Gardner
S1 Timothy Sica
S2 Peter Sica