

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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External Solemnity of St. Michael

September 27, 2015

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Sep. 27th	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Amelia Scatena - <i>David & Karen Scatena</i>
10:15 a.m.	Ex. Solemnity of St. Michael the Archangel, <i>I Class</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Sep. 28th	St. Wenceslaus, <i>Duke & Martyr, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Peter Michael LaFata - <i>His Parents</i>
Tues. Sep. 29th	Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel, <i>I Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Nora Gossin - <i>Patricia & Jack McGovern</i>
Wed. Sep. 30th	St. Jerome, <i>Priest & Confessor, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Amellia Guzek - <i>Her Niece</i>
Thu. Oct. 1st	St. Remigius, <i>Bishop & Confessor, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	In Honor of St. Joseph - <i>Kathleen Sherrick</i>
Fri. Oct. 2nd	Sacred Heart of Jesus, <i>III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	Brent & Claire Potteiger Family - <i>Mike & Nancy Emig</i>
Sat. Oct. 3rd	Immaculate Heart of Mary, <i>III Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Christian Keifer, III - <i>Mom & Dad</i>
Sun. Oct. 4th	<i>Ex. Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary, II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Alice Toman
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

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. Though our Lord...



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

O Jesus, grant me the grace to correspond always with the gifts of Your love.

A poor paralytic is presented to Our Lord; he probably had himself brought there to ask for bodily health, but in the presence of the purity and holiness which emanates from the Person of Jesus, he realizes that he is a sinner and remains confused and humiliated before Our Lord. Jesus has already read his heart, and seeing his faith and humility, He does not even wait for him to speak, but suddenly says to him with infinite kindness: "Be of good heart, son, thy sins are forgiven thee." The first and the greatest miracle has taken place: the man is no longer a slave of Satan; he is a child of God. Jesus, who came to save souls, rightfully healed the soul before the body.

This miracle, however, does not please the scribes who, not believing in the divinity of Jesus, begin immediately in the secret of their hearts to accuse Him of blasphemy. But the Master, who had read the soul of the paralytic, also reads theirs. "Why do you think evil in your hearts?" If Jesus had seen there even a little humility and faith, He would have been as ready to heal them as He was to heal the heart of the paralytic; but unfortunately, He found nothing but pride and obstinacy. However, He wishes to use every means to soften them, so He gives them the strongest proof of His divinity. "But that you may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins - then He said 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." The miracle was striking and instantaneous. The word of Jesus effected immediately what it expressed. The words of God alone could have such power. But the scribes will not admit that they are defeated: when the heart is proud and obstinate, not even factual evidence is capable of moving it.

Let us never say our faith is weak because we do not see or touch with our hand the truth which is proposed for our belief; let us rather admit that it is weak because our heart is not sufficiently docile to grace, nor entirely free from pride. If we want to have strong faith, let us be as humble and simple as children; if we wish to share in the grace of sanctification which was given to the paralytic, let us offer ourselves to Our

Lord with contrite, humble hearts, thoroughly convinced that we need His help and forgiveness.

The Gospel presents Jesus to us in all the splendor of His divine personality, possessing all the powers proper to God. The Epistle shows Him in the act of putting His divinity at our service, as it were, to sanctify us and make us divine. Jesus continues to do for our souls what He did for the soul of the paralytic, and today's Epistle is a beautiful synthesis of His action in us, an action far-reaching and complete, embracing our whole being. Contemplating this action, St. Paul bursts forth in a hymn of gratitude: "I give thanks to my God always for you, for the grace of God that is given you in Christ Jesus, that in all things you are made rich in Him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge... so that nothing is wanting to you in any grace." Yes, every grace, every gift comes to us from Jesus, and through them our person and our life are sanctified. By means of sanctifying grace, He sanctifies our soul; through the infused virtues, He sanctifies our faculties; and by actual grace, He sanctifies our activity, enabling us to act supernaturally. Yet even this does not satisfy His liberality: He is not content with setting us on the road to God, supernaturalized by grace and the virtues, but He wishes to substitute His divine way of acting for our human way; therefore, He enriches us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which make us capable of being moved by God Himself. All this is the gift of Jesus to us, the fruit of His Passion. The Holy Spirit is also His gift, the Gift par excellence, which He merited for us by His death on the Cross, the Gift which He and the Father are continually sending to us from heaven to enlighten and direct our souls.

It seems as if Jesus, the true Son of God, is not jealous of His divinity or His prerogatives, but seeks every possible means to make us share by grace what He possesses by nature. How true it is that the characteristic of love is to give oneself and to place those one loves on a plane of equality with oneself!

Let our hearts be filled with gratitude; let us correspond to the infinite love of Jesus and always keep ourselves under its influence, for He wills to "confirm us unto the end without crime, in the day of His coming."

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Our Catholic life begins and ends in the parish. Today, more than ever, we must connect with our fellow parishioners, reinforcing our faith and keeping it vital for the next generation of Catholics. The Office for Parish Life assists in all aspects of Liturgy & Worship, Service & Social Concerns, Community and Family Development. Your gifts fund such programs.

For the 2015 Annual Appeal 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.

ALTAR BOY PRACTICE will resume on first Saturday in October. Practice begins with Mass at 9:00 a.m. Everyone needs to attend.

EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: is today after the 10:15 Mass. There will be a pot luck in honor of our Patron, Saint Michael after the Mass. Everyone is welcome!

FIRST FRIDAY is October 2nd. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. Our Lord is asking us to be with Him during this short period of time.

FIRST SATURDAY is October 3rd. Our Lady requests that we pray the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries, make sacramental confession and Communion in reparation for sins and blasphemies against Her Immaculate Heart.

OUR LADY'S TEA. All those attending Our Lady's Tea, please RSVP to Eileen Hanisch at meh.sga@gmail.com so we can set up the correct number of tables.

Mark Your Calendar

October 4th - External Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary and Rosary Procession.

October 7th - Our Lady's Tea.

October 25th - Feast of Christ the King and Eucharistic Procession

COLLECTION: September 20th - \$6,778.00

Altar Boy Schedule

EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF ST. MICHAEL

Sep. 27th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Dominic Gardner
AC2 Jack Gardner

TEAM B

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

WEEK ONE

Monday Patrick Schneider
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday Collin Chidester
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Andrew Pheasant
7:45 a.m.

Thursday John Skuba
7:45 a.m. Joseph Skuba

EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Oct. 4th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Patrick Schneider
AC2 Collin Chidester

TEAM C

MC Dominic Gardner
TH Robert Seeley
AC1 Timothy Emig
AC2 Patrick Seeley
C Jack Gardner
S1 Michael Gardner
S2 Sean Michelin