

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2015

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Sep. 6th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class Quintan & Adam Davis / Jude Herrick - <i>Their Mother</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Sep. 7th 7:45 a.m.	Votive Mass of St. Joseph, IV Class † Jackqueline Gates - <i>John Bellington</i>
Tues. Sep. 8th 7:45 a.m.	<i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class</i> Walter Geffert - <i>Mom & Dad</i>
Wed. Sep. 9th 7:45 a.m.	St. Peter Claver, Confessor, (USA) III Class Holy Souls in Purgatory - <i>Michael Craig</i>
Thu. Sep. 10th 7:45 a.m.	St. Nicholas of Tolentino, Confessor, III Class Rob Lazzaro - <i>Gillenkirk Family</i>
Fri. Sep. 11th 6:00 p.m.	SS. Protus & Hyacinth, Martyrs, IV Class Gallant Family - <i>Megan Allen</i>
Sat. Sep. 12th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Most Holy Name of Mary, III Class</i> Herman Riveros-Sanchez - <i>Edgar & Maria Sanchez</i>
Sun. Sep. 13th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class † Jordan Boller - <i>Trish & Jack McGovern</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

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INTROIT

Ps. 85: 1, 2-3

Incline Your ear, O Lord and answer me; save Your servant, O my God, who trusts in You. Have pity on me, O Lord, for to You I call all the day. *Ps. 85:4.* Gladden the soul of Your servant, for to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. *V.* Glory be.

COLLECT

May Your abiding mercy, O Lord, cleanse and strengthen Your Church, and, since without You she cannot exist in safety, let her be ever guided by Your grace. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

Gal. 5: 25-26; 6: 1-10

Brethren: If we live by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us also walk. Let us not become desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, even if a person is caught doing something wrong, you who are spiritual instruct such a one in a spirit of meekness, considering yourself, lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, whereas he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let everyone test his own work, and so he will have glory in himself only, and not in comparison with another. For each one will bear his own burden. And let him who is instructed in the word share all good things with his teacher. Be not deceived, God is not mocked. For what a man sows in the flesh, from the flesh also will reap corruption. But he who sows in the spirit, from the spirit will reap life everlasting. And in doing good let us not grow tired; for in due time we shall reap if we do not relax. Therefore, while we have time, let us do good to all men, but especially to those who are of the household of faith.

GRADUAL

Ps. 91: 2-3

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing to Your name, Most High. *V.* To proclaim Your kindness at dawn and Your faithfulness throughout the night.

ALLELUIA

Ps. 94: 3

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 7: 11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a town called Naim; and His disciples and a large crowd went with Him. And as He drew near the gate of the town, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large gathering from the town was with her. And the Lord, seeing her, had compassion on her, and said to her, "Do not weep." And He went up and touched the stretcher; and the bearers stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And he who was dead, sat up, and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother. But fear seized upon all, and they began to glorify God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us," and "God has visited His people."

OFFERTORY

Ps. 39: 2-4

I have waited, waited for the Lord, and He stooped toward me, and heard my cry. And He put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

SECRET

May Your sacrament, O Lord, always keep us and guard us from the assaults of the devil. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

John 6: 52

The bread that I will give is My Flesh for the life of the world.

POSTCOMMUNION

May the working of the heavenly gift, O Lord, so possess us, mind and body, that the action of the sacrament, rather than our senses, may continually prevail in us. Through our Lord.

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

In the Mass of today there is a dominant thought, so often repeated in the liturgy and so dear to our hearts: Jesus is our life. Whatever good there is in us is the fruit of His grace, by which we remain steadfast in good and live in the Spirit; by His grace we rise from sin, and eating His flesh, we nourish His life within us. Without Jesus we would abide in death; without Him we could never live the glorious life of the Spirit described by St. Paul in today's Epistle.

It would be well to glean a few thoughts from this. "Let us not be made desirous of vainglory, provoking one another. For if any man think himself to be something, whereas he is nothing, he deceives himself." True humility is presented here as the basis of fraternal charity; anyone who is proud carries about with him a hotbed of discord for, preferring himself to others, he will often be provocative, envious, haughty, and disdainful of those whom he considers his inferiors.

"If a man be overtaken in any fault, you, who are spiritual, instruct such a one in the spirit of meekness." One who wishes to scale the heights must never be critical of him whose way is not so high, nor be scandalized at the faults of another. If duty requires us to admonish anyone, we should do so with sweetness and kindness. This sweetness is another fruit of humility, because when we correct others, we should always take heed to ourselves "lest thou also be tempted."

"And in doing good, let us not fail; for in due time we shall reap, not failing." We must not allow ourselves to be discouraged by difficulties in the spiritual life, even when we do not succeed in overcoming them. God does not ask us to succeed but to continually renew our efforts, although the results may not be apparent. "In due time," that is, when God wills and in the way that pleases Him, we shall reap the fruit, provided we "fail not."

The thought that Jesus is *our Life* shines forth even more in the Gospel. The Master meets the sad funeral procession of a young man. His mother is walking

beside the bier, weeping. "And the Lord, seeing her, had compassion on her, and said to her: Weep not. And He came near and touched the bier... And He said: Young man, I say to thee, arise... And He gave him to his mother." Jesus is our Savior who sympathizes with us in our trials and uses His divine omnipotence to alleviate them. Today we see Him work a miracle in order to console a widowed mother; He restores her dead son to life. This was an expression of the delicacy of His love for us; but how many others, less visible perhaps but no less full of love and life, have surged from His heart! "The Gospel speaks of three who were dead and who were visibly restored to life by Our Lord," St. Augustine tells us, "but He has restored thousands invisibly." When writing these words, the Saint must have recalled with ineffable gratitude the much greater miracle Jesus had wrought for him, making him rise from the death of sin.

St. Augustine and many other saints have been restored to life. If the saints who led lives of innocence attract us so much, those who were brought back from sin have still greater power to encourage us in our struggles. It may be a laborious task for us to overcome pride, sensuality, and all the other passions, but it was no easier for them. They too knew our temptations, struggles and falls; if they overcame them, why cannot we do the same?

Thanks be to God, it is not always a question of having to rise from a life of serious sin, but there is always occasion for a resurrection from our little daily infidelities; if they are not corrected, our fervor in the spiritual life will gradually weaken. In this regard, we need to rise every day, indeed every hour; yet so many times we lack the strength for it. But if we beseech Jesus, *our Life*, He will touch us with His grace as He once touched the bier of the young man of Naim; He will give us fresh vigor and will put us back again, full of courage, on the way to perfection. The resurrection of the young man was implored by his mother's tears; let ours be implored every day by the tears of our hearts, by our compunction, humility, and trust.

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners in the parish.

Fr. Gerard Saguto FSSP, has offered to teach a series of religious classes at St. Michael's Parish. These series include to name some, the Sacrifice of the Mass, the Parables of Christ, and the Bible. Each series ranges from four to six talks. He would like to start this month. Classes would be in the evening and would be about one hour and fifteen minutes long. Everyone is welcome! If you are interested please call the parish office.

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE WYOMING VALLEY CHAPTER is having it's 31st annual banquet on Monday, October 19th at 6 p.m. at Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre. Featured speaker is Fr. Frank Pavone. For more information please see the poster in the church vestibule.

ALTAR BOY PRACTICE will resume on first Saturday in October. Everyone needs to attend.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th there will be a pot luck in honor of our Patron, Saint Michael, after the 10:15 a.m. Mass. There will be a low Mass in honor of St. Michael on Tuesday, September 29th, at 7:45 a.m.

THE HOUSE OF GOD: There is too much noise coming from the back of the church during holy Mass. Out of **reverence** due to Our Lord, **please drop kneelers quietly** and limit the coming and going during Mass to a minimum. God bless you.

Mark Your Calendar

September 27th - Feast of St. Michaels the Archangel.

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

October 7th - Our Lady's Tea

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

Altar Boy Schedule

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sep. 6th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Patrick Schneider
AC2 Colin Chidester

TEAM C
MC Dominic Gardner
TH Robert Seeley
AC1 Matt Gillenkirk
AC2 Patrick Seeley
C Jack Gardner
S1 Michael Gardner
S2 Sean Michelin

WEEK ONE

Monday Joseph Schneider
7:45 a.m. Patrick Schneider

Tuesday Colin Chidester
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Andrew Pheasant
7:45 a.m.

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sep. 13th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Stephen LaFata
AC2 Francis LaFata

TEAM D
MC Joshua Sica
TH Andrew Pheasant
AC1 Patrick Schneider
AC2 John Mitchell
C John Skuba
S1 Joseph Skuba
S2 Timothy Sica