

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Fifth Sunday after Easter

May 10, 2015

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Mass Intentions

Sun. May 10th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Fifth Sunday after Easter, II Class Mitchell Family - Pheasant Family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. May 11th 7:30 a.m.	Ss. Philip & James, Apostles, II Class † Mrs. Rose Blank - Wilma & Tom Geffert
Tues. May 12th 7:45 a.m.	Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla, Virgin, & Pancras, Martyrs, III Class † Helen Dellolio - Evelyn Tereshko
Wed. May 13th 7:45 a.m.	Vigil of the Ascension, II Class Chris & Joyce Keifer
Thu. May 14th 7:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Ascension of Our Lord, I Class Michael Peter Williams - Eileen Hanisch <i>Pro Populo</i>
Fri. May 15th 6:00 p.m.	St. John Baptist de la Salle, Confessor, III Class Emily Marie LaFata - Her Parents
Sat. May 16th 9:00 a.m.	St. Ubaldu, Bishop & Confessor, III Class † George Emig & Marilyn Lessel - Eileen Emig
Sun. May 17th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sunday after the Ascension, II Class † William Moran - Ken & Susan Skuba <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

Fifth Sunday after Easter

INTROIT

Is. 48, 20

Declare it with the voice of joy, and make it known, alleluia: declare it even unto the ends of the earth; the Lord hath delivered His people, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 65, 1-2.* Shout with joy to God all the earth: sing ye a psalm to His Name, give glory to His praise... Glory be to the Father... Declare the voice...

COLLECT

O God, From Whom all good things come, generously grant to us who beseech Thee that we may, by Thy inspiration, think those things which are right and, that we perform them under Thy guidance. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

1 James 1, 22-27

Dearly beloved, Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if a man be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he shall be compared to a man beholding his own countenance in a glass. For he beheld himself, and went his way, and presently forgot what manner of man he was. But he that hath looked into the perfect law of liberty and hath continued therein, not becoming a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. And if any man think himself to be religious, not bridling his tongue, but deceiving his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Religion clean and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their tribulation, and to keep one's self unspotted from this world.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

V. Christ is risen, and hath shone His light upon us whom He hath redeemed with His Blood. Alleluia. *V.* *John. 16, 28.* I went out from the Father and came into the world; again, I leave the world and go to the Father. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 16, 23-30

At that time, Jesus saith to His disciples, Amen, amen I say to you, if you ask the Father anything in My Name, He will give it you. Hitherto you have not asked anything in My Name: ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things I have spoken to you in proverbs: the hour cometh when I will no more speak to you in proverbs, but will show you plainly of the Father. In that day, you shall ask in My Name; and I say

not to you that I will ask the Father for you, for the Father himself loveth you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciple say to Him, Behold, now Thou speakest plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now we know that Thou knowest all things, and Thou needest not that any man should ask Thee: by this we believe that Thou camest forth from God.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 65, 8, 9, 26

O bless the Lord our God, ye gentiles, and make the voice of His praise to be heard: Who hath set my soul to live, and hath not suffered my feet to be moved: blessed be the Lord, Who hath not turned away my prayer, and His mercy from me, alleluia.

SECRET

Receive, O Lord, the prayers of the faithful, with offerings of sacrifices, that through these offices of pious devotion we may pass to heavenly glory. Through our Lord.

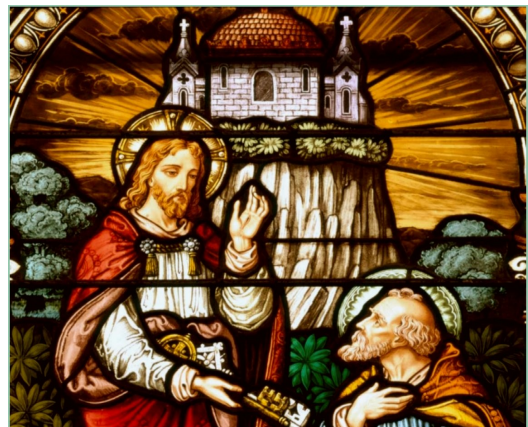
COMMUNION

Ps. 95, 2

Sing ye to the Lord, alleluia; sing ye to the Lord, and bless His Name; show forth His salvation from day to day, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, unto us, who have been regaled with the virtue of the heavenly table, both to desire what is right and to obtain what we desire. Through our Lord.



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

O Jesus, make me understand that my prayer is of no avail unless it is made in Your Name; that my faith is vain unless I convert it into works.

In today's Gospel, taken again from the discourse of Jesus after the Last Supper, the Church continues to prepare us for the Ascension and Pentecost. "I came forth from the Father and am come into the world," Jesus said, "again I leave the world, and I go to the Father." Thus He announces His approaching Ascension. Having reached the end of His ministry on earth, Jesus presents it in synthesis as a long journey from the Father to the world and from the world to the Father. These words repeat the idea of "pilgrimage," which every Christian should apply to his own life, considering it as "a night spend in a bad inn," a "night" during which his heart is turned toward the radiant tomorrow of eternal life.

"The hour cometh when I will no more speak to you in proverbs, but will show you plainly of the Father." Jesus is now referring to Pentecost, to the intervention of the Holy Spirit by whom Jesus will enlighten His Apostles, giving them a clear understanding of the divine mysteries, so that the Father will no longer be unknown to them. All that we can study and learn about the things of God is a dead letter if the Holy Spirit does not enlighten us concerning them. Our need for Him is absolute; our desire for His coming should be unbounded.

Yet another subject is brought to our attention in today's Gospel. Jesus had spoken to the Apostles many times about prayer and the way they should pray; today He reveals the secret of efficacious prayer: "If you ask the Father anything in My Name, He will give it you." Jesus is going, but He leaves the Apostles an unfailing means of approach to the Father: to present themselves in His own Name, the Name of the God-Man who, because He sacrificed Himself for the glory of His Father and for our salvation, deserves to be "heard for His reverence" (Heb 5:7).

To pray "in the Name of Jesus" establishes the conviction

that our prayers, as well as all our good works, have no value unless they are founded on the infinite merits of Jesus. We must be persuaded that, however much we do or pray, we are always "unprofitable servants" (Lk 17:10); we have no sufficiency in ourselves, but all our sufficiency comes from the Crucified. Consequently, the first condition of prayer made "in the Name of Jesus" is humility, an ever deeper and more realistic sense of our nothingness. It must be complemented by the second condition, a boundless confidence in the merits of Jesus, which surpass all our poverty, misery, necessities, needs. In view of Jesus' infinite merits, we can never ask too much in His Name; we can never be too bold in imploring the plenitude of divine grace for our souls, in aspiring to that sanctity which is hidden, perhaps, but genuine. There is no fault, no want of fidelity, no evil tendency, no sin, which, if sincerely detested, cannot be cleansed, purified, and pardoned by the Blood of Jesus; there is no weakness which He cannot cure, strengthen, and transform. Moreover, there is no creature of good will, no matter how weak and insignificant, who, in the Name of Jesus, cannot aspire to sanctity.

However, in order to make our prayer effective, a third condition is required: our life must correspond to our prayer, our faith must be translated into good works. "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if a man be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he shall be compared to a man beholding his own countenance in a glass. For he beheld himself, and went his way, and presently forgot what manner of man he was." This strong exhortation of St. James, which is found in today's Epistle, is an urgent reminder of the practical character of the Christian life. Vain is our prayer, vain our confidence in God, if we do not add our generous efforts to perform all our duties, to live up to our high vocation. We can, and we should, hope for everything in the Name of Jesus, but He expects a constant effort on our part to be entirely faithful to Him.

Special Collection: Bishop Joseph Bambera has authorized a special collection to be taken up today for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Nepal on Saturday, April 24th.

Mother's Day: Today is Mother's Day and there will be a carnation sale after both Masses. This fundraiser is intended to honor Mothers and to promote the value and dignity of human life. Carnations are \$1.00. All proceeds will support the Scranton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life.

SUPPORT FSSP PRIESTLY VOCATIONS: The 2015 priestly vocation campaign is underway. This is an annual campaign which supports the formation of our priests at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton Nebraska. Please use the envelopes attached to the poster, which is located in the church vestibule and respond with your usual generosity to this appeal. Your donations will be used 100% for priestly formation, and are fully tax deductible.

THE 2015 KNIGHT AT THE RACES will be held by our Knights of Columbus on May 30th. This event is a family event, and proceeds will go to help local seminarians. Please support us by purchasing a horse for \$10. Each winner receives \$50 and there is a 1 in 10 chance of winning. Horses will be sold after each Sunday Mass from April 26th to May 24th.

ORDINATIONS: FSSP priestly ordinations will take place on Saturday, May 30th. Please pray for the six men being ordained to the sacred priesthood.

Camp Saint Isaac Jogues 2015: Now Accepting Applications until June 1st. Camp St. Isaac Jogues is a boys summer camp hosted by priests and seminarians of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. For more information, please visit our web-site. <http://seminarycamps.wordpress.com/camp-st-isaac-jogues-2/>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 14th - Ascension Thursday (Holyday)**
Low Mass - 7:45 a.m.
Sung Mass - 7:00 p.m.
- May 16th - First Communion Testing and
First Confession 10:00 am
- May 24th - First Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.
- August 15th - Parish Picnic 1:30 p.m.

ATTENTION ALTAR BOYS: Team "A" will serve Ascension Thursday.

COLLECTION: May 3rd - \$2,417.00

FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER EASTER

WEEK TWO

SUNDAY AFTER
ASCENSION

May 10th
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI** Stephen LaFata
- AC2** Francis LaFata

- TEAM D**
- MC** John Gillenkirk
 - TH** Matthew Gillenkirk
 - AC1** Joseph Schneider
 - AC2** Patrick Schneider
 - C** Collin Chidester
 - S1** John Skuba
 - S2** Joseph Skuba
 - S3** Joseph Seeley
 - S4** Brendan Seeley

Monday
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday Joseph McWhirter
7:45 a.m.

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

Thursday Joshua Sica
7:45 a.m. Timothy Sica

May 17th
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI** Dominic Gardner
- AC2** Jack Gardner

- TEAM B**
- MC** Anthony Mitchell
 - TH** Joshua Sica
 - AC1** Francis LaFata
 - AC2** Stephen LaFata
 - C** Timothy Sica
 - S1** John Mitchell
 - S2** Brian LaFata
 - S3** Ian McQuirk
 - S4**