

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Fifth Sunday after Easter

May 25, 2014

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. May 25th	Fifth Sunday after Easter, <i>II Class</i> 8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory - <i>Anon.</i> 10:15 a.m. <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. May 26th	St. Philip Neri, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> 7:45 a.m. Most Neglected Souls in Purgatory - <i>Leonard/Mary Tabone</i>
Tues. May 27th	St. Bede the Venerable, <i>Con. &amp; Doc., III Class</i> 7:45 a.m. Carol Lee Shanley - <i>Gillenkirk Family</i>
Wed. May 28th	Vigil of the Ascension, <i>II Class</i> 7:45 p.m. Clare Dhanagom - <i>Tim and Mary Morris</i>
Thu. May 29th	Ascension of Our Lord, <i>I Class</i> 8:00 a.m. † Robert Lurati - <i>Cilia Family</i> 7:00 p.m. <i>Pro Populo</i>
Fri. May 30th	Feria after the Ascension, <i>IV Class</i> 6:00 p.m. Fr. Brian Austin, FSSP - <i>Mary Ann Czarnecki</i>
Sat. May 31st	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>II Class</i> 9:00 a.m. † Daniel and Clara Fortney - <i>Joyce &amp; Chris Keifer</i>
Sun. June 1st	Sunday after the Ascension, <i>II Class</i> 8:00 a.m. Leonard and Mry Tabone 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

*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.



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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 spent in a bad inn" (T.J. Way, 40), 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.

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

**WELCOME:** St. Michael's wishes to extend a hearty welcome to all visitors.

**FIRST FRIDAY** is June 6th. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. Our Lord is waiting to hear from you.

**FIRST SATURDAY** is June 7th. 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.

**ALTAR BOYS:** Altar Boy practice is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th.

**Memorial Fund:** Please consider donating to our new "Memorial Fund" which is to help provide vestments and sacred vessels in memory of the faithful departed. Donations may be placed in the Sunday collection basket and marked "Memorial Fund". Thank you.

**ORDINATIONS:** FSSP ordinations will take place on Saturday, June 14th, at 9:00 a.m. St. John the Apostle Church, in Leesburg, VA. Please pray for the men being ordained. Rev. Messrs. Zackary Akers and Daniel Heenan. All are invited to attend. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks.

**ATTENTION ALTAR BOYS: TEAM "C" will serve Ascension Thursday Mass at 7:00 p.m.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- May 29th - Ascension Thursday (Holyday)
  - Low Mass 8:00 a.m. High Mass 7:00 p.m.
- May 31st - First Confession, Saturday, at 10:00 a.m.
- June 8th - First Holy Communion at 10:15 Mass
- August 16th - Parish Picnic, Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

**COLLECTION:** May 18th - \$3,013.25

*Altar Boy Schedule*

**FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER EASTER**

**May 25th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

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

**TEAM B**

**MC** Anthony Mitchell  
**TH** Matthew Davidson  
**AC1** Joshua Sica  
**AC2**  
**C** Timothy Sica  
**S1** John Mitchell  
**S2** Brian LaFata  
**S3** Francis LaFata  
**S4** Stephen LaFata

**WEEK TWO**

**Monday**  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Tuesday** James McWhirter  
**7:45 a.m.** Joseph McWhirter

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

**Thursday**  
**7:45 a.m.**

**SUNDAY AFTER  
THE ASCENSION**

**June 1st**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Justin LaFata  
**AC2** Francis LaFata

**TEAM D**

**MC** William Skuba  
**TH** Matthew Gillenkirk  
**AC1**  
**AC2** Joseph Schneider  
**C** Patrick Schneider  
**S1** John Skuba  
**S2** Joseph Skuba  
**S3** Joseph Seeley  
**S4** Brendan Seeley