

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. Feb. 14th	First Sunday of Lent, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Dorothy & Thomas Burke - <i>Pheasant Family</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Feb. 15th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Holden/McKeown Living Fam. Mem. - <i>Mrs. Holden</i>
Tues. Feb. 16th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Schneider Family - <i>A Friend</i>
Wed. Feb. 17th	Ember Wednesday of Lent, <i>II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Mrs. Beverly Grab - <i>Sica Family</i>
Thu. Feb. 18th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Carmella F. Kaczmarczyk - <i>Robert McHale</i>
Fri. Feb. 19th	Ember Friday of Lent, <i>II Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	Tabone Grandchildren - <i>Mary &amp; Leonard Tabone</i>
Sat. Feb. 20th	Ember Saturday of Lent, <i>II Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Private Intention - <i>Chris &amp; Joyce Keifer</i>
Sun. Feb. 21st	Second Sunday of Lent, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Robert Meriol - <i>McGuirk Family</i>
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

# First Sunday of Lent

## INTROIT

He shall call upon Me, and I will hear him; I will deliver him, and glorify him; I will fill him with length of days. *Ps. 90, 1.* He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High, shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven. *V.* Glory be ... He shall call upon Me...

## COLLECT

O God, Who dost purify Thy Church with the annual observance of Lent, grant to Thy household that what it strives to obtain from Thee by abstinence it may secure with good works. Through our Lord.

## EPISTLE

*2 Cor. 6, 1-10*  
Brethren, we exhort you that you receive not the grace of God in vain. For He saith, In an accepted time have I heard thee, and in the day of salvation have I helped thee. Behold now is the acceptable time, behold now is the day of salvation. Giving no offense to any man, that our ministry be not blamed: but in all things let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God; in much patience, in tribulations, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in prisons, in seditions, in labors, in watchings, in fastings, in chastity, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in sweetness, in the Holy Ghost, in charity unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the armor of justice on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report, and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastised, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as needy, yet enriching many; as having nothing, and possessing all things.

## GRADUAL

*Ps. 90, 11, 12*  
God hath given His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. *V.* In their hands they shall bear thee up, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

## TRACT

*Ps. 90, 1-7, 11-16*  
He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High, shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven. *V.* He shall say to the Lord, Thou art my protector and my refuge: my God, in Him will I trust. *V.* For He hath delivered me from the snare of the hunters, and from the sharp word. *V.* He will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust. *V.* His truth shall compass thee with a shield: thou shalt not be afraid of the terror of the night. *V.* Of the arrow that flieth in the day; of the business that walketh about in the dark: of ruin and the noonday devil. *V.* A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh to thee. *V.* For He hath given His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. *V.* In their hands they shall bear thee up,

*Ps. 90, 15, 16*

lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. *V.* Thou shalt walk upon the asp and the basilisk, and thou shalt trample under foot the lion and the dragon. *V.* Because he hath hoped in Me, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he hath known My name. *V.* He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: I am with him in tribulation. *V.* I will deliver him, and I will glorify him; I will fill him with length of days, and I will show him My salvation.

## GOSPEL

*Matt. 4, 1-11*  
At that time, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert, to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards He was hungry. And the tempter coming said to Him, If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. Who answered and said: It is written, Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, and set Him upon the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down: for it is written, That He hath given His angels charge over Thee, and in their hands shall they bear Thee up, lest perhaps Thou dash Thy foot against a stone. Jesus said to Him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again the devil took Him up into a very high mountain; and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and said to Him, All these will I give Thee, if falling down Thou wilt adore me. Then Jesus said to him, Be gone, Satan, for it is written, The Lord thy God shalt thou adore, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil left Him; and behold angels came, and ministered to Him.

## OFFERTORY

*Ps. 90, 4, 5*  
The Lord, will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust: His truth shall compass thee with a shield.

## SECRET

We solemnly offer the sacrifice at the beginning of Lent, beseeching Thee, O Lord, that, while we restrict ourselves in the use of bodily food, we may also refrain from indulgence in harmful pleasures. Through our Lord.

## COMMUNION

*Ps. 90, 4, 5*  
The Lord will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust: His truth shall compass thee with a shield.

## POSTCOMMUNION

May the holy partaking of Thy sacrament strengthen us, O Lord, and purify us from the old life, and make us sharers in the mystery of salvation. Through our Lord.

## Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen

On this day, which is the real beginning of Lent, the Church invites us to the great combat, the struggle against sin which will bring us to the Easter resurrection. Our model is Jesus, who although exempt from the incitements of concupiscence, willed to be tempted by the devil for us, in order to have “compassion on our infirmities.”

After forty days of rigorous fast, while He is feeling the pangs of hunger, Jesus is tempted by Satan to change stones into bread. No one can undertake a serious program of penance or mortification without feeling its discomforts; but that is the time to resist the insinuating voices which invite us to condescend to the demands of nature; that is the time to reply with Jesus, “not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God.” Man’s life is far more dependent on the will of God than on material food. If we are convinced of this truth, we shall have the courage to submit to privations, trusting in divine Providence for our sustenance.

Jesus was next tempted to pride. “If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down... and in their hands the angels shall bear thee up.” Such a miracle would have aroused the admiration and enthusiasm of the people, but Jesus knew that His Father had chosen an entirely different way for Him—the way of humiliations rather than of triumphs, the way of the Cross and of death. Because He had no desire to escape from this way, He resolutely rejected the suggestion to pride. The best means of conquering temptations to pride and vanity is to choose exactly what humiliates us and makes us appear little in the eyes of others.

The devil returns to the attack and tempts Jesus to avarice: “All these will I give thee, if falling down thou wilt adore me.” But Jesus replies, “The Lord thy God shalt thou adore and Him only shalt thou serve!” He whose heart is firmly anchored in God will never let it be drawn away from His service by an attraction for, or envy of, earthly things. But if this strong adherence to God is weakened or lost, the

temptations to avarice will often succeed in making even those stray who have a special vocation to be “serving God alone.”

Jesus was tempted because He willed it. We, however, are tempted without willing it, and often against our will. The temptation of Jesus was wholly exterior, for it found no echo within Him; on the contrary, our nature, wounded by the triple concupiscence of the flesh, of pride, and of avarice, is not only an easy prey for the assaults of the devil, but is itself the source of many temptations. It is impossible for us to live without temptations; our virtue does not consist in being exempt from them but in being able to overcome them. It is a struggle which none can escape; God even wishes this struggle to be the price of eternal life. “Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he hath been proved, he shall receive the crown of life” (Jas 1:12).

Let us learn from Jesus how to conduct ourselves in temptations. Primarily, He teaches us to have a great confidence in God. Jesus would not satisfy His hunger, nor impress men by means of a brilliant miracle, nor accept kingdoms and wealth because, in a spirit of perfect filial confidence, He had entrusted everything to the Father’s care—His life, His mission, and His glory. Those who will fully trust in God and who rely on His divine Providence, will not be easily enticed by the vain flattery of the devil, the world, or the flesh, because they know that only God can give true blessings and real happiness.

We should extend the practice of this confidence to the moment of temptation. If God permits us to be tempted, He does not permit us to be tempted beyond our strength, and, accompanying every temptation, there is always a special actual grace sufficient to overcome it. Therefore, instead of being disturbed by the violence of the struggle, let us use faithfully the grace God always gives and turn to Him in humble, confident prayer.

**ST. MICHAEL TALENT SHOW:** The 2016 Talent Show was a HUGE success! Special thanks to Mrs. Terry Zuranski and everyone who helped make the event enjoyable. May God reward you!

**FR. SAGUTO** will give his next class on Wednesday, February 24th, at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be "Theology of Worship and the Tridentine Mass." This topic will take us into May. Everyone is welcome!

**Plenary Indulgence:** On each of the Fridays of Lent, a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, after Communion, recite the "Prayer Before a Crucifix." Copies of the prayer may be found in the Church vestibule.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are held at 5:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. and the Holy Rosary. **Confessions are heard from 4:30 - 4:55 p.m.**

**ADORATION:** In lieu of the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent, there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Lent is passed.

**SECOND COLLECTION – Sunday February 21st:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that dioceses throughout the United States conduct a one-time special appeal for victims of numerous 2015 storms and other natural disasters as well as those that are likely to affect our country in 2016.

**FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST PETER:** Falls on February 22. By concession of the Holy See on July 7, 2010, it is a Feast of the First Class in the FSSP. On that day, a Plenary indulgence is granted for all members of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.

**Indulgences Confraternity:** By decree of the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, dated June 7, 2008, a plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions to the members of the Confraternity of St. Peter; a) the day of their admission; b) the day of the feast of the Chair of St. Peter and c) the day of the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

**COLLECTION:** February 7 - \$3,869.50

## *Altar Boy Schedule*

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**Feb. 14th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Patrick Schneider  
**AC2** Colin Chidester

**TEAM C**

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

### WEEK THREE

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

**Wednesday** Dominic Gardner  
**7:45 a.m.** Jack Gardner

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

**Stations of the Cross**  
**Friday Feb 19th**

Brendan Seeley  
Joseph Seeley  
Patrick Seeley  
Robert Seeley

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**Feb. 21st**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

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

**TEAM D**

**MC** Joshua Sica  
**TH** Andrew Pheasant  
**AC1** Patrick Schneider  
**AC2** Timothy Sica  
**C** John Skuba  
**S1** Joseph Skuba  
**S2** Peter Sica