

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2016

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Aug. 21st	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
8:00 a.m.	Catherine Craig - F.O.S.S.
10:15 a.m.	Irene & Jerry Shekletski
Mon. Aug. 22nd	Immaculate Heart of Mary, II Class
7:45 a.m.	Catherine Seeley - Her Grandchildren
Tues. Aug. 23rd	St. Philip Benizi, Confessor, III Class
7:45 a.m.	Betty Weister - F.O.S.S.
Wed. Aug. 24th	St. Bartholomew, Apostle, II Class
7:45 a.m.	† Joseph Argento - Claire VanBeek
Thu. Aug. 25th	St. Louis IX, King & Confessor, III Class
7:45 a.m.	Seraphim Josefek - Tim & Mary Morris
Fri. Aug. 26th	St. Zephyrinus, Pope & Martyr, IV Class
6:00 p.m.	† Robert Toman - His Sister
Sat. Aug. 27th	St. Joseph Calasance, Confessor, III Class
9:00 a.m.	† Mrs. Marilyn Lessel - Her Husband
Sun. Aug. 28th	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
8:00 a.m.	Sofia Skuba - Her Parents
10:15 a.m.	Pro Populo

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. 83, 10, 11

Behold, O God, our protector, and look on the face of Thy Christ: for better is one day in Thy courts above thousands. *Ps 83, 2, 3.* How lovely are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord. *V.* Glory. "Behold, O God..."

COLLECT

Guard Thy Church, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with Thy continual kindness; and, because without Thee human frailty falleth, let it, by Thine assistance, ever be both withheld from harm and guided to what is salutary. Through Our Lord.

EPISTLE

Gal. 5, 16-24

Brethren: Walk in the spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh: for the flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh; for these are contrary one to another; so that you do not the things that you would. But if you are led by the spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest; which are, fornication, uncleanness, immodesty, luxury, idolatry, witchcrafts, enmities, contentions, emulations, wraths, quarrels, dissensions, sects, envies, murders, drunkenness, reveling, and such like; of the which I foretell you, as I have foretold to you, that they who do such things shall not obtain the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the spirit is, charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, longanimity, mildness, faith, modesty, continency, chastity. Against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified their flesh with the vices and concupiscences.

GRADUAL

Ps. 117, 8, 9

It is good to confide in the Lord, rather than to have confidence in man. *V.* It is good to trust in the Lord, rather than to trust in princes.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

Ps. 94, 1

Come, let us praise the Lord with joy; let us joyfully sing to God our Saviour. *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL

Matt. 6, 24-33

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, No man can

serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will sustain the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, be not solicitous for your life, what you shall eat, nor for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life more than the meat, and the body more than the raiment? Behold the birds of the air; for they neither sow, nor do they reap, nor gather into barns, and your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not you of much more value than they? And which of you, by taking thought, can add to his stature one cubit? And for raiment why are you solicitous? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they labor not, neither do they spin; but I say to you, that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these. Now if God so clothe the grass of the field, which is today, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more you, O ye of little faith! Be not solicitous therefore, saying, what shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or wherewith shall we be clothed? For after all these things do the heathen seek. For your Father knoweth that you have need of all these things. Seek ye therefore first the kingdom of God, and His justice; and all these things shall be added unto you.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 33, 8, 9

The angel of the Lord shall encamp round about them that fear Him, and shall deliver them. O taste, and see that the Lord is sweet!

SECRET

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that this saving Victim may become both the cleansing of our sins, and the propitiation of Thy might. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Matt. 6, 33

Seek first the kingdom of God; and all things shall be added unto you, saith the Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION

May Thy Sacraments, O God, ever purify and fortify us, and bring us to the effect of everlasting salvation. Through our Lord.

Introduction to the Devout Life

Those who sought to discourage the Israelites from going up to the Promised Land, told them that it was "a land which eateth up the inhabitants thereof;" that is, that the climate was so unhealthy that the inhabitants could not live long, and that the people thereof were "men of a great stature," who looked upon the newcomers as mere locusts to be devoured. It is just so, my child, that the world runs down true devotion, painting devout people with gloomy, melancholy aspect, and affirming that religion makes them dismal and unpleasant. But even as Joshua and Caleb protested that not only was the Promised Land a fair and pleasant country, but that the Israelites would take an easy and peaceful possession thereof, so the Holy Spirit tells us through His Saints, and our Lord has told us with His Own Lips, that a devout life is very sweet, very happy and very loveable.

The world, looking on, sees that devout persons fast, watch and pray, endure injury patiently, minister to the sick and poor, restrain their temper, check and subdue their passions, deny themselves in all sensual indulgence, and do many other things which in themselves are hard and difficult. But the world sees nothing of that inward, heartfelt devotion which makes all these actions pleasant and easy. Watch a bee hovering over the mountain thyme;--the juices it gathers are bitter, but the bee turns them all to honey,--and so tells the worldling, that though the devout soul finds bitter herbs along its path of devotion, they are all turned to sweetness and pleasantness as it treads;--and the martyrs have counted fire, sword, and rack but as perfumed flowers by reason of their devotion. And if devotion can sweeten such cruel torments, and even death itself, how much more will it give a charm to ordinary good deeds? We sweeten unripe fruit with sugar, and it is useful in correcting the crudity even of that which is good. So devotion is the real spiritual sweetness which takes away all bitterness from mortifications; and prevents consolations from disagreeing with the soul: it cures the poor of sadness, and the rich of presumption; it keeps the oppressed

from feeling desolate, and the prosperous from insolence; it averts sadness from the lonely, and dissipation from social life; it is as warmth in winter and refreshing dew in summer; it knows how to abound and how to suffer want; how to profit alike by honour and contempt; it accepts gladness and sadness with an even mind, and fills men's hearts with a wondrous sweetness.

Ponder Jacob's ladder:--it is a true picture of the devout life; the two poles which support the steps are types of prayer which seeks the love of God, and the Sacraments which confer that love; while the steps themselves are simply the degrees of love by which we go on from virtue to virtue, either descending by good deeds on behalf of our neighbour or ascending by contemplation to a loving union with God. Consider, too, who they are who trod this ladder; men with angels' hearts, or angels with human forms. They are not youthful, but they seem to be so by reason of their vigour and spiritual activity. They have wings wherewith to fly, and attain to God in holy prayer, but they have likewise feet wherewith to tread in human paths by a holy gracious intercourse with men; their faces are bright and beautiful, inasmuch as they accept all things gently and sweetly; their heads and limbs are uncovered, because their thoughts, affections and actions have no motive or object save that of pleasing God; the rest of their bodies is covered with a light shining garment, because while they use the world and the things of this life, they use all such purely and honestly, and no further than is needful for their condition --such are the truly devout. Believe me, dear child, devotion is the sweetest of sweets, the queen of virtues, the perfection of love. If love is the milk of life, devotion is the cream thereof; if it is a fruitful plant, devotion is the blossom; if it is a precious stone, devotion is its brightness; if it is a precious balm, devotion is its perfume, even that sweet odour which delights men and causes the angels to rejoice.

St. Francis de Sales

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

MODESTY OF DRESS: These rules pertain to men and women:

- * Pants and skirts long enough that the knees are covered when sitting.
- * Shoulders should be covered.
- * No plunging necklines.
- * No tight, revealing clothing.

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.

JUVENTUTEM MEETING: Today Juventutem is sponsoring a parish retreat on the Holy Mass, given by Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP. Please come for this great opportunity to grow in your love of the Holy Mass. The talk will begin at 12:30 p.m., and following there will be Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. All

parishioners are welcome to this special event! **Spread the word for this most special occasion!** For more information, visit our website: www.juventutemscranton.com.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection next Sunday, August 28th for the Pontifical Mission Society in the U.S. This year your contributions will assist the Philippines.

FR. GERARD SAGUTO FSSP: Will give his next class on Tuesday, August 30th at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be **“Observations and Comments on the Creed.”** Instruction on how to present the faith and counter modern criticism will be covered. Everyone is welcome!

RUMMAGE SALE: St. Paul of the Cross Parish Society will hold a Rummage sale on Friday, September 30th, 2016 and October 1, 2016 in the Parish Center, 1215 Prospect Avenue, Scranton from 9:00am to 6:00pm each day.

Altar Boy Schedule

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

August 21st
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI Timothy Sica
- AC2 Peter Sica

- TEAM B**
- MC Francis LaFata
- TH Stephen LaFata
- AC1 Patrick Schneider
- AC2 Brian LaFata
- C Sean Michelin

WEEK TWO

- Monday**
7:45 a.m.

- Tuesday**
7:45 a.m.

- Wednesday** Timothy Sica
7:45 a.m. Joshua Sica

- Thursday**
7:45 a.m.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

August 28th
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI
- AC2 Patrick Schneider

- TEAM C**
- MC Robert Seeley
- TH Patrick Seeley
- AC1 Dominic Gardner
- AC2 Joseph Seeley
- C Jack Gardner
- S1 Michael Gardner