

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Fourth Sunday after Easter

April 24, 2016

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Apr. 24th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Fourth Sunday after Easter, II Class Intentions of Leonard & Mary Tabone <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Apr. 25th 7:45 a.m.	St. Mark, <i>Evangelist, II Class</i> † Thomas Shankweiler - <i>Michael & Nancy Emig</i>
Tues. Apr. 26th 7:45 a.m.	Ss. Cletus & Marcellinus, <i>Popes / Martyrs, III Class</i> Loretta Daddio - <i>Frank Leo</i>
Wed. Apr. 27th 7:45 a.m.	St. Peter Canisius, <i>Confessor & Doctor, III Class</i> Jeff Schuler - <i>Mitchell Family</i>
Thu. Apr. 28th 7:45 a.m.	St. Paul of the Cross, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> Emily LaFata - <i>Her Parents</i>
Fri. Apr. 29th 6:00 p.m.	St. Peter of Verona, <i>Martyr, III Class</i> John K. Craig - <i>F.O.S.S.</i>
Sat. Apr. 30th 9:00 a.m.	St. Catherine of Siena, <i>Virgin, III Class</i> Justin LaFata - <i>His Parents</i>
Sun. May 1st 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	St. Joseph the Workman, <i>I Class</i> † Fr. Arthur DeMaio - <i>Pheasant Family</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

Fourth Sunday after Easter

INTROIT

Ps. 97:1-2; Ps. 97:1

Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle, alleluia, for the Lord hath done wonderful things, alleluia: He hath revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him salvation. Glory be to the Father ... Sing ye to the Lord ...

COLLECT

O God, Who makest Thy faithful servants to be of one mind and of one heart: teach us, Thy people, that only to love which Thou willest, that only to hope for which Thou promisest; so that amidst the manifold changes of this life, there only may our hearts abide, where alone true joys are found. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

James 1: 17-21

Dearly beloved, every best gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no change, nor shadow of alteration. For of His own will hath He begotten us by the word of truth, that we might be some beginning of His creatures. You know, my dearest brethren. And let every man be swift to hear, but slow to speak, and slow to anger. For the anger of man worketh not the justice of God. Wherefore, casting away all uncleanness and abundance of naughtiness, with meekness receive the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

ALLELUIA

Ps. 117: 16 Rom. 6: 9

Alleluia, alleluia. {V} The right hand of the Lord hath wrought strength: the right hand of the Lord hath exalted me. Alleluia. {V} Christ, rising again from the dead, dieth now no more; death shall no more have dominion over Him. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 16: 5-14

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: I go to Him that sent Me; and none of you asketh Me: Whither goest Thou? But because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow hath filled your heart. But I tell you the truth: it is expedient to you that I go; for if I go not, the

Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He is come, He will convince the world of sin, and of justice, and of judgment. Of sin, because they believed not in Me; and of justice, because I go to the Father, and you shall see Me no longer; and of judgment, because the prince of this world is already judged. I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now; but when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will teach you all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself: but what things soever He shall hear, He shall speak, and the things that are to come He shall show you. He shall glorify Me: because He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it to you.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 65: 1-2, 16

Shout with joy to God, all the earth, sing ye a psalm to His Name: come and hear, and I will tell you, all you that fear God, what great things the Lord hath done for my soul, alleluia.

SECRET

O God, Who in this mysterious Sacrifice, callest us to have part in that one and most high Godhead which is Thyself: grant us, we beseech Thee, by worthiness of life, more and more to bear witness to the truth which it has pleased Thee to make known to us. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

John 16: 8

When the Paraclete shall come, the Spirit of truth, He shall convince the world of sin, and of justice, and of judgment, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION

Abide with us always, O Lord our God, so that, in virtue of the Sacrament we have received, we may be cleansed from all sin and delivered from all dangers. Through our Lord.

Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen

O Jesus, prepare my heart to receive the Holy Spirit whom You have promised and merited for me.

Since last Sunday, the Church has been preparing us for the Ascension of Our Lord. Today, taking up the subject again, she goes a step further. She mentions the coming of the Holy Spirit, and in so doing, makes use of a passage from Jesus' discourse after the Last Supper. Our Lord is speaking to the Apostles and preparing their souls for His departure. Sad and thoughtful, they listen to Him, without courage to question Him. Like a kind father, the Lord breaks the painful silence. "And now I go to Him that sent Me, and none of you asketh Me: 'Whither goest Thou?'" He hastens to console them: "It is expedient to you that I go, for if I go not, the Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you." Only Jesus' death could merit this great gift for us, and it was not until after His Ascension into heaven that the Holy Spirit, the Envoy of the Father and the Son, could descend upon the Church. The Apostles were about to lose the sensible, physical presence of their adored Master. However, He would not leave them orphans and would continue to help them invisibly by His Spirit, who would take up His work with them. Jesus did His work in a visible manner in their midst; the Holy Spirit would do His in a secret, hidden way, but in one no less efficacious and real. Furthermore, as Jesus Himself said, the action of the Holy Spirit would complete His. "I have yet many things to say to you: but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will teach you all truth... He shall receive of mine and shall show it to you." The hearts of the Apostles, still dulled by sin, could not really comprehend these profound truths; it was necessary that Jesus, by dying on the Cross, destroy sin—the great obstacle to the action of the Holy Spirit—and then, when He had ascended into heaven, He would send the divine Paraclete whom He merited for them and for us by His Passion.

The sending of the Holy Spirit to our souls is the principal fruit of the Passion of Jesus.

We can draw some practical applications from today's Gospel. First of all, we must fervently prepare ourselves for Pentecost, so that the coming of the Holy Spirit will be renewed in us in all its plenitude. Since sin is the obstacle to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, our preparation must consist in a very special purity of conscience. Sin must be destroyed in us, not only in its actual manifestations, even though they are slight, but also in its deepest and most hidden roots.

We must be convinced, furthermore, that a certain action of the Holy Spirit is never interrupted in a soul in the state of grace; this is even more true of a soul who tries to correspond faithfully to the divine motions. This action does not necessarily have to be perceived and consoling. In aridity and despondency the Holy Spirit also works in the faithful soul; His action is secret and hidden, but also real and effective. Its chief purpose is to purify the soul and dispose it for union with God. If the soul is convinced of this, it will remain confident, even in difficulties, and, if it neither understands nor sees its path, it will trust in the Holy Spirit, who sees and knows well the goal to which He is leading it.

Finally, today's Gospel invites us to invoke the action of the Holy Spirit on the Church and on the whole world: on the Church, to govern and direct her in the accomplishment of her mission; on the world, to convince it of the truth which it rejects. "And when He is come," said Jesus, "He will convince the world of sin, and of justice, and of judgment," that is, He will make it see that it is the slave of sin because it has not believed in Christ. He will make it understand that justice and sanctity are found only in Him, the Redeemer, and He will show it that the devil, the "prince of this world," is henceforth overcome and condemned.

WELCOME: St. Michael the Archangel Parish extends a warm welcome to all new parishioners in the parish. If you would like to register, please contact the rectory.

ATTENTION ALTAR BOYS: There is no altar boy practice for the first Saturday of May.

SEMINARIAN FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Council 14829 is asking for your help in providing financial assistance for seminarians from our parish. The Knights will match the first \$500 in donations it receives. The campaign goal is \$3,000 in donations. Please be very generous and support our future priests. Make checks payable to "KOC Council 14829" and write "vocations" in the memo section of the check. Please drop your donation in the collection basket using envelopes in the pews for this purpose. **We will begin the campaign in the month of May. Your donation is tax deductible. Thank you!**

NOISE: Please be aware of the **noise** when lowering the kneelers at Mass and when you **visit after Mass** in the vestibule. May God reward you.

MAY CROWNING is rescheduled for May 22nd.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 7th - Confirmation 11:00 a.m.
- May 5th - Ascension Thursday (Holyday)**
Low Mass - 7:45 a.m.
Sung Mass - 7:00 p.m.
- May 15th - First Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.
- May 22nd - May Crowning
- August 20th - Parish Picnic 1:30 p.m.

COLLECTION: April 17th - \$2,441.25

Altar Boy Schedule

FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER EASTER

April 24th
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI John Skuba
- AC2 Joseph Skuba
- TEAM E**
- MC Dominic Gardner
- TH Joseph McWhirter
- AC1 Stephen LaFata
- AC2 Patrick Schneider
- C Collin Chidester
- S1 John Mitchell
- S2 Sean Michelin

WEEK THREE

- Monday** Patrick Schneider
7:45 a.m.
- Tuesday**
7:45 a.m.
- Wednesday** Dominic Gardner
Jack Gardner
7:45 a.m.
- Thursday** Sean Michelin
Mathias Morris
7:45 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

May 1st
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI Joshua Sica
- AC2 Timothy Sica
- TEAM A**
- MC Timothy Emig
- TH Andrew Pheasant
- AC1 Matthew Gillenkirk
- AC2 Patrick Seeley
- C Sean Michelin
- S1 Joseph Seeley
- S2 Brendan Seeley