

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Fourth Sunday after Easter

May 18, 2014

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. May 18th	Fourth Sunday after Easter, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Mr. Stephen Pendrak
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. May 19th	St. Peter Celestine, <i>Pope &amp; Confessor, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Intentions of Irene Weber - <i>Frank Leo</i>
Tues. May 20th	St. Bernadine of Siena, <i>Confessor, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† James Johnston - <i>Patricia and Jack McGovern</i>
Wed. May 21st	Votive Mass of St. Joseph, <i>IV Class</i>
7:45 p.m.	Rose McGovern - <i>Patricia and Jack McGovern</i>
Thur. May 22nd	Votive Mass for the Forgiveness of Sin, <i>IV Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Sr. Angelina of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri. May 23rd	Votive Mass for a Happy Death, <i>IV Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	† Donald Bommer - <i>Aronica Family</i>
Sat. May 24th	Saturday of Our Lady, <i>IV Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Jessica Johnson - <i>Theresa Pitino</i>
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>

### 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. 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.



## Fourth Sunday after Easter

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.

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

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

**ATTENTION:** It has come to our attention that no applications have been turned in from St. Michael's Parish for Camp Saint Isaac Jogues. If you are interested, please see the information below. Applications should be in by May 23rd. This year's chaplain will be Fr. Joseph Heffernan FSSP.

### Camp Saint Isaac Jogues 2014

\*Now Accepting Applications until May 23rd.

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 website. <http://seminarycamps.wordpress.com/camp-st-isaac-jogues-2/>

**SECOND NOTICE:** May 18th, there will be a second collection. This year we have been selected to assist the Maryknoll Lay Missionaries.

**MAY CROWNING** is May today! All participants please meet in the church basement at 9:45 a.m.

**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.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 24th - First Communion Testing, Saturday, 10:00 am.  
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 11th - \$1,791.50

## *Altar Boy Schedule*

### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 18th  
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Joshua Sica  
AC2 Timothy Sica

#### TEAM A

MC James McWhirter  
TH John Gillenkirk  
AC1 Joseph McWhirter  
AC2 Patrick Seeley  
C Robert Seeley  
S1 John Pheasant  
S2 Andrew Pheasant  
S3 Matthew Gillenkirk  
S4 Timothy Emig

### WEEK ONE

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

**Tuesday**  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Wednesday** John Pheasant  
**7:45 a.m.** Andrew Pheasant

**Thursday** William Skuba  
**7:45 a.m.** John Skuba

### 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