

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 12, 2016

Fr. José Zepeda, FSSP, Pastor

### Mass Intentions

Sun. June 12th	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Helen Guzek
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. June 13th	St. Anthony of Padua, <i>Conf. &amp; Doctor, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Deceased Fortry Members - <i>Chris &amp; Joyce Kiefer</i>
Tues. June 14th	St. Basil the Great, <i>Bp, Conf., &amp; Doc., III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Mr. & Mrs. C.P. Keifer - <i>Chris &amp; Joyce Keifer</i>
Wed. June 15th	St. Vitus & Companions, <i>Martyrs, IV Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Intentions of Sarah Pheasant
Thu. June 16th	<i>Feria, IV Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Jack Noll, Jr. - <i>Nancy Noll</i>
Fri. June 17th	St. Gregory Barbarigo, <i>Bp. &amp; Conf., III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Michael O'Leary - <i>Maryann Czarnecki</i>
Sat. June 18th	St. Ephrem of Syria, <i>Deacon, Doc., Conf., III Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Sr. Marie-Bernarde, OSB - <i>Her Parents</i>
Sun. June 19th	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Mrs. Marilyn Lessel - <i>Her Husband</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

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

### INTROIT

*Ps. 26, 1, 2*

The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the protector of my life: of whom shall I be afraid? My enemies that trouble me have themselves been weakened and have fallen. *Ps. 26, 3.* If armies in camp should stand together against me, my heart shall not fear. *V.* Glory. "The Lord is my light...."

### COLLECT

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the course of the world may be directed for us, and that Thy Church may rejoice in peace. Through Our Lord.

### EPISTLE

*Rom. 8, 18-23*

Brethren, I reckon that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come, that shall be revealed in us. For the expectation of the creature waiteth for the revelation of the sons of God, for the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him that made it subject in hope; because the creature also itself shall be delivered from the servitude of corruption, into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. For we know that every creature groaneth, and travaileth in pain, even till now; and not only it, but ourselves also, who have the first fruits of the spirit, even we ourselves, groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption of the sons of God, the redemption of our body; in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### GRADUAL

*Ps. 78, 9, 10*

Forgive us our sins, O Lord, lest the gentiles should at any time say, Where is their God? *V.* Help us, O God our Saviour; and for the honor of Thy name, O Lord, deliver us.

### ALLELUIA

*Ps. 9, 5, 10*

*Alleluia, alleluia.* O God, Who sittest upon the throne, and judgest justice, be Thou the refuge of the poor in tribulation. *Alleluia.*

### GOSPEL

*Luke 5, 1-11*

At that time, when the multitude pressed upon Jesus to hear the word of God, He stood by the lake of Genesareth. And He saw two ships standing by the lake; but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets; and going up into one of the ships that was Simon's, He desired him to draw back a little from the land: and sitting He taught the

multitudes out of the ship. Now when He had ceased to speak, He said to Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon, answering, said to Him, Master, we have labored all the night, and have taken nothing, but at Thy word I will let down the net. And when they had done this, they enclosed a very great multitude of fishes; and their net broke: and they beckoned to their partners that were in the other ship, that they should come and help them; and they came, and filled both the ships, so that they were almost sinking. Which when Simon Peter saw, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was wholly astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of fishes which they had taken: and so were also James and John the sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. And Jesus saith to Simon, Fear not: from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And having brought their ships to land, leaving all things they followed Him.

### OFFERTORY

*Ps. 12, 4, 5*

Enlighten my eyes, that I never sleep in death; lest at any time my enemy say, I have prevailed against him.

### SECRET

Receiving our oblations, be appeased, we pray Thee, O Lord, and in Thy kindness constrain our wills toward Thee, even when resisting. Through our Lord.

### COMMUNION

*Ps. 17, 3*

The Lord is my firmament, and my refuge, and my deliverer, my God is my helper.

### POSTCOMMUNION

May the mysteries we have received purify us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by their virtue protect us. Through our Lord.



## Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen

Two ideas dominate the liturgy of today's Mass: great confidence in God and an acute awareness of human misery and insufficiency. These two ideas are closely connected, for it is the consciousness of our nothingness which leads us to put all our confidence in God, and the greater this confidence becomes in us, the more convinced we are of our nothingness.

The Mass begins with a cry of unshakable hope "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" The Lord is with me in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar, the Lord comes to me in Holy Communion. What can separate me from Him? What can make me fear?

Yet I know my weakness; I have ever before my eyes the remembrance of my failures and infidelities. How great, then, is my need to humbly repeat the beautiful prayer of the Gradual: "Save us, O Lord, and pardon our sins... Help us, O God, our Savior, for the glory of Your Name." Yes, in spite of the continual help of divine grace, in spite of so many confessions and communions, I have to acknowledge new failures every day; daily, I must begin anew. The struggle is arduous and painful, but in today's Epistle, St. Paul reminds us that "the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that shall be revealed in us." This thought is one of consolation, hope and confidence; it does not, however, prevent us from longing for freedom and complete redemption. This is what the Apostle experienced when he said: "We also, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption of the sons of God, the redemption of our body in Christ Jesus." The more we suffer because of our wretchedness, the more we should run to Jesus, with full confidence in the power of His Redemption.

Today's Gospel is a practical demonstration of the words of Jesus: "Without Me, you can do nothing." Simon and his companions had been fishing all night and had caught nothing; that is all

they had been able to do by themselves. If we have had some little experience in the spiritual life, we will recognize that this is often our situation too. How many efforts we have made to rid our self of this or that attachment, to forget injuries, to adapt our self to our neighbor's way of doing things, to subject our will to another's! And yet, after all these attempts, we find our hands empty, like Peter's nets. Let us not be discouraged; if we can humbly acknowledge our failure instead of feeling annoyance because of it, the failure itself will turn into victory. So it happened to Peter after he had admitted publicly that he had "taken nothing." St. Therese of the Child Jesus comments: "Had the Apostle caught some small fish, perhaps our divine Master would not have worked a miracle; but he had caught nothing, and so through the power and goodness of God his nets were soon filled with great fishes. Such is Our Lord's way. He gives as God, with divine generosity, but He insists on humility of heart."

In spite of our good will to advance in virtue, our Lord will not permit us to have any success until He sees that we are thoroughly convinced of our own weakness and inability; to give us this conviction, He lets us, as He let Peter, "work all night without catching anything." But afterwards, as He sees our growing awareness of our poverty and our willingness to admit it openly, He will come to our aid. We must, then, have great faith in Him, never allowing ourselves to give up through lack of success. Every day, relying "on His word," we must begin anew. If we have learned not to trust in our own strength, we must also learn to have complete confidence in the divine aid. If we have caught nothing until now, perhaps it is our lack of unshakable confidence that is the cause, and this deficiency, besides being displeasing to Jesus, paralyzes our spiritual life. Then let us repeat with Peter in a similar cry of confidence: "*in verbo tuo laxabo rete,*" Lord, at Thy word, I will let down the net. And let us repeat it every day, every moment, without ever growing weary.

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

**Juventutem Meeting:** On Saturday, June 18, Juventutem will hold its next meeting after the 9:00am Mass. The guest speaker will be Fr. Gregory Pendergraft, FSSP. The talk is titled "Living the Faith in the Modern World." All parishioners, 18 and up, are welcome! For more information, visit our website: [www.juventutemscranton.com](http://www.juventutemscranton.com) or call 570-815-1141

"The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who so generously contributed to our Vocations fundraising drive this year. A total of \$4200.00 in contributions were collected, far exceeding our goal this year and surpassing last year's total as well. The Knights will apply an additional \$500.00 to the total, and these funds will be divided among our Seminarians to assist them in meeting their expenses. May God reward your generosity!"

**Fr. Edward Brodsky, FSSP** will be with us on the weekend of June 17-19. He will offer the High Mass and give his priestly blessing afterwards.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Please consider donating to the "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.

**COLLECTION:** June 5th - \$3,170.00

## *Altar Boy Schedule*

**FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**

**June 12**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Patrick Schneider  
**AC2**

**TEAM C**

**MC** Robert Seeley  
**TH** Patrick Seeley  
**AC1** Dominic Gardner  
**AC2** Joseph Seeley  
**C** Jack Gardner  
**S1** Michael Gardner  
**S2** Brendan Seeley

**WEEK ONE**

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

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

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

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

**FIFTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER PENTECOST**

**June 19**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Francis LaFata  
**AC2** Mathias Morris

**TEAM D**

**MC** Matthew Gillenkirk  
**TH** Joshua Sica  
**AC1** Andrew pheasant  
**AC2** John Skuba  
**C** Timothy Sica  
**S1** Joseph Skuba  
**S2** Peter Sica