

The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

St. Michael the Archangel

1703 Jackson Street, Scranton, PA 18504

**13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 19, 2018**

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00am

High Mass: 10:15am

Weekdays

Mon - Thu: 7:45am

Friday: 6:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 8:00AM 19TH 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, II
Confraternity of St. Peter –Maryann Czarniecki

SUNDAY 10:15AM *Pro Populo*

MONDAY 7:45AM 20TH ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX, DOCTOR, III
+ Marie Perone –Chidester Family

TUESDAY 7:45AM 21ST ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, WIDOW, II
Joe & Lauren Seeley –Cathy Seeley

WEDNESDAY 7:45AM 22ND IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, II
Anthony George Sr. & family –Anthony Jr.

THURSDAY 7:45AM 23RD ST. PHILIP BENIZI, CONFESSOR, III
Anthony Pasquarello –Anthony George

FRIDAY 6:00PM 24TH ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE, III
Mr. & Mrs. Gearon - Anna Gearon

SATURDAY 9:00AM 25TH ST. LOUIS IX, CONFESSOR, III
Holy Souls –Eileen Ranieri

SUNDAY 8:00AM 26TH 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, II
FSSP Priests –Fr. Harkins

SUNDAY 10:15AM *Pro Populo*

DEVOTIONS

Confession

45mins before Mass

Benediction

Fridays: 5:00pm

Saturday: 8:00am

Daily Rosary

Mon-Thu: After Mass

Fri -Sun: Before Mass

Office Hours: Monday 9am -3pm, Friday 9am -3pm, Saturday 10am -Noon

Dear Parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel,

As you may be aware, this week the statewide Grand Jury released its findings after investigating child sexual abuse within six of the eight Dioceses in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

However painful, the report underscores the importance of the child safety policies and procedures that we have put in place, and we will continue our commitment to providing a safe environment for all of our children and youth here at the Diocese of Scranton.

Bishop Bambera shared a video address with the faithful of our church, and released a statement to the local media. I encourage you to review these materials via the link noted below and also on our website. You may also share them with others, if you choose to do so. I hope these materials will answer your questions about the report. However, I welcome you to reach out to me should you have any further questions. I would be happy to speak with you at your convenience.

I recognize that this is a difficult time, but we are working hard to bring peace to our people and to restore their trust in the Church. Thank you for your continued support of the Diocese of Scranton.

Sincerely yours,

Sign by Pastor

Fr. Harkins

Click on this link for Bishop Bambera's Message:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/8yjlz7xx9yqs6ze/Bishop%20Bambera%20Statement.mpg?dl=0>

Click on this link for Bishop Bambera's Message with Spanish subtitles:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/hx6324d4joyc0pg/Video%20Bishop%20Bambera%20Original%20Subt.%20%C3%B1.mp4?dl=0>

Following the release of the Grand Jury report, Bishop Bambera has instructed the Diocese's Independent Review Board to conduct a formal assessment of Bishop Emeritus James Timlin's handling of previous allegations of abuse during his time as the Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton and to make recommendations as to his role in the Diocese moving forward. This review process has already begun and the recommendations are expected no later than August 31, 2018. Simultaneously, Bishop Bambera has referred the matter to the Holy See, which has authority over Bishop Timlin's canonical status.

As I am sure you are aware, a Grand Jury report investigating child sexual abuse within the Catholic Church in Pennsylvania has been released. I would like to offer my most sincere apologies to all victims, and to the community at large, for this tragic reality. The report brings up painful and uncomfortable issues that we must face together so we can eradicate child sexual abuse from the church altogether.

I know you are all concerned. I share those same concerns and I want to assure you that your child's safety is our highest priority. Our current standards are built upon years of ongoing improvements as we constantly reevaluate and improve our procedures and policies.

HOW DO WE PROTECT OUR CHILDREN?

- All volunteers and employees must have criminal background and child abuse clearances
- Every person is trained extensively on sexual abuse prevention, reporting, victim advocacy and more
- Since 2003, we have trained more than 28,000 adults in child protection awareness
- Every child in kindergarten through 12th grade is taught how to recognize and report inappropriate behavior

HOW DO WE HANDLE ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE?

- We strictly adhere to a zero tolerance policy on abuse
- We immediately notify law enforcement of all allegations of abuse
- We notify Pennsylvania Child Line
- We remove abusers from ministry and immediately notify the parish and the public
- And we provide all necessary support to victims, knowing that the healing process can be difficult and lengthy

Once again, I am deeply sorry and grieved for the unsettling nature of the behaviors described in this Grand Jury investigation. I hope we can work together to restore trust in the church and move forward in a more positive way.

If you are in need of resources that can help you discuss these issues with your children, we recommend:

- Catholic Social Services (cssdioceseofscranton.org)
- Darkness to Light (d2l.org)
- Prevent Child Abuse America (preventchildabuse.org)
- Stop It Now! (stopitnow.org)

Thank you and God Bless you.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera

For more information, contact Safe Environment Coordinator Kathy Bolinski at 570-207-1453



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Mass Intention Book: The Mass intention book is now for Mass intention. Please note NO intentions will be accepted for dates after November 30 2018.

Joining the Parish? : If you wish to be considered a member of St. Michaels Parish please complete the Parish Census card available in the vestibule and submit it to the Rectory. Thank you.

Juventutem Group: Following the 10:15am today our Juventutem groups will host a guest speaker Catholic Blogger Matt Walsh. The basement has been rearranged to accommodate the speaker and guests. Therefore please do not adjust the seating arrangements. Mr. Walsh will begin his conference at approx. 12:30pm and you are requested to provide every hospitality and courtesy to visitors to the parish.

New Vestments: Although it is only August it's never too early to begin preparations for Holy Week. As you know last year St. Michaels was chosen by the FSSP to celebrate the pre 1955 Holy Week with the permission of the Holy See. The Pastor agrees with many of you that it was a particularly successful and prayerful time and he is looking forward eagerly to next year. In order to prepare for this most sacred time in the liturgical calendar it is necessary that the parish invest in new vestments to better meet the expression of the liturgy contained in the rubrics and by so doing provide more honor and glory to God. It is therefore desirable to have two new solemn sets of vestments made for Holy Week. Please in your charity contribute to our Memorial Fund to help pay for these vestments. The anticipated cost is estimated at \$20,000. Your contribution to the Memorial Fund is tax deductible but is not counted as ordinary income to the parish.

New High Mass Schedule: A new High Mass schedule is now available on the parish website for members of the Choir and Altar Servers.

New Server Teams: New Server Teams have been drawn up and are effective from 15 August 2018 and are available on the parish website.

Server Practice: There will be a server practice on Saturday 1st September from 10:00am to Noon. All servers must attend.