

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Passion Sunday

April 6, 2014

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Apr. 6th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Passion Sunday, <i>I Class</i> Leonard and Mary Tabone <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Apr. 7th 7:45 a.m.	Monday of Passion Week, <i>III Class</i> Missionaries of Charity Sisters - <i>Nancy Noll</i>
Tues. Apr. 8th 7:45 a.m.	Tuesday of Passion Week, <i>III Class</i> James Matthew Craig - <i>His Father</i>
Wed. Apr. 9th 7:45 p.m.	Wednesday of Passion Week, <i>III Class</i> Jacqueline C. Craig - <i>Anon.</i>
Thur. Apr. 10th 7:45 a.m.	Thursday of Passion Week, <i>III Class</i> All the Sick and Dying - <i>Nancy Noll</i>
Fri. Apr. 11th 6:00 p.m.	Sevens Sorrow of the Blessed Mother, <i>III Class</i> Gearon Family - <i>Anon.</i>
Sat. Apr. 12th 9:00 a.m.	Saturday of Passion Week, <i>III Class</i> Helen Bogorowski - <i>David and Karen Scatena</i>
Sun. Apr. 13th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Palm Sunday, <i>I Class</i> Patrick Dore - <i>Patricia and Jack McGovern</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

Passion Sunday

INTROIT ANTIPHON

Ps. 42: 1-2

Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the nation that is not holy: deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man: for Thou art my God and my strength. (Ps. 42:3) Send forth Thy light and Thy truth: they have conducted me, and brought me unto Thy holy hill and into Thy tabernacles. Judge me, O God.

COLLECT

We beseech Thee, almighty God, mercifully look upon Thy family: that by Thy great goodness it may be governed in body and by Thy protection be preserved in mind. Through the same.

EPISTLE

Heb. 9: 11-15

Brethren: Christ being come, a High Priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is, not of this creation: neither by the blood of goats or of calves, but by His own Blood, entered once into the Holies, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and of oxen and the ashes of a heifer, being sprinkled, sanctify such as are defiled, to the cleansing of the flesh: how much more shall the Blood of Christ, Who by the Holy Ghost offered Himself unspotted unto God, cleanse our conscience from dead works, to serve the living God? And therefore He is the Mediator of the New Testament: that by means of His death, for the redemption of those transgressions which were under the former testament, they that are called may receive the promise of eternal inheritance, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL

Ps. 142: 9-10

Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies: teach me to do Thy will. *V.* My deliverer, O Lord, from the angry nations: Thou wilt lift me up above them that rise up against me: from the unjust man Thou wilt deliver me.

TRACT

Ps. 128: 1-4

Often have they fought against me from my youth. Let Israel now say: often have they fought against me from my youth. But they could not prevail over me: the wicked have wrought upon my back. They have lengthened their iniquities: the Lord who is just will cut the necks of sinners.

GOSPEL

John 8: 46-59

At that time Jesus said to the multitudes of the Jews: Which of you shall convince Me of sin? If I say the truth to you, why do you not believe Me? He that is of God heareth the words of God. Therefore you hear them not, because you are not of God. The Jews therefore answered, and said to Him: Do not we say well, that Thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered: I have not a devil: but I honor My Father, and you have dishonored Me. But I seek not My own glory: there is one

that seeketh and judgeth. Amen, amen, I say to you: If any man keep My word, he shall not see death for ever. The Jews therefore said: Now we know that Thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets: and Thou sayest: If any man keep My word, he shall not taste death for ever. Art Thou greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? and the prophets are dead. Whom dost Thou make Thyself? Jesus answered: If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing: it is My Father that glorifieth Me, of whom you say that He is your God, and you have not known Him: but I know Him: and if I shall say that I know Him not, I shall be like to you, a liar. But I do know Him, and do keep His word. Abraham your father rejoiced that he might see My day: he saw it and was glad. The Jews therefore said to Him: Thou art not yet fifty years old: and hast Thou seen Abraham? Jesus said to them: Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham was made, I am. They took up stones therefore to cast at Him: but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 118: 17,107

I will confess to Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: render to Thy servant: I shall live and keep Thy words: enliven me according to Thy word, O Lord.

SECRET

May these offerings, we beseech Thee, O Lord, loosen the bonds of our wickedness, and procure for us the gifts, of Thy mercy. Through our Lord.

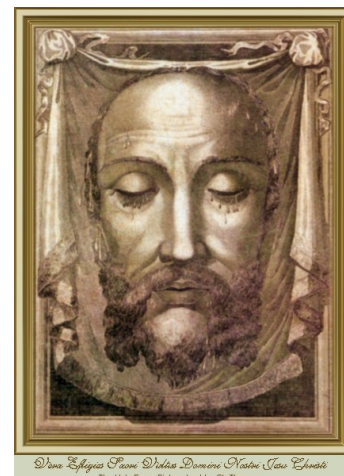
COMMUNION

1 Cor. 11:24-25

This is My Body which shall be delivered for you: this Chalice is the New Testament in My Blood, saith the Lord: do this, as often as you receive it, in commemoration of Me.

POSTCOMMUNION

Draw near to us, O Lord, our God, and by Thy unfailing help defend those whom Thy mysteries have refreshed. Through our Lord.



Divina Effigies Facies Dulcis Domini Nostri Jesu Christi
The Holy Face: Picture kept by St. Therese

Passion Sunday

Today Passiontide begins, a time especially consecrated to the remembrance and loving contemplation of the sorrows of Jesus. The veiled crucifix and statues, the absence of the Gloria in the Mass and the Gloria Patri in the responsories of the Divine Office, - are all signs of mourning by which the Church commemorates Our Lord's Passion. Pope St. Leo exhorts us to participate "in the Cross of Christ, in order that we also may do something which will unite us to what He has done for us, for as the Apostle says, 'if we suffer with Him, we shall be glorified with Him.'" Therefore, we must not only meditate on Jesus' sufferings, but also take part in them; only by bearing His Passion in our heart and in our body shall we be able to share in its fruits. So it is that in the liturgy of this season the Church repeats more insistently than ever: "If you hear the voice of the Lord, harden not your hearts." The voice of the Lord makes itself heard these days, not by words, but by the eloquent testimony of deeds, by the great events of the Passion - a mystery which gives us the most convincing proof of His infinite love for us. Let us, therefore, open our heart to the sublime lessons of the Passion: let us see how much Jesus has loved us and how much we ought to love Him in return; let us learn that, if we wish to follow Him, we, too, must suffer and bear the Cross with Him and after Him. At the same time, let us open our heart to a lively hope; for our salvation is in the Passion of Jesus. In today's Epistle (Heb 9,11-15) St. Paul presents to us the majestic figure of Christ, the Eternal High Priest, who "by His Blood, entered once into the holies, [that is, heaven] having obtained eternal redemption." The Passion of Jesus has redeemed us; it has opened once again our Father's house to us; it is then the motive for our hope.

"Praise be to You O most merciful God, who willed to redeem us and restore us by the Passion, the sufferings, the scorn, and the poverty of Your Son, when we were wretched outcasts and condemned prisoners. I run

to Your cross, O Christ - to suffering, scorn, and poverty; with all my strength I desire to be transformed in You, O suffering God-Man, who loved me so much that You endured a horrible, shameful death for the sole purpose of saving me, and to give me an example, so that I would be able to endure adversity for love of You. It is the perfection and true proof of love to conform myself to You, O Crucified One, who for my sins willed to undergo a cruel death, delivering Yourself entirely to tortures, as a victim. O my suffering God, only by reading the book of Your life and death shall I be able to know You and to penetrate Your mystery. Grant me, then, a profound spirit of prayer, a pious, humble, attentive prayer, springing not only from my lips, but also from my heart and soul, so that I shall be able to understand the lessons of Your Passion! (Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*)

"In this book, I see Your infinite goodness and mercy, which made You take upon Yourself our condemnation, our scorn, our sufferings, rather than leave us in such a wretched state. I see the unlimited bounty, the care, the diligence You showed to save us and lead us back to the heavenly kingdom. I see the infinite wisdom by which You redeemed us, saved us, and glorified us in an ineffable manner, through Your mercy, without harming Your justice. While You died a painful death, You vivified everything and destroyed that death common to us all.

"Yet more, in the book of Your Cross I see Your infinite meekness, by which, although being cursed, You did not curse nor avenge Yourself, but on the contrary, You pardoned and won heaven for the very ones who were crucifying You" (St. Angela of Foligno).

SHROUD OF TURIN: During Great Lent, St. Vladimir Catholic Parish of Scranton is hosting an authentic replica of the Shroud of Turin from Sunday until April 11, 2014. Everyone is invited to view the Shroud and learn of its history and authenticity. More information can be found in the vestibule of the church. Everyone is welcome!

For anyone who is interested in viewing the replica of the Shroud of Turin, a group of parishioners will leave today at 2:00 p.m. from the basement of the church.

LENTEN TALK Saturday, April 12: In preparation for Holy Week, the Knights of Columbus are inviting everyone to attend a "broadcast" of Fr. Dennis Gordon's two part Lenten Retreat from 2010, with discussion after each talk. We will gather in the parish basement from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday, April 12. Please bring snacks or drinks to share, and coffee will be provided.

Camp Saint Isaac Jogues 2014

- *Now Accepting Applications until May 23rd.
 - *Camp St. Isaac Jogues is a summer camp hosted by priests and seminarians of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, located on the property of the Fraternity Headquarters in Elmhurst Township, Pennsylvania.
 - *Catholic young men ages 13-15 years old. For more information, please visit our web-site.
- <http://seminarycamps.wordpress.com/camp-st-isaac-jogues-2/>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are this Friday at 5:15 p.m. Confessions will heard beginning at 4:30 p.m. until the Stations at 5:15 p.m. Mass will follow at 6:00 p.m. concluding with the Holy Rosary.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- April 26th - Confirmation Testing at 10:00 a.m.
- May 3rd - Confirmation at 11:00 a.m.
- May 24th - First Communion Testing, Saturday, 10:00 a.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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Palm Sunday** - Low Mass 8:00 a.m..
- High Mass 10:15 p.m.
- Holy Thursday** - Solemn High Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday** - Reflection on Passion of Christ 1:30 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross 2:15 p.m.
- Solemn Liturgy 3:00 p.m.
- Easter Vigil** - Solemn Liturgy 10:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday** - Sung Mass 10:15 a.m.

COLLECTION: April 6th - \$2,176.50

Altar Boy Schedule

PASSION SUNDAY

April 6th
8:00 a.m. Mass

- AC1** Justin LaFata
- AC2** Francis LaFata

TEAM D

- MC** William Skuba
- TH** Matthew Gillenkirk
- AC1**
- AC2** Joseph Schneider
- C** Patrick Schneider
- S1** John Skuba
- S2** Joseph Skuba
- S3** Joseph Seeley
- S4** Brendan Seeley

WEEK THREE

- Monday** Joseph Schneider
7:45 a.m. Patrick Schneider
- Tuesday** Robert Seeley
7:45 a.m. Patrick Seeley
- Wednesday** Dominic Gardner
7:45 a.m. Jack Gardner
- Thursday**
7:45 a.m.

Stations of the Cross

- Team B**
- Ian McGuirk
 - Kiernan McGuirk
 - Francis LaFata
 - Stephen LaFata

PALM SUNDAY

April 13th
8:00 a.m. Mass

- AC1** 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