

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016

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Mass Intentions

Sun. May 15th	Pentecost Sunday, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Sr. Marie-Bernarde, OSB - <i>Her Parents</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. May 16th	Pentecost Monday, <i>I Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory - <i>Mike Craig</i>
Tues. May 17th	Pentecost Tuesday, <i>I Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Francis LaFata - <i>His Parents</i>
Wed. May 18th	Pentecost Wednesday, <i>Ember Day, I Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Sofia Sherrick - <i>Her Grandparents</i>
Thu. May 19th	Pentecost Thursday, <i>I Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Mary Creaden - <i>Jerome Lackner</i>
Fri. May 20th	Pentecost Friday, <i>Ember Day, I Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	† Vincent Lurati - <i>McGuirk Family</i>
Sat. May 21st	Pentecost Saturday, <i>Ember Day, I Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	† Rose M. McGovern - <i>Trish & Jack McGovern</i>
Sun. May 22nd	Trinity Sunday, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Joseph G. Lackner - <i>Jerome Lackner</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

Pentecost Sunday

INTROIT ANTIPHON

Wis. 1: 7; Ps. 67: 2

The Spirit of the Lord hath filled the whole earth, alleluia; and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* Let God arise, and His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him fly before His face. {V} Glory be.

COLLECT

O God, who hast this day taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost: grant that, by the gift of the same Spirit, we may always be truly wise and ever rejoice in His holy consolations. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

Acts 2: 1-11

When the days of Pentecost were accomplished, they were all together in one place, and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak. Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men out of every nation under heaven. And when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded in mind, because that every man heard them speak in his own tongue: and they were all amazed, and wondered, saying: Behold, are not all these that speak Galileans? And how have we heard every man our own tongue wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews also and Proselytes, Cretes, and Arabians: we have heard them speak in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.

ALLELUIA

Ps. 103: 30

Alleluia, alleluia. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created: and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Alleluia.

[Here all kneel]

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful: and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

GOSPEL

John 14: 23-31

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: If any one love Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and will make Our abode with him. He that loveth Me not, keepeth not My words: and the word which you have heard is not Mine, but the Father's, Who sent Me. These things have I spoken to you, abiding with you. But the Paraclete, the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring all things to your mind, whatsoever I shall have said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, do I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. You have heard that I said to you: I go away, and I come unto you. If you loved Me, you would indeed be glad, because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that when it shall come to pass, you may believe. I will not now speak many things with you; for the prince of this world cometh, and in Me he hath not any thing. But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father hath given Me commandment, so do I.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 67: 29-30

Confirm this, O God, which Thou hast wrought in us; from Thy temple, which is in Jerusalem, kings shall offer presents to Thee. Alleluia.

SECRET

Sanctify, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gifts we offer, and shed upon us the light of the Holy Spirit to the purifying of our hearts. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Acts 2: 2-4

There came suddenly a sound from heaven as of a mighty wind coming, where they were sitting, alleluia, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, speaking the wonderful works of God, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION

May the in-pouring of the Holy Ghost cleanse our hearts, O Lord; as dew sprinkled over our innermost being, may His presence render us fruitful in good works. Through our Lord.

Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen

Come, Holy Spirit, fill my heart and enkindle in it the fire of Your Love.

Pentecost is the plenitude of God's gift to men. On Christmas Day, God gives us His only-begotten Son, Christ Jesus, the Mediator, the Bridge connecting humanity and divinity. During Holy Week, Jesus, by His Passion, gives Himself entirely for us, even to death on the Cross. He bathes us, purifying and sanctifying us in His Blood. At Easter, Christ rises, and His Resurrection, as well as His Ascension, is the pledge of our own glorification. He goes before us to His Father's house to prepare a place for us, for in Him and with Him, we have become a part of the divine Family; we have become children of God, destined for eternal beatitude. But the gift of God to men does not end there; having ascended into heaven, Jesus, in union with the Father, sends us His Spirit, the Holy Spirit. The Father and the Holy Spirit loved us to the point of giving us the Word in the Incarnation; the Father and the Word so loved us as to give us the Holy Spirit. Thus the three Persons of the Trinity give Themselves to man, stooping to this poor nothing to redeem him from sin, to sanctify him, and to bring him into Their own intimacy. Such is the excessive charity with which God has loved us; and the divine gift to our souls reaches its culminating point in the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is the Gift par excellence: *Altissimi Donum Dei*, Gift of the Most High God. The Holy Spirit, the bond and pledge of the mutual love of the Father and the Son, He who accepts, seals, and crowns their reciprocal gift, is given to our souls through the infinite merits of Jesus, so that He will be able to complete the work of our sanctification. By His descent upon the Apostles under the form of tongues of fire, the Holy Spirit shows us how He, the Spirit of love, is given to us in order to transform us by His charity, and having transformed us, to lead us back to God.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is not a temporary gift, but a permanent one; in fact, for a soul who lives in charity, He is the sweet Guest who dwells within it. "If anyone love Me," says Jesus in the words of today's Gospel "...We

will come to him and will make Our abode with him." However, this indwelling of the Trinity—and hence of the Holy Spirit—in the soul which is in the state of grace, is a gift which can and should increase; it is a continual giving. The first donation was made when we were baptized; it was renewed later, confirmed, in a special way, by the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Sacrament that is, so to speak, the Pentecost of every Christian soul. Progressive renewals of this gift were made with every increase in charity. And what of the present? The Holy Spirit, in union with the Father and the Son, continues to give Himself to the soul more completely, more profoundly and possessively.

Today's Gospel speaks very forcefully about charity, which is at the same time both the condition for and the result of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our souls. It is the condition, because, according to Jesus Himself, the three divine Persons dwell only in a soul who loves; it is the result, because "the charity of God is poured forth in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, who is given to us" (Rom 5:5). Divine love completely preceded us at baptism; without merit on our part and solely through the merits of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was given to us, and His charity was gratuitously diffused in us. Thereafter, each time we corresponded to the divine invitations, by making generous acts of charity, He renewed His invisible visit to our soul, giving us always new grace and charity. Thus our supernatural life has developed under the action of the Holy Spirit; it is caught up in the life-giving transforming current of His love. In this way we understand how the Feast of Pentecost can and should represent a new out-pouring of the Holy Spirit in our souls, a new visit in which He fills us with His gifts :

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And in our hearts take up Thy rest, Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid, To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

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. **Your donation is tax deductible. Thank you!**

JUVENTUTEM: A call to holiness! St. Michael's has been given approval to start its own Chapter of the International Federation of Juventutem. This group will be open to young adults 18 and over. The primary objective will be the sanctification of our members and all catholic youth. Focus will be on the Sacrifice of the Mass, talks from guest speakers, occasional group outings to shrines, etc., all to support our working to grow Holy together. If you are interested or for more information, please contact us at: JuventutemScranton@gmail.com.

SPECIAL THANKS: We thank you for your generous contributions in support of our seminarians. We have raised to date over \$1,000.

MAY CROWNING is on May 22nd, 2016. All participants, please meet in the church basement at 9:45am. The Juventutem Group will be assisting us this year. Please see the sign-up sheet in the church.

ST. MICHAELS VESTMENT GUILD is holding a raffle for a beautiful "play vestment set", including smaller altar linens, made by the guild members. For more information please see the display in the church basement. **The drawing will be on Sunday May 29th.**

Fr. Zepeda will be away from Monday, May 16 until Wednesday, May 18th. The daily masses will be covered by Fr. Brian Austin FSSP.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 22nd - May Crowning
August 20th - Parish Picnic 1:30 p.m.

COLLECTION: May 1st - \$1,773.00
ASCENSION: \$898.00

Altar Boy Schedule

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 15th
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

WEEK THREE

Monday Patrick Schneider
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Dominic Gardner
7:45 a.m. Jack Gardner

Thursday Sean Michelin
7:45 a.m.

TRINITY SUNDAY

May 22nd
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