

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2016

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Jan. 17th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Second Sunday after Epiphany, <i>II Class</i> Timothy & Maureen Holden - <i>Their Mother</i> Mr. & Mrs. Richard Scaccia - <i>Elaine Guzek</i>
Mon. Jan. 18th 7:45 a.m.	St. Prisca, <i>Virgin & Martyr, IV Class</i> Fr. Graham Walters - <i>Maryann Czarnecki</i>
Tues. Jan. 19th 7:45 a.m.	St. Canute, <i>King & Martyr, IV Class</i> Jack R. Craig - <i>F.O.S.S.</i>
Wed. Jan. 20th 7:45 a.m.	St. Fabian, <i>Pope, & Sebastian, Martyrs, III Class</i> † Richard Lloyd - <i>Mitchell Family</i>
Thu. Jan. 21th 7:45 a.m.	St. Agnes, <i>Virgin & Martyr, III Class</i> † Dorothy Walsh - <i>Tim & Mary Morris</i>
Fri. Jan. 22nd 6:00 p.m.	Votive Mass for Peace, <i>II Class</i> Plenary Abolition of Abortion - <i>Anon.</i>
Sat. Jan. 23rd 9:00 a.m.	St. Raymond of Penafort, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> John Michael Sherrick - <i>His Parents</i>
Sun. Jan. 24th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Septuagesima Sunday, <i>II Class</i> Frances Steffani - <i>Vincent Amendola</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

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INTROIT

Ps. 65, 4

Let all the earth adore Thee, O God, and sing to Thee: let it sing a psalm to Thy name, O Thou most high. Shout with joy to God all the earth, sing ye a psalm to His name, give glory to His praise. Glory...

COLLECT

Almighty, eternal God, Who doest govern all things in heaven and on earth, of Thy mercy hear the supplications of Thy people, and grant Thy peace in our times. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

Rom 12, 6-16

Brethren, having different gifts, according to the grace that is given us; either prophecy, to be used according to the rule of faith; or ministry, in ministering; or he that teacheth in doctrine; he that exhorteth in exhorting; he that giveth with simplicity; he that ruleth with carefulness; he that showeth mercy with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Hating that which is evil, cleaving to that which is good. Loving one another with the charity of brotherhood, in honor preventing one another. In carefulness, not slothful: in spirit fervent: serving the Lord: rejoicing in hope: patient in tribulation: instant in prayer: communicating to the necessities of the saints; pursuing hospitality. Bless them that persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that rejoice, weep with them that weep. Being of one mind one towards another; not minding high things, but consenting to the humble.

GRADUAL

Ps. 106, 20, 21

The Lord sent His word, and healed them: and delivered them out of their distresses. *V.* Let the mercies of the Lord give glory to Him; and His wonderful works to the children of men.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. Praise ye the Lord, all His angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 2, 1-11

At that time, there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee: and the mother of Jesus was there. And Jesus also was invited, and His disciples, to the marriage. And the

wine failing, the mother of Jesus saith to Him, They have no wine. And Jesus saith to her, Woman, what is it to Me and to thee? My hour is not yet come. His mother saith to the waiters, Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye. Now there were set there six water pots of stone, according to the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three measures apiece. Jesus saith to them, Fill the water pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And Jesus saith to them, Draw out now, and carry to the chief steward of the fest: and they carried it. And when the chief steward had tasted the water made wine, and knew not whence it was, but the waiters knew who had drawn the water: the chief steward calleth the bridegroom, and saith to him, Every man at first setteth forth good wine, and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee; and manifested His glory, and his disciples believed in Him.

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 ye that fear God, what great things the Lord hath done for my soul. Alleluia.

SECRET

Sanctify, O Lord, the gifts we offer, and purify us from the stains of our sins. Through our Lord...

COMMUNION

John 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

The Lord saith: Fill the water pots with water, and carry to the chief steward of the feast. When the chief steward had tasted the water made wine, he saith to the bridegroom: thou hast kept the good wine until now; this first miracle did Jesus before His disciples.

POSTCOMMUNION

May the working of Thy power, we beg Thee, O Lord, be increased in us, that, being nourished by divine sacraments, we may by Thy grace be prepared to obtain that which they promise. Through our Lord...

Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen

O Jesus, I beg You to transform my soul as You once transformed the water for the bride and bridegroom at Cana.

Now that the cycle of Jesus' childhood has ended, the liturgy begins to speak of His public life. During the days following the Epiphany, it recalled Our Lord's baptism in the Jordan, the event which marked the beginning of His apostolate. Today it tells us about His first miracle, destined, like the Epiphany and His baptism, to manifest to the world His glory as the Son of God. "And the third day, there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the Mother of Jesus was there.

And Jesus also was invited... to the marriage." For the first time, we see the Blessed Virgin in her maternal function as mediatrix of all graces. The Cana miracle, Jesus' first, was worked precisely because of her intercession which was so powerful that it made Jesus anticipate His hour. "My hour is not yet come," the Savior had answered His Mother, and Mary was neither dismayed by this apparent refusal nor did she insist on her request. Secure in the knowledge of her Son and full of loving confidence in Him, she says to the servants, "Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye." Her humility, consideration for others, faith, and trustful abandonment win Jesus, and to show us the greatness of her power over His divine heart, He grants her wish; the miracle takes place.

Mary's faith is admirable; and also worthy of admiration is the faith and prompt obedience of the servants who, following Mary's advice, immediately carry out the orders of Jesus; they fill the water-pots with water and then pour from them. Not a moment of doubt, not a protest—they simply obey. May we not learn from them how to believe, how to obey? Shall we not have recourse to Mary's powerful intercession?

"The water was made wine." A miracle much more wonderful than the one which

Jesus performed at Cana is repeated daily on our altars; a little bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, and given to us as the Food of our souls. The Communion antiphon of today's Mass repeats the passage in the Gospel which speaks of the water made wine. Yes, for us pre-eminently, Jesus has "kept the good wine until now." It is the precious wine of the Holy Eucharist, inebriating our souls with His Body and Blood.

There is another wonderful transformation which Jesus accomplishes in our souls by means of grace; the water of our poor human nature becomes a sharer in God's divine nature; it is transformed into the sacred wine of the life of Christ Himself. Man becomes a member of Christ, the adopted child of God, the temple of the Holy Spirit. Today our Lady tells us how we can and should foster this precious transformation; she says to us as she once did to the servants at the Cana feast, "Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye." In these words, Mary invites us to that complete transformation in Christ which is effected by the generous practice of all that He teaches and commands. Let us, then, with humble, docile hearts, with lively faith and perfect abandonment, entrust ourselves to Jesus through Mary's hands.



SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners in the parish.

BOYS NIGHT OUT: Friday, January 29th, following the 6:00 PM Mass, Father Zepeda invites boys of the parish and their dads to hear a talk by Fr. Harkins on his journey and vocation to the priesthood. Refreshments will be served prior to the talk, which will begin at 7:30 PM.

Fr. Zepeda is on vacation through Thursday, January 28th. Fr. Joseph Orlowski, FSSP, is covering until Tuesday, January 26th. There will be no mass on January 27th or 28th.

NATIONAL DAY OF PENANCE: In all dioceses of the United States, by decree of the Bishops' Conference, **January 22 is a day of penitential observance for the sin of abortion.** By virtue of the same decree, we will celebrate on that day the Votive Mass for Peace.

CANDLEMAS: The celebration of Candlemas originated in the late fifth century as a tribute to the light of God's glory that was manifested in Christ Jesus. During Candelaria, candles are blessed, lit, and borne in procession in celebration to Jesus being the light of the world. Bring as many candles as you want blessed and leave them in the sacristy. You must have your candles in by Sunday, January 31st. Candles will be blessed before Mass February 2nd. You may pick up your candles after the Mass.

ST. MICHAEL TALENT SHOW: The 2016 Talent Show will be Sunday, February 7th (Sunday before Ash Wednesday) after the 10:15 Mass. This year's theme is **DOWN ON THE FARM.** Please see the sign-up sheet in the church vestibule. For more information please contact Terry Zuranski (570-677-6845 or ajzuranski@gmail.com). Everyone is invited. Pizza and lemonade will be provided. Please bring deserts and veggies to share.

STATEMENTS: The contribution statements for 2015 will be mailed out at the end of the month.

Altar Boy Schedule

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jan. 17th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Dominic Gardner
AC2 Jack Gardner

TEAM B

MC Francis LaFata
TH Joseph McWhirter
AC1 John Mitchell
AC2 Stephen LaFata
C David LaFata
S1 Brian LaFata
S2 Ian McGuirk

WEEK TWO

Monday
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Joshua Sica
7:45 a.m. Timothy Sica

Thursday John Mitchell
7:45 a.m.

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

Jan. 24th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Patrick Schneider
AC2 Colin Chidester

TEAM C

MC Dominic Gardner
TH Robert Seeley
AC1 Timothy Emig
AC2 Patrick Seeley
C Jack Gardner
S1 Michael Gardner
S2 Sean Michelin