

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2014

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. Mar. 16th	Second Sunday of Lent, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Mrs. Marilyn Lessel - <i>Mitchell Family</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Mar. 17th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Mr. Philip Cilia - <i>Mitchell Family</i>
Tues. Mar. 18th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Sister Mary Damiana, PCC - <i>Tim and Mary Morris</i>
Wed. Mar. 19th	<b>St. Joseph</b> , <i>Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	Most Neglected Souls in Purgatory-Leonard/Mary Tabone
Thur. Mar. 20th	Votive Mass/Anniversary-Coronation of the Pope, <i>II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Dr. Joseph T. Guzek - <i>His Daughter</i>
Fri. Mar. 21th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	† Leo & Leone Family Members - <i>Frank Leo</i>
Sat. Mar. 22th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Anthony Bogorowski - <i>David &amp; Karen Scatena</i>
Sun. Mar. 23th	Third Sunday of Lent, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Wallace White - <i>Joseph Madzin</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

# Second Sunday of Lent

## **INTROIT**

*Ps. 24: 6,3,22*

Remember, O Lord, Thy bowels of compassion, and Thy mercies that are from the beginning of the world, lest at any time our enemies rule over us: deliver us, O God of Israel, from all our tribulations. *Ps. 24: 1-2* To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed. Glory be.

## **COLLECT**

O God who seest that we of ourselves avail not at all; inwardly and outwardly hold us in Thy holy keeping, that we may neither be overcome in body by adversity, nor in mind be a prey to evil thoughts. Through our Lord.

## **EPISTLE**

*1Thes. 4: 1-7*

Brethren, we pray and beseech you in the Lord Jesus, that as you have received of us, how you ought to walk, and to please God, so also you would walk, that you may abound the more. For you know what precepts I have given to you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that you should abstain from fornication, that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor; not in the passion of lust, like the Gentiles that know not God: and that no man overreach, nor deceive his brother in business; because the Lord is the avenger of all these things, as we have told you before, and have testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto sanctification; in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **GRADUAL**

*Ps. 24: 17-18*

The troubles of my heart are multiplied; deliver me from my necessities, O Lord. See my abjection and my labor, and forgive all my sins.

## **TRACT**

*Ps. 105: 1-4*

Give glory to the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endures forever. Who shall declare the powers of the Lord; who shall set forth all His praises? Blessed are they that keep judgment, and do justice at all times. Remember us, O Lord, in the favor of Thy people: visit us with Thy salvation.

## **GOSPEL**

*Matt. 17: 1-9*

At that time, Jesus took Peter, and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: and He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun, and His garments became white as snow. And behold there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with Him. And Peter answering, said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. And as he was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them; and lo a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him. And the disciples hearing, fell upon their face; and were very much afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said to them, Arise and fear not. And they lifting up their eyes saw no one, but only Jesus. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, till the Son of Man be risen from the dead.

## **OFFERTORY**

*Ps. 118: 47-48*

I will meditate on Thy commandments, which I have loved exceedingly: and I will lift up my hands to Thy commandments, which I have loved.

## **SECRET**

Mercifully look down, we beseech Thee, O Lord, on this our sacrifice; and appeased thereby, vouchsafe to us both increase of fervor and growth in Thy saving sacrifice. Through our Lord.

## **COMMUNION**

*Ps. 5: 2-4*

Understand my cry: hearken to the voice of my prayer, O my King and my God: for to Thee will I pray, O Lord.

## **POSTCOMMUNION**

We humbly beseech Thee, almighty God, that drawing new strength from Thy Most Holy Sacrament, we may henceforth, by purity of life, ever render an acceptable service to Thee. Through our Lord.

# Second Sunday of Lent

## Repentance

To make you fully understand what repentance, i.e., the pain which our sins should cause our conscience, means, I would have to show you on the one hand the abhorrence which the Lord has for them, and the torments which He had to suffer to gain pardon for them from God the Father, and on the other hand the blessings we lose by committing sin, and the evils which we bring down upon ourselves in the next world; but no man will ever be able to understand this fully.

Where shall I lead you, my brethren, to show you this repentance? Into the solitude of the desert, perhaps, where so many saints spent twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, or even eighty years of their lives, bemoaning faults which were no faults in the eyes of the world. No, your heart would not be moved by such as these. Or shall I lead you to the entrance of hell, so that you may hear the woeful cries and howls, and gnashing of teeth, which is caused by the repentance of their sins; but though bitter and hard to bear, their pain and repentance is useless. No, my brethren, you would not learn here the real repentance which you should feel over your sins. Oh, if I could only lead you to the foot of the cross which is still reddened with the precious Blood of our Lord, shed to wash away our sins! Oh, if I could only lead you into that garden of sorrow, where our Lord shed for our sins, not ordinary tears, but blood, which flowed forth from all the pores of His body! Oh, if I could only show Him to you laden with the cross, staggering along the streets of Jerusalem, at every step He stumbles and is driven on by kicks. Oh, if I could only lead you to Mount Calvary, where our Lord died, for the sake of our salvation.

But even if I could do all that, it would be necessary that God should give you the grace of inflaming in your heart the burning love of a St. Bernard, who broke out in tears at the mere sight of the cross. Oh, beautiful and precious repentance, how happy is he who harbors thee in his heart! But to whom am I addressing myself: where is he

who feels it in his heart? Alas, I do not know. Is it to that headstrong sinner who has abandoned his God and neglected his soul for twenty or thirty years?

No, that would be like trying to soften a rock by pouring water over it. Or to that Christian who has neglected missions, and ceased prayers, and despised the admonitions of his spiritual adviser? No, that would be like trying to heat water by adding ice to it. Or, perhaps, to those persons who feel satisfied if they make their Easter duty, and then, year in and year out, continue in the same sinful course of living. No, those are the victims which are fattened to serve as food for the eternal flames. Or to those Christians who go to Communion every month, and fall back into their sins every day? No, for they are like the blind, who do not know what they do. Or what they ought to do.

To whom shall I address myself, then? Alas, I do not know. Oh, my Lord, where shall I look for it, where shall I find it? Yes, my Lord, I know whence it comes and who bestows it. It comes from heaven, and Thou dost bestow it, O Lord. Oh, my Lord, we implore Thee, bestow it upon us, the repentance which crushes and devours our heart; this beautiful repentance which disarms God's justice and changes an eternity of misery into eternal bliss. Oh, beautiful virtue, how necessary thou art, and how seldom to be found! And yet, without it there can be no pardon, no heaven, and, more than that, without it all is in vain: penance, charity, alms, or anything else we might do to gain the eternal reward.

*St. John Marie Vianney.*



**St. Michael the Archangel Parish** extends a warm welcome to all new parishioners in the parish. If you would like to register, please contact the rectory.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** All Fridays of Lent at 5:15 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m., concluding with the Rosary. **Confessions will be heard from 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.** Team C will serve Stations of the Cross.

On each of the **Fridays of Lent**, a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, after Communion, recite the "Prayer Before a Crucifix".

**The Law of the Eucharistic Fast: Current Legislation.** Under the New Code of Canon Law, the fast for Holy Communion is one hour before the reception of the Holy Eucharist. Those who are able to maintain the previous discipline of the three-hour fast are still encouraged to do so.

**SHROUD OF TURIN:** During Great Lent, St. Vladimir Catholic Parish of Scranton will be hosting an authentic replica of the Shroud of Turin from Sunday, March 30 to Friday, 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!

**ST. JOSEPH'S DAY:** On Wednesday March 19th, 6:00 p.m. we will have a High Mass in honor of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church.

**The Anniversary** of the solemn installation of his Holiness, Pope Francis is perpetually transferred to March 20th due to the Feast of St. Joseph, spouse of the BVM.

**The Lenten Discipline** consists of three special parts: *Corporal or External Practices*; *Spiritual or Internal Fast Practices*; and *Spiritual Practices*. Listed below are suggested practices that may be used along with your usual Lenten family traditions of sacrifices and penances.

**Spiritual or External Practices**

- Don't do any unnecessary talking; instead, say little ejaculations throughout the day.
- Don't make any complaints today.
- Restrain any anger and go out of your way to be kind to the person who caused your anger.
- Don't be distracted with someone else's business.
- Avoid any gossip.
- Avoid using the phone today
- Tell the truth in all your dealings today.

**COLLECTION:** March 9th - \$2,597.00

*Altar Boy Schedule*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 16th**  
**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

**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 C**  
Dominic Gardner  
Jack Gardner  
Michael Gardner  
Ian McGuirk

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 23rd**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**AC1** Dominic Gardner  
**AC2** Jack Gardner

**TEAM B**

**MC** Andrew Mitchell  
**TH** Anthony Mitchell  
**AC1** Matthew Davidson  
**AC2** Joshua Sica  
**C** Timothy Sica  
**S1** John Mitchell  
**S2** Brian LaFata  
**S3** Francis LaFata  
**S4** Stephen LaFata