

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2016

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. Sep. 11th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i> Joseph Sherrick - <i>Parents</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Sep. 12th 7:45 a.m.	<i>Most Holy Name of Mary, III Class</i> Special Intentions Vietnam War - <i>Anon.</i>
Tues. Sep. 13th 7:45 a.m.	Votive Mass of the Angels, <i>IV Class</i> † Virginia Marie Lammers - <i>Anon.</i>
Wed. Sep. 14th 7:45 a.m.	<i>Exultation of the Holy Cross, II Class</i> † Margaret Dutkevitch - <i>Arline &amp; Joseph Kasaczon</i>
Thu. Sep. 15th 7:45 a.m.	Seven Sorrows of Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>II Class</i> † Peter Graham - <i>Claire Van Beek</i>
Fri. Sep. 16th 6:00 p.m.	SS. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, <i>Martyrs, III Class</i> John Michael Sherrick - <i>His Parents</i>
Sat. Sep. 17th 9:00 a.m.	Stigmata of St. Francis, <i>IV Class</i> Jeff Schuler - <i>Gillenkirk Family</i>
Sun. Sep. 18th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i> Jeff & April Keifer - <i>Chris &amp; Joyce Keifer</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 am

& 9:15-10:05 am

### **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

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

### **INTROIT**

*Ps. 118, 137, 124*

Thou art just, O Lord, and Thy judgment is right; deal with Thy servant according to Thy mercy. Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

### **COLLECT**

Grant Thy people, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to shun the defilements of the devil, and with pure hearts to follow Thee, the only God. Through our Lord....

### **EPISTLE**

*Eph. 4, 1-6*

Brethren: I, a prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation in which you are called. With all humility and mildness, with patience, supporting one another in charity, careful to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. One body and one spirit, as you are called in one hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God and Father of all, Who is above all, and through all, and in us all, Who is blessed for ever and ever. Amen.

### **GRADUAL**

*Ps. 32, 12, 6*

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: the people whom He hath chosen for His inheritance. *V.* By the word of the Lord the heavens were established; and all the power of them by the Spirit of His mouth.

### **ALLELUIA**

*Ps. 97: 101, 2*

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* O Lord, hear my prayer; and let my cry come to Thee. Alleluia.

### **GOSPEL**

*Matt. 22, 34-46*

At that time, the Pharisees came to Jesus, and one of them, a doctor of the law, asked Him, tempting Him, Master, which is the great commandment of the law? Jesus said to him: Thou shalt love the Lord

thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. And the second is like to this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments dependeth the whole law and the prophets. And the Pharisees being gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, What think you of Christ; Whose son is He? They say to Him: David's. He saith to them: How then doth David, in spirit, call Him Lord; saying: The Lord said to My Lord: Sit on My right hand until I make Thy enemies Thy footstool? If David then call Him Lord, how is He his son? And no man was able to answer Him a word; neither durst any man, from that day forth, ask Him any more questions.

### **OFFERTORY**

*Dan. 9, 17, 18, 19*

I, Daniel, prayed to my God, saying: Hear, O Lord, the prayers of Thy servant; show Thy face upon Thy sanctuary, and favorably look down upon this people upon whom Thy name is invoked, O God.

### **SECRET**

We humbly implore Thy majesty, O Lord, that the holy mysteries which we are celebrating may free us both from past sins and future transgressions. Through our Lord.

### **COMMUNION**

*Ps. 75, 12, 13*

Vow ye, and pray to the Lord your God, all you that round about Him bring presents: to Him that is terrible, even to Him Who taketh away the spirit of princes; to the terrible with all the kings of the earth.

### **POSTCOMMUNION**

By Thy sanctifying Gifts, O Almighty God, may our vices be healed and eternal remedies made available to us. Through our Lord.

## Introduction to the Devout Life

"The flowers appear on the earth, "says the Heavenly Bridegroom, and the time for pruning and cutting is come. And what, my child, are our hearts' flowers save our good desires? Now, so soon as these begin to appear, we need the pruning-hook to cut off all dead and superfluous works from our conscience. When the daughter of a strange land was about to espouse an Israelite, the law commanded her to put off the garment of her captivity, to pare her nails, and to shave her head; even so the soul which aims at the dignity of becoming the spouse of Christ, must put off the old man, and put on the new man, forsaking sin: moreover, it must pare and shave away every impediment which can hinder the Love of God. The very first step towards spiritual health is to be purged from our sinful humours. Saint Paul received perfect purification instantaneously, and the like grace was conferred on Saint Magdalene, Saint Catherine of Genoa, Saint Pelagia, and some others, but this kind of purification is as miraculous and extraordinary in grace as the resurrection of the dead in nature, nor dare we venture to aspire to it. The ordinary purification, whether of body or soul, is only accomplished by slow degrees, step by step, gradually and painfully.

The angels on Jacob's ladder had wings, yet nevertheless they did not fly, but went in due order up and down the steps of the ladder. The soul which rises from out of sin to a devout life has been compared to the dawn, which does not banish darkness suddenly, but by degrees. That cure which is gradually effected is always the surest; and spiritual maladies, like those of the body, are wont to come on horseback and express, while they depart slowly and on foot. So that we must needs be brave and patient, my child, in this undertaking. It is a woeful thing to see souls beginning to chafe and grow disheartened because they find themselves still

subject to imperfection after having made some attempt at leading a devout life, and well-nigh yielding to the temptation to give up in despair and fall back; but, on the other hand, there is an extreme danger surrounding those souls who, through the opposite temptation, are disposed to imagine themselves purified from all imperfection at the very outset of their purgation; who count themselves as full-grown almost before they are born, and seek to fly before they have wings. Be sure, daughter, that these are in great danger of a relapse through having left their physician too soon. "It is but lost labour to rise up early and late take rest," unless the Lord prosper all we do.

The work of the soul's purification neither may nor can end save with life itself;--do not then let us be disheartened by our imperfections,--our very perfection lies in diligently contending against them, and it is impossible so to contend without seeing them, or to overcome without meeting them face toe face. Our victory does not consist in being insensible to them, but in not consenting to them. Now to be afflicted by our imperfections is certainly not to consent thereto, and for the furtherance of humility it is needful that we sometimes find ourselves worsted in this spiritual battle, wherein, however, we shall never be conquered until we lose either life or courage. Moreover, imperfections and venial sins cannot destroy our spiritual life, which is only to be lost through mortal sin; consequently we have only need to watch well that they do not imperil our courage. David continually asks the Lord to strengthen his heart against cowardice and discouragement; and it is our privilege in this war that we are certain to vanquish so long as we are willing to fight.

St. Francis deSales

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH** extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners in the parish. Anyone wishing to register, please notify the rectory.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMS** are now available in the vestibule of the Church. These should be completed by parents whose children are to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation next year. Please be advised that classes will begin on **September 18th** this year. Registration forms must be in by Sunday, 18th September.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL KICKS-OFF TODAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH:** This year our parish goal is \$10,000. Through your continued generosity, I am confident that we will achieve this goal. Make sure you mark your donation to the appeal with our parish code 060. For more information please take the insert located in this week's bulletin. Envelopes for the appeal are in the church vestibule. Thank you for your support.

**ATTENTION** There will be no mass on **Thursday September 15th.**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that a special collection be taken up in all parishes on the weekend of **September 18, 2016** to support the victims of the 2016 Louisiana Floods, the worst domestic disaster since Hurricane Sandy. This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses.

**EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:** SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th there will be a pot luck in honor of our Patron, Saint Michael, after the 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

### Mark Your Calendar

**September 25th** - Feast of St. Michael the Archangel

**October 2nd** - External Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary and Rosary Procession.

**October 7th** - Our Lady's Tea

**October 30th** - Feast of Christ the King and Eucharistic Procession

## *Altar Boy Schedule*

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**September 11th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Timothy Sica  
**AC2** Peter Sica

**TEAM A**

**MC** Mathew Gillenkirk  
**TH** Patrick Seeley  
**AC1** Andrew Pheasant  
**AC2** Joseph Seeley  
**C** Brendan Seeley  
**S1** Sean Michelin  
**S2** Mathias Morris

### WEEK TWO

**Monday**  
**7:45 a.m.**

**Tuesday**  
**7:45 a.m.**

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

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**September 18th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Dominic Gardner  
**AC2** Jack Gardner

### **TEAM B**

**MC** Francis LaFata  
**TH** Stephen LaFata  
**AC1** Patrick Schneider  
**AC2** Sean Michelin  
**C** Brian LaFata