

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2013

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. Sep. 15th	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Adam Singh - <i>Patricia &amp; Jack McGovern</i>
10:15 a.m.	Pro Populo
Mon. Sep. 16th	SS Cornelius, <i>Pope &amp; Cyprian, Martyr, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Apprec. of 2013 Confirmation Servers - <i>Pheasant Family</i>
Tues. Sep. 17th	Stigmata of St. Francis, <i>IV Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Sister Mary Damiana - <i>Tim and Mary Morris</i>
Wed. Sep. 18th	Ember Wednesday, <i>II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Jennifer Cilia - <i>Her Parents</i>
Thur. Sep. 19th	SS Januarius & Companions, <i>Martyrs, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	James Angley
Fri. Sep. 20th	Ember Friday, <i>II Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	Vince Cilia - <i>Cilia Family</i>
Sat. Sep. 21th	St. Matthew, <i>Apostle &amp; Evangelist, II Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Joyce Keifer - <i>Chris Keifer</i>
Sun. Sep. 22nd	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Andrew Toth - <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Gene DeAngelis</i>
10:15 a.m.	Pro Populo

### 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

#### OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am-5 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 sec-

ond 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.



*Master, which is the great commandment in the law?* St. Bede says that this was a very controversial question among the Jews in the time of Christ. Many of them thought that the chief commandment of the law concerned sacrifices and victims to be offered to God according to the law in Leviticus 1, because by these God is properly worshiped as Lord above all. And this was why the Pharisees told children to say to their parents, corban, i.e., the money with which I thought I would support thee, I have vowed to God; therefore it must be given to Him, not to thee (Matth. 15:6). This, too, shows why the lawyer, when he heard Christ's answer about love of God and neighbor, went on to praise it, saying, To love (God and) one's neighbor as one's self, is a greater thing than all holocausts and sacrifices (Mark 12:33).

*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.* Moses, in Deuteronomy 6:5, and hence Saints Mark and Luke add, with thy whole strength. The Syriac says, "with all thy virtue", i.e., with every effort of thy heart and mind, for here heart, soul and mind have the same meaning. Note, contrary to Calvin and the heretics, that this precept is in everyone's power as possible to keep. For the complete and highest love of God is not commanded here, either in extent or in intensity, but only comparatively, with respect to the purposes and values of an individual. Thou shalt love God with all thy heart, and soul, and mind, therefore, is the same as saying, "Thou shalt love God with thy whole will, namely, 1. Comparatively, that thou shalt give no portion of thy love to an idol, or to anything whatsoever that is contrary to God. 2. Finally, that in general thou shouldst wish God to be the entire and final object of all thy thoughts, actions, and loves; and that thou shouldst choose Him as thy highest good and final end, and prefer Him to all things whatsoever. 3. Appreciatively, that thou shouldst esteem nothing as of so much importance and worth as God, in such manner that thou shouldst apply thy whole heart, that is, thy will, to fulfill all His precepts, and to be obedient to Him in all things, even if it should demand the loss of riches, honors, reputation, friendship and life itself. What is here spoken of as the whole heart, is called in other passages an entire and perfect heart. This is what St. Bernard says in his Treatise on the Love of God: "The measure of loving God is, to love without measure." Apropos Victor of Antioch, commenting on St. Mark 16:32, says, "A man ought to burn with such a love of God that he allows absolutely nothing to creep into any faculty of his soul which might exclude or diminish his love for God or transfer it to another; but let him strive in everything to please Him constantly more and more, nor to please any other

person or created thing except for God's sake."

*And the second is like to this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.* The second, not in order of legislation (for many laws and precepts were made and established by God before this one), but of dignity and perfection, although far inferior to the first one concerning the love of God. For God is far more to be loved than all angels and men, and all creatures whatsoever. But after God, among creatures, our neighbor is to be loved above all things. Like, in love and affection, and in the duties and offices which spring from them. For as we love God, so, too, we should love our neighbor. Indeed, the reason for loving our neighbor is the love of God; we love our neighbor for God's sake, because God commands us to love our neighbor, the image of Him. Christ here omits love of ourselves. For this is innate with all, and a natural property, as it were; in such wise, that if thou hast charity toward others, thou shouldst exercise it first to thyself. "For he who is bad to himself, to whom will he be good?" Hence Christ here presupposes that love of oneself, yea, appoints it, as it were, the ideal and the measure of love to our neighbor, saying love as thyself. Therefore, St. Augustine says, "Love of thyself is not here omitted, for it is said that thou shouldst love thy neighbor as thyself."

He commands, therefore, that God shall be loved with the whole heart; and our neighbor, not with the whole heart, but as ourselves. This means: 1. That thou shouldst not love thyself only, and neglect thy neighbor, which is what self-love, arising from a nature corrupted by sin, suggests; but that thou shouldst extend to thy neighbor the love with which thou lovest thyself. 2. That as thou dost not love thyself frigidly, nor feignedly, but ardently and sincerely; so, in like manner, shouldst thou love thy neighbor, and the good things that thou desirest for thy body and soul, thou shouldst desire for thy neighbor also. This is what Christ said and sanctioned (Matth. 7:12), All things whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you also to them. "For this is the law of love," says St. Augustine "that the good things which a man wishes to come to himself, he should wish likewise for his neighbor. And the evils which he wishes not to happen to himself, he should be unwilling for them to happen to him." "Thou dost not wish that thy property, thy honor, thy wife, thy life should be taken from thyself? Do not take them from others. Dost thou wish that they should be given and preserved to thyself? Do thou likewise preserve them for others."

*(The Great Commentary of Cornelius à Lapide)*

**FEAST OF ST MICHAEL:** Sunday, September 29th, is the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. The 10:15 a.m. High Mass will be celebrated in honor of our Patron Saint. A pot luck will be held downstairs following the Mass. Everyone is welcome!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th** we are planning to have our Annual Rosary Procession for the month of the Holy Rosary. **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27th**, we will have a procession of the Blessed Sacrament for the Feast of Christ the King. Please mark these dates in your calendars and make a special effort to be at the 10:15 Mass and processions afterwards to witness publically to our faith.

**ST. MICHAEL VESTMENT GUILD:** The first meeting of the St. Michael Vestment Guild will be held on October 5th. Anyone interested in making beautiful vestments for the Glory of God is invited to attend. Future meetings will be held the first Saturday of each month. Bring an embroidery hoop and your favorite needle. For any questions please call Martina Schuler at (570) 937-9438. May God reward you.

**REVERENCE FOR THE HOUSE OF GOD:** Please be mindful of the resounding noise when kneelers are dropped during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

**MASS:** There will be 6:30 a.m. Mass from Wednesday through Saturday of this week.

**Confraternity Members:** Anyone who was enrolled in the Confraternity of St. Peter last year is asked to call the rectory. You will receive a blessing and your certificate on Sunday October 20th.

**Diocesan Annual Appeal:** Through the efforts made possible by Annual Appeal Funds we in our Diocese, "Serve with Love," as Jesus did, His Apostles and their successor, Pope Francis. Your generosity in funding the Appeal allows us to care for and encourage those who answer the call to religious life; freely share the message of the gospel; and strengthen our commitment to social justice issues while feeding the hungry, carrying for the sick and comforting the dying. Please prayerfully consider your response.

**COLLECTION:** September 18th - \$2,701.00

**Scriptural Passage of the week:**

Prayer accompanied by fasting is good, and an alms is better than a treasure chest of gold. For an alms can save one from death; it is almsgiving that purges away sin, and wins mercy and life everlasting. *Tobias 12: 8-9*

## *Altar Boy Schedule*

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY**

**AFTER PENTECOST**

**September 15th**

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Joseph Schneider  
**AC2** Patrick Schneider

**TEAM C**

**MC** Robert Seeley  
**TH** Dominic Gardner  
**AC1** Justin LaFata  
**AC2** Francis LaFata  
**C** Timothy Emig  
**S1** Brendan Seeley  
**S2** Michael Gardner  
**S3** Jack Gardner  
**S4** Stephen LaFata

**WEEK ONE**

**Monday** Joseph Schneider  
**7:45 a.m.** Patrick Schneider

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

**Wednesday** John Pheasant  
**7:45 a.m.** Andrew Pheasant

**Thursday** William Skuba  
**7:45 a.m.** John Skuba

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY**

**AFTER PENTECOST**

**September 22nd**

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Justin LaFata  
**AC2** Francis LaFata

**TEAM D**

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