

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2015

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Sep. 20th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class † Loretta Ellis - <i>D'Agostino Family</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Sep. 21st 7:45 a.m.	St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist, II Class Joyce Keifer - Her husband
Tues. Sep. 22nd 7:45 a.m.	St. Thomas of Villanova, Bp. & Confessor, III Class Teresa LaFata - <i>LaFata Children</i>
Wed. Sep. 23rd 7:45 a.m.	Ember Wednesday, II Class † Louis Guzek - <i>Her Niece</i>
Thu. Sep. 24th 7:45 a.m.	Our Lady of Ransom, IV Class Elizabeth Cilia - <i>LaFata Family</i>
Fri. Sep. 25th 6:00 p.m.	Ember Friday, II Class Charles Lessel - <i>Mike & Nancy Emig</i>
Sat. Sep. 26th 9:00 a.m.	Ember Saturday, II Class † Kim McWhirter - <i>Pheasant Family</i>
Sun. Sep. 27th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Ex. Solemnity of St. Michael the Archangel, I Class Amelia Scatena - <i>David & Karen Scatena</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. 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.



Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, *Divine Intimacy*

O my God, give me the grace to preserve union with my neighbor by the bonds of charity and peace.

As Jesus during His earthly life never ceased to recommend fraternal charity and union, so the Church in the Sunday Masses continually preaches this virtue. She does it today by making use of a passage in St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians. "I, therefore... 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." The call which we have received is the vocation to Christianity, which is to say, the vocation to love. God, infinite Charity, adopts us as His children, that we may so emulate His charity that love becomes the bond which unites us all in one heart, as the Father and Son are united in one Godhead by the bond of the holy Spirit. "As Thou, Father, in Me, and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us", was the prayer of Jesus for us.

To "keep unity in the bond of peace" is easy and difficult at the same time. It is easy because when the heart is truly humble, meek, and patient, it bears everything with love, carefully trying to adapt itself to the feelings and desires of others, rather than asserting its own. It is difficult because, as long as we are here below, self-love, even when mortified, always tends to rise and assert its rights, thus creating continual occasions of clashes, the avoidance of which calls for much self-renunciation and much delicacy toward others. We should be persuaded that all that disturbs, weakens, or worse still, destroys fraternal union, does not please God; it does not please Him even if done under pretext of zeal. We should always prefer to renounce our own ideas—although they be good—rather than dispute with our neighbor, except when it is a question of fulfillment of duty or respect for the law of God. An act of humble renunciation for the sake of union and peace among our brethren gives much more glory to God than a glorious deed which might cause discord

or disagreement.

Very often the cause of division among good people is excessive self-assertion: the desire to do things one's own way. Given our limitations, there can be nothing so absolute in our ideas that it cannot give way to the ideas of others. If our ideas are good, upright, and brilliant, those of others may be equally good, or even better. Therefore, it is much wiser, more humble and charitable to accept the views of others and to try to reconcile our views with theirs, rather than to reject them, lest we be obliged to give up our personal ways and views. This individualism is the enemy of union; it is a hindrance to good works as well as to spiritual progress.

In today's Epistle, St. Paul puts before us all the reasons why we should preserve union with our neighbor. Be "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." If God has willed to save and sanctify us all in Christ, uniting us in Him in one body, giving us one same vocation, one faith, and one hope, and being Himself the Father of all, how shall we pretend to save and sanctify ourselves if we are not united with one another? If we do not wish to frustrate God's plan and endanger our salvation and sanctification, we should be ready to make any personal sacrifice whatsoever in order to maintain and strengthen union. Let us bear in mind that Jesus has asked for us not only union, but perfect union: "That they may be made perfect in one" (Jn 17,23).

Today's Gospel also strengthens this exhortation to union, since in it Jesus repeats that the commandment to love our neighbor is, together with the commandment to love God, the basis of "the whole law," that is, of all Christianity. Let us not turn a deaf ear to these repeated appeals for charity and union; the Church insists on these points because Jesus has insisted on them, and because charity is "the precept of the Lord; if this only is done, it is enough" (St. John the Evangelist).

Fr. Gerard Saguto FSSP, has offered to teach a series of religious classes at St. Michael's Parish. These talks will be monthly. He will begin with a four-lecture series on the Parables of Christ, which will take him through December. The first talk is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Your gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal enables us to serve the poorest, the weakest and the most vulnerable among us through Catholic Social Services staff who feed the hungry, clothe the naked and provide shelter, counseling and assistance for those most in need.

Last week we joined parishes throughout the Diocese in launching the 2015 Annual Appeal "Good Hearts, Generous Spirits." 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. Envelopes for the appeal are in the church vestibule. Thank you for your support.

ALTAR BOY PRACTICE will resume on first Saturday in October. Everyone needs to attend.

EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th 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 27th - Feast of St. Michael the Archangel

October 4th - External Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary and Rosary Procession.

October 7th - Our Lady's Tea

October 25th - Feast of Christ the King and Eucharistic Procession

COLLECTION: September 13th - 2,198.00

Altar Boy Schedule

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sep. 20th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Joshua Sica
AC2 Timothy Sica

TEAM A

MC John Gillenkirk
TH Timothy Emig
AC1 Andrew Pheasant
AC2 Matthew Gillenkirk
C Sean Michelin
S1 Joseph Seeley
S2 Brendan Seeley

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.

EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF ST. MICHAEL

Sep. 27th
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
S1 Brian LaFata
S2 Ian McQuirk