

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2016

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. Sep. 4th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i> † Mary Fish - <i>Mitchell Family</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Sep. 5th 7:45 a.m.	St. Lawrence Justinian, <i>Bishop &amp; Conf., III Class</i> Holy Souls in Purgatory – Anon
Tues. Sep. 6th 7:45 a.m.	Votive Mass of the Angels, <i>IV Class</i> Souls in Purgatory - <i>Mitchell Family</i>
Wed. Sep. 7th 7:45 a.m.	Votive Mass of St. Joseph, <i>IV Class</i> † Robert Palucci - <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Ken Skuba</i>
Thu. Sep. 8th 7:45 a.m.	Nativity of the Blessed Mother, <i>II Class</i> † Dr. Samuel Lazzaro - <i>Anon.</i>
Fri. Sep. 9th 6:00 p.m.	St. Peter Claver, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> Peter LaFata - <i>His Parents</i>
Sat. Sep. 10th 9:00 a.m.	St. Nicholas of Tolentino, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> † Virginia Marie Lammers - <i>Jean &amp; Kevin Monahan</i>
Sun. Sep. 11th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i> Joseph Sherrick - <i>His Parents</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

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### **INTROIT**

*Ps. 85: 3, 5*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I have cried to Thee all the day; for Thou, O Lord, are sweet and mild, and plenteous in mercy to all that call upon Thee. Incline Thine ear to me, O Lord, and hear me; for I am needy and poor. Glory be to the Father... Have mercy...

### **COLLECT**

May Thy grace, we beseech Thee, O Lord, ever go before us and follow us, and may it make us ever intent upon good works. Through our Lord.

### **EPISTLE**

*Eph. 3: 13-21*

Brethren: I pray you not to faint at my tribulations for you, which are your glory. For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Whom all paternity in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened by His Spirit with might unto the inward man. That Christ may dwell by faith in your hearts; that being rooted and founded in charity, you may be able to comprehend with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth. To know also the charity of Christ which surpasseth all knowledge; that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God. Now to Him Who is able to do all things more abundantly than we desire or understand, according to the power that worketh in us: to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus, unto all generations, world without end. Amen.

### **GRADUAL**

*Ps. 101: 16-17*

The Gentiles shall fear Thy Name, O Lord, and all the kings of the earth Thy glory. *V.* For the Lord hath built up Sion, and He shall be seen in His majesty.

### **ALLELUIA**

*Ps. 97: 1*

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle, because the Lord hath done wonderful things. Alleluia.

### **GOSPEL**

*Luke 14: 1-11*

At that time, when Jesus went into the house of one of the chief of the Pharisees on the Sabbath day to eat

bread, they watched Him. And behold, there was a certain man before Him that had the dropsy: and Jesus answering spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying: Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day? But they held their peace: but He taking him, healed him, and sent him away. And answering them, He said: Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fall into a pit, and will not immediately draw him out on the Sabbath day? And they could not answer Him to these things. And He spoke a parable also to them that they were invited, marking how they chose the first seats at the table, saying to them: When thou art invited to a wedding, sit not down in the first place, lest perhaps one more honorable than thou be invited by him, come and say to thee: Give this man place: and then thou begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when thou art invited, go, sit down in the lowest place: that when he who invited thee, cometh, he may say to thee: Friend, go up higher. Then shalt thou have glory before them that sit at table with thee: because every one that exalteth himself, shall be humbled, and he that humbleth himself, shall be exalted.

### **OFFERTORY**

*Ps. 39: 14-15*

Look down, O Lord, to help me; let them be confounded and ashamed that seek after my soul to take it away; look down, O Lord, to help me.

### **SECRET**

Complete the purifying effect of this Sacrifice, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by mercifully making us worthy partakers thereof. Through our Lord.

### **COMMUNION**

*Ps. 70: 16-18*

O Lord, I will be mindful of Thy justice alone: Thou hast taught me, O God, from my youth, and unto old age and grey hairs, O God, forsake me not.

### **POSTCOMMUNION**

In Thy goodness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, purify and renew our minds by these heavenly Sacraments: and as a result, may we also receive help for our bodies, both now and in time to come. Through our Lord.

# Introduction to the Devout Life

When Tobias was bidden to go to Rages, he was willing to obey his father, but he objected that he knew not the way;--to which Tobit answered, "Seek thee a man which may go with thee:" and even so, daughter, I say to you, If you would really tread the paths of the devout life, seek some holy man to guide and conduct you. This is the precept of precepts, says the devout Avila,--seek as you will you can never so surely discover God's Will as through the channel of humble obedience so universally taught and practiced by all the Saints of olden time. When the blessed Teresa read of the great penances performed by Catherine of Cordova, she desired exceedingly to imitate them, contrary to the mind of her Confessor, who forbade her to do the like, and she was tempted to disobey him therein. Then God spoke to Teresa, saying, "My child, thou art on a good and safe road:-- true, thou seest all this penance, but verily I esteem thy obedience as a yet greater virtue:" --and thenceforth Saint Teresa so greatly loved the virtue of obedience, that in addition to that due to her superiors, she took a vow of special obedience to a pious ecclesiastic, pledging herself to follow his direction and guidance, which proved an inexpressible help to her. And even so before and after her many pious souls have subjected their will to God's ministers in order the better to submit themselves to Him, a practice much commended by Saint Catherine of Sienna in her Dialogues. The devout Princess Saint Elisabeth gave an unlimited obedience to the venerable Conrad; and one of the parting counsels given by Saint Louis to his son ere he died was, Confess thyself often, --choose a single-minded, worthy confessor, who is able wisely to teach thee how to do that which is needful for thee. "A faithful friend," we are told in Holy Scripture, "is a strong defense, and he that hath found such an one hath found a treasure;" and again: "A faithful friend is the medicine of life; and they that fear the Lord shall find him." These sacred words have chiefly reference, as you see, to the immortal life, with a view to which we specially need a faithful friend, who will guide us by his counsel and advice, thereby guarding us against the deceits and snares of the Evil One:--he will be as a storehouse of wisdom to us in our sorrows, trials and falls; he will be as a healing balm to stay and soothe our heart in the time of spiritual sickness,--he will shield us from evil, and confirm that which is good in us, and when we fall

through infirmity, he will avert the deadly nature of the evil, and raise us up again.

But who can find such a friend? The Wise Man answers:--"He that feareth the Lord:" that is to say, the truly humble soul which earnestly desires to advance in the spiritual life. So, daughter, inasmuch as it concerns you so closely to set forth on this devout journey under good guidance, do you pray most earnestly to God to supply you with a guide after His Own Heart, and never doubt but that He will grant you one who is wise and faithful, even should He send you an angel from Heaven, as He sent to Tobias.

In truth, your spiritual guide should always be as a heaven-sent angel to you;--by which I mean that when you have found him, you are not to look upon him, or trust in him or his wisdom as an ordinary man; but you must look to God, Who will help you and speak to you through this man, putting into his heart and mouth that which is needful to you; so that you ought to hearken as though he were an angel come down from Heaven to lead you thither. Deal with him in all sincerity and faithfulness, and with open heart; manifesting alike your good and your evil, without pretence or dissimulation. Thus your good will be examined and confirmed, and your evil corrected and remedied; -- you will be soothed and strengthened in trouble, moderated and regulated in prosperity. Give your guide a hearty confidence mingled with sacred reverence, so that reverence in no way shall hinder your confidence, and confidence nowise lessen your reverence: trust him with the respect of a daughter for her father; respect him with the confidence of a son in his mother. In a word, such a friendship should be strong and sweet; altogether holy, sacred, divine and spiritual. And with such an aim, choose one among a thousand, Avila says; - and I say among ten thousand, for there are fewer than one would think capable of this office. He must needs be full of love, of wisdom and of discretion; for if either of these three be wanting there is danger. But once more I say, ask such help of God, and when you have found it, bless His Holy Name; be steadfast, seek no more, but go on simply, humbly and trustfully, for you are safe to make a prosperous journey.

**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.

**THE HOUSE OF GOD:** There is too much noise coming from the back of the church during holy Mass. Out of reverence due to Our Lord, **please drop kneelers QUIETLY** and **LIMIT the coming and going** during Mass to a minimum. God bless you.

**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.

**APPRECIATION:** St. Michael's parish wishes to thank Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, for his inspiring talk at the Juventutem retreat last Sunday. We were also happy to see so many parishioners in attendance to hear this well known speaker. May God reward you.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL KICK-OFF WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 11TH 2017:** 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.

**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.

## *Altar Boy Schedule*

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 4th  
8:00 a.m. Mass

**ACI** Francis LaFata  
**AC2** Stephen LaFata

#### **TEAM D**

**MC** Matthew Gillenkirk  
**TH** Joshua Sica  
**AC1** Andrew Pheasant  
**AC2** Timothy Sica  
**C** Peter Sica

### WEEK ONE

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

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

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

**Thursday**  
7:45 a.m.

### 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