

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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St. Joseph the Worker

May 1, 2016

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Mass Intentions

Sun. May 1st 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	<i>St. Joseph the Worker, I Class</i> † Fr. Arthur DeMaio - <i>Pheasant Family</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. May 2nd 7:45 a.m.	<i>Fifth Sunday after Easter, II Class</i> Fr. Jose Zepeda, FSSP - <i>Eric R. Helfrich</i>
Tues. May 3rd 7:45 a.m.	<i>Rogation Mass, II Class</i> † Carolyn Vierno - <i>Pheasant Family</i>
Wed. May 4th 7:45 a.m.	<i>Vigil of the Ascension, II Class</i> <i>Holy Souls in Purgatory - Anon.</i>
Thu. May 5th 7:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<i>The Ascension of Our Lord, I Class</i> † Edward Bellington - <i>Jerome Lackner</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Fri. May 6th 6:00 p.m.	<i>Sacred Heart of Jesus, III Class</i> <i>Mary LaFata - Her Parents</i>
Sat. May 7th 9:00 a.m.	<i>Immaculate Heart of Mary, III Class</i> <i>Sr. Marie-Bernarde, OSB - Her Parents</i>
Sun. May 8th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	<i>Sunday after the Ascension, II Class</i> † Verlis Noll - <i>Nancy Noll</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. 32, 20, 21

The Lord is our helper and protector: in Him our heart shall rejoice, and in His holy name we have trusted. *Alleluia, alleluia. Ps. 79, 2.* Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. *V. Glory.*

COLLECT

O God, Who, in Thine unspeakable providence, didst deign to choose blessed Joseph for the spouse of Thy most holy Mother, grant, we beseech Thee, that, venerating him on earth as our protector, we may deserve to have him for our intercessor in heaven. Who livest.

EPISTLE

Gen. 49, 22-26

Joseph is a growing son, a growing son and comely to behold: the daughters run to and fro upon the wall. But they that held darts provoked him, and quarrelled with him and envied him. His bow rested upon the strong, and the bands of his arms and hands were loosed, by the hands of the mighty one of Jacob: thence he came forth a pastor, the stone of Israel. The God of thy father shall be thy helper, and the Almighty shall bless thee with the blessings of heaven above, with the blessings of the deep that lieth beneath, with the blessings of the breasts and of the womb. The blessings of thy father are strengthened with the blessings of his fathers: until the desire of the everlasting hills shall come; may they be upon the head of Joseph, and upon the crown of the Nazarite among his brethren.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. In whatever tribulation they shall cry to me, I will hear them, and be their protector always. *Alleluia. V.* Grant, O Joseph, that ever secure under thy patronage, we may pass our lives without guilt. *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL

Luke 3, 21-23

At that time it, it came to pass, when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also being baptized and praying, heaven was opened: and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape as a dove upon Him: and a voice came from heaven: Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee, I am well pleased. And Jesus Himself was beginning about the age of thirty years: being (as it was supposed) the son of Joseph.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 147, 12-13

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, because He hath strengthened the bolts of thy gates: He hath blessed thy children within thee. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

SECRET

Supported by the patronage of the spouse of Thy most holy Mother, we ask Thy clemency, O Lord, to make our hearts despise all earthly things and with perfect charity love thee, the true God. Who livest.

COMMUNION

Matt. 1, 16

But Jacob begat Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, Who is called Christ. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

POSTCOMMUNION

Refreshed at the fountain of divine blessing, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our God, as Thou dost make us to rejoice in the protection of blessed Joseph, so to make us also, by his merits and intercession, partakers of his heavenly glory. Through our Lord.

Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen

In your school, O glorious St. Joseph, I desire to learn how to live by faith, guided in all things by divine Providence.

The fundamental disposition of St. Joseph's soul was one of complete confidence and abandonment to God, which had its source in his faith. St. Matthew called him "a just man"; now Sacred Scripture teaches that "the just man liveth by faith", and it can well be affirmed that no creature, after the Blessed Virgin, has lived as much by faith as St. Joseph. In fact, having spent his whole life within the orbit of the mystery of the Incarnation, he necessarily had to pass through all the obscurities which surrounded the accomplishment of the great mystery. So Joseph needed deep faith, a faith continually nourished by suffering and tempered through anguish. The perplexity aroused in his mind by Mary's mysterious maternity, the extreme poverty and anxieties connected with Bethlehem, the privations during the flight into *Egypt*, afflicted his sensitive soul to such an extent that in the most serious crises he needed the intervention of an angel, by whom he was sustained and introduced into the depths of the divine mystery unfolding before his eyes. Joseph allowed himself to be guided with the docility and blind confidence of a child. The Gospel relates four events which testify to this:

(1) An Angel put an end to his anguish by commanding him to take Mary as his Spouse, "for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit." Joseph did not hesitate a moment and did "as the Angel of the Lord had commanded him". (2) An Angel warned him to "take the Child and His Mother and fly into *Egypt*." Without delay, in the middle of the night, the Saint arose and carried out the order. Objectively the flight presented overwhelming difficulties: the great inconvenience and dangers of the journey, extreme poverty, exile in a strange land. But the Angel spoke and Joseph obeyed. (3) After Herod's death, an Angel ordered him to return into the land of Israel. (4) An Angel warned him to withdraw into Galilee. Here we have four acts of faith and

blind obedience. Joseph neither hesitated nor reasoned; he made no objection; " for he had complete trust in God; he believed in Him fully, in His Word, in His divine Providence.

St. Joseph's whole life may be summed up as a continual adherence to the divine plan, even in situations which were very obscure and mysterious to him.

In our life, too, there is always some mystery, either because God is pleased to work in a hidden, secret manner or because His action is always incomprehensible to our poor human intelligence. Therefore, we need that glance of faith, that complete confidence which, relying on the infinite goodness of God, convinces us that He always and in all circumstances wills our good and disposes everything to that end. Only this loving trust will permit us, like Joseph, always to say our *yes* to every manifestation of the divine will, a humble, prompt, trustful *yes*, in spite of the obscurities, the difficulties, the mystery... God made use of the angels to make His will known to Joseph; to manifest it to us He makes use of our superiors who, like the angels, are His messengers and envoys. Let us obey with the simplicity of St. Joseph, understanding that God can employ any person or circumstance to make us know and execute His divine will, just as He used Caesar's edict to bring Joseph to Bethlehem, where Jesus was to be born. The Roman Emperor had far different intentions, but God utilized this political act to carry out the plan of the Incarnation. God always governs and directs all things toward the fulfillment of His will.

Another characteristic of St. Joseph's life was his entire consecration to the mission entrusted to him by God. Joseph did not live for himself and his own interests, but only for God, whom he served in Jesus and Mary. Thus he is the true model of interior souls, of souls who desire to live totally for God and with God, in the accomplishment of the mission they have received from Him.

WELCOME: 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.

SEMINARIAN FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Council 14829 is asking for your help in providing financial assistance for seminarians from our parish. The Knights will match the first \$500 in donations it receives. The campaign goal is \$3,000 in donations. Please be very generous and support our future priests. Make checks payable to "KOC Council 14829" and write "vocations" in the memo section of the check. Please drop your donation in the collection basket using envelopes in the pews for this purpose. **We will begin the campaign in the month of May. Your donation is tax deductible. Thank you!**

ATTENTION ALTAR BOYS: There is no altar boy practice for the first Saturday of May.

TEAM "B" will serve Ascension Thursday.

NOISE: Please be aware of the **noise** when lowering the kneelers at holy Mass and when you **visit after Mass in the vestibule.** May God reward you.

MOTHER'S DAY: Next Sunday for Mother's Day there will be a carnation sale after both Masses. This fundraiser is intended to honor Mothers and to promote the value and dignity of human life. Carnations are \$1.00. All proceeds will support the Scranton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life.

MAY CROWNING is rescheduled for May 22nd.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 7th - Confirmation 11:00 a.m.
- May 5th - Ascension Thursday (Holyday)
 - Low Mass - 7:45 a.m.
 - Sung Mass - 7:00 p.m.
- May 15th - First Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.
- May 22nd - May Crowning
- August 20th - Parish Picnic 1:30 p.m.

COLLECTION: April 24th - \$2,840.00

Altar Boy Schedule

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May 1st
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI** Joshua Sica
- AC2** Timothy Sica

- TEAM A**
- MC** Timothy Emig
 - TH** Andrew Pheasant
 - AC1** Matthew Gillenkirk
 - AC2** Patrick Seeley
 - C** Sean Michelin
 - S1** Joseph Seeley
 - S2** Brendan Seeley

WEEK ONE

- Monday** Patrick Schneider
7:45 a.m.
- Tuesday** Collin Chidester
7:45 a.m.
- Wednesday** Andrew Pheasant
7:45 a.m.
- Thursday** John Skuba
7:45 a.m. Joseph Skuba

SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

May 8th
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI** Collin Chidester
- AC2** Patrick Schneider

- TEAM C**
- MC** Robert Seeley
 - TH** Patrick Schneider
 - AC1** Dominic Gardner
 - AC2** Joseph Seeley
 - C** Jack Gardner
 - S1** Michael Gardner
 - S2** Brendan Seeley