

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Sunday after the Ascension

June 1st, 2014

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Mass Intentions

Sun. June 1st 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sunday after the Ascension, <i>II Class</i> Leonard and Mry Tabone <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. June 2nd 7:45 a.m.	SS Marcellinus, Peter & Erasmus, <i>Martyrs, III Class</i> † Gabriel Testo - <i>D.A.Valentino</i>
Tues. June 3rd 7:45 a.m.	Feria after the Ascension, <i>IV Class</i> James & Brenda Johnson - <i>Theresa Pitino</i>
Wed. June 4th 7:45 p.m.	St. Francis Caracciolo, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> † Vincent Lurati - <i>Cilia Family</i>
Thu. June 5th 7:45 a.m.	St. Boniface, <i>Bishop & Martyr, III Class</i> † Leo Sunday - <i>Dolores Smith</i>
Fri. June 6th 6:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart of Jesus, <i>III Class</i> † Helen Toman - <i>Her Daughter</i>
Sat. June 7th 9:00 a.m.	Vigil of Pentecost, <i>I Class</i> Charles Emig & Kelly Lona - <i>Mike & Nancy Emig</i>
Sun. June 8th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Pentecost Sunday, <i>I Class</i> † Marilyn Lessel <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. 26: 7, 8, 9

Hear, O Lord, my voice with which I have cried to Thee, alleluia: my heart hath said to Thee: I have sought Thy face, Thy face, O Lord, I will seek: turn not away Thy face from me, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 26:1* The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? {V} Glory be to the Father ... Hear, O Lord ...

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God, grant that our service of Thy divine majesty may ever be that of a devoted will and of a pure heart. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 4: 7-11

Dearly beloved, be prudent and watch in prayers. But before all things have a constant mutual charity among yourselves; for charity covers a multitude of sins. Using hospitality one towards another without murmuring. As every man hath received grace, ministering the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the words of God. If any man minister, let him do it as of the power which God administers; that in all things God may be honored through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALLELUIA

Ps. 46: 9

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord hath reigned over all the nations; God sits on His holy throne. Alleluia. *John 14: 18* I will not leave you orphans; I go and I come to you, and your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 15: 26-27; 16: 1-4

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: When the Paraclete cometh, whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, Who proceeds from the Father, He shall give testimony of Me: and you shall give testimony, because you are with Me from the beginning. These things have I spoken to you, that you may not be scandalized. They will put you out of the synagogues: yea, the hour cometh, that whosoever kills you will think that he does a service to God. And these things will they do to you, because they have not

known the

Father, nor Me. But these things I have told you, that, when the hour shall come, you may remember that I told you.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 46: 6

God is ascended with jubilee, and the Lord with the sound of trumpet, alleluia.

SECRET

May this spotless sacrifice, O Lord, purify our souls, and endue us with the strength of grace from on high. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

John 17:12-13

Father, while I was with them, I kept them whom Thou gavest Me, alleluia; but now I come to Thee; I pray not that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from evil, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION

Filled, O Lord, with Thy heavenly gifts: may we, by Thy grace, ever abide in thanksgiving for the same. Through our Lord.



Sunday after the Ascension

This Sunday is like a prolongation of the Feast of the Ascension. The Introit reflects the feelings which the Apostles must have experienced during the time between the departure of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit: "Hear, O Lord, my voice calling to You... I seek Your face, O Lord, do not hide Your face from me." As on the day of the Ascension, the eyes of the Apostles are turned toward heaven, where they saw their Master disappear, and their hearts sigh after Him. As long as we are on our earthly pilgrimage, far from God, He must be the constant yearning of our souls. But we should not remain idle while we are waiting to go to our fatherland. In the Epistle of the day, Peter teaches us what we must do to make our life on earth a real preparation for our meeting with God: "Watch in prayers. But before all things, have a constant mutual charity among yourselves." This is exactly what the Apostles did as they waited for the Holy Spirit: together in the Cenacle they were persevering in prayer in the unity of fraternal love. God does not look with favor on the prayers and sacrifices of one who does not love his neighbor—no matter who he may be—with sincere benevolence. Jesus has expressly said: "If therefore thou offer thy gift at the altar, and there thou remember that thy brother hath anything against thee; leave there thy offering... and go first to be reconciled to thy brother. Prayer alone will not suffice to draw down divine graces, nor will it acquire eternal life for us. Fraternal charity, the surest pledge of the sincerity of our love for God, is an absolute requisite. The holy Spirit, who is the spirit of charity, who is substantial love, cannot enter a heart which is narrow and mean in its relations with its neighbor; lack of charity is one of the greatest obstacles to His action, because it is directly opposed to His essence. Just as water paralyzes the action of fire, so does lack of charity paralyze the action of the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, as long as we live on earth,

we are all liable to fall; all of us, therefore, need pardon; "charity," says the Epistle, "covers a multitude of sins."

In today's Gospel Jesus reiterates His promise concerning the descent of the Holy Spirit: "When the Paraclete cometh, whom I will send you from the Father... you shall give testimony [of Me]." As on the day of His Ascension, He connects the coming of the Holy Spirit with the mission of the Apostles, that mission which will consist essentially in giving testimony of Christ. "You shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit... and you shall be witnesses unto Me... even to the uttermost part of the earth" Today's Gospel explains the scope of this testimony which the Apostles, as well as all future Christians, will be called upon to give. "They will put you out of the synagogues: yea, the hour cometh that whosoever killeth you, will think that he doth a service to God." Jesus died on the Cross to give testimony to the Father; His disciples will have to suffer, undergo persecution, and even death itself, to give testimony to Him. We cannot follow a road different from the one which Jesus has trodden: "If any man will come after Me, let him take up his cross and follow Me". He repeats to us. A calm, tranquil testimony, which is made without facing danger will always have only relative value and ordinarily gives no guarantee of its genuineness or its strength; on the contrary, the more it costs, the greater its value in proving the fidelity of him who renders it. To witness to Christ, without regarding the difficulties, sufferings or struggles that may be encountered, is the program of the true Christian. But who will give us courage? To us as to the Apostles, courage will come from the Holy Spirit, from His gift of fortitude; it will come from assiduous meditation on the example which Christ has given us; it will also come from His own words, spoken of coming persecutions: "I have told you these things, that you may not be scandalized in Me."

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

WELCOME: St. Michael's wishes to extend a hearty welcome to all visitors.

FIRST FRIDAY is June 6th. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. Our Lord is waiting to hear from you.

FIRST SATURDAY is June 7th. Our Lady requests that we pray the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries, make sacramental confession and Communion in reparation for sins and blasphemies against Her Immaculate Heart.

ALTAR BOYS: Altar Boy practice is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th.

Memorial Fund: Please consider donating to our new "Memorial Fund" which is to help provide vestments and sacred vessels in memory of the faithful departed. Donations may be placed in the Sunday collection basket and marked "Memorial Fund". Thank you.

ORDINATIONS: FSSP ordinations will take place on Saturday, June 14th, at 9:00 a.m. St. John the Apostle Church, in Leesburg, VA. Please pray for the men being ordained. Rev. Messrs. Zackary Akers and Daniel Heenan. All are invited to attend. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks.

Fr. Michael Stinson, F.S.S.P., has been assigned to be the Assistant Pastor of St. Michael's Church beginning July 1, 2014

Fr. Joseph Heffernan, F.S.S.P., will be with us on Sunday, June 22, 2014. He will celebrate the High Mass of the External Solemnity of Corpus Christi, and give first blessing.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 8th - First Holy Communion at 10:15 Mass
 August 16th - Parish Picnic at 1:30 p.m.

COLLECTION: May 25th - \$2,019.00

Altar Boy Schedule

**SUNDAY AFTER
THE ASCENSION**

June 1st
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI Justin LaFata
- AC2 Francis LaFata

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

WEEK THREE

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

- Tuesday** Robert Seeley
- 7:45 a.m.** Patrick Seeley

- Wednesday** Dominic Gardner
- 7:45 a.m.** Jack Gardner

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 8th
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI Joshua Sica
- AC2 Timothy Sica

- TEAM A**
- MC James McWhirter
- TH John Gillenkirk
- AC1 Joseph McWhirter
- AC2 Patrick Seeley
- C Robert Seeley
- S1 John Pheasant
- S2 Andrew Pheasant
- S3 Matthew Gillenkirk
- S4 Timothy Emig