

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Sunday within the Octave of Christmas

December 27, 2015

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Dec. 27th	Sunday Within the Octave of Christmas, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Mary & Leonard Tabone
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Dec. 28th	Holy Innocents, <i>Martyrs, II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Thomas Serio - <i>Tim & Mry Morris</i>
Tues. Dec. 29th	Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas, <i>II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Dr. Christopher Adonizio - <i>Ammie Maravelli</i>
Wed. Dec. 30th	Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas, <i>II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory - <i>Mrs. Cunningham</i>
Thu. Dec. 31st	Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas, <i>II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Rev. Msgr. Mark Maszkiewicz - <i>Hanisch Family</i>
Fri. Jan. 1st	Octave Day of Christmas (<i>Circumcision of our Lord</i>)
8:00 a.m.	Jesus & Sofia Zepeda
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sat. Jan. 2nd	Immaculate Heart of Mary, <i>III Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Claire Mitchell & Tim Uliana - <i>Mitchell Family</i>
Sun. Jan. 3rd	Holy Name of Jesus, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Michael Harold Angley, Jr. - <i>His Brother</i>
10:15 a.m.	<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

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas

INTROIT

Wis. 18, 14, 15

While all things were in quiet silence, and the night was in the midst of her course, Thy almighty word, O Lord, came from heaven, from Thy royal throne. The Lord hath reigned, He is clothed with beauty: the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded Himself. *V.* Glory...

COLLECT

O almighty and eternal God, direct our actions in conformity with Thy good pleasure, that in the name of Thy beloved Son we may be worthy to abound in good works. Who livest...

EPISTLE

Gal. 4, 1-7

Brethren, as long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all: but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed by the father: so we also, when we were children, were serving under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent His Son, made of a woman, made under the law: that He might redeem them who were under the law; that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God hath sent the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying: Abba, Father. Therefore now he is not a servant, but a son; and if a son, an heir also through God.

GRADUAL

Ps. 44, 3, 2

Thou art beautiful above the sons of men: grace is poured abroad in Thy lips. *V.* My heart hath uttered a good word. I speak my works to the King: my tongue is the pen of a scrivener that writeth swiftly.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord hath reigned, He is clothed with beauty: the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded Himself with power. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 2, 33-40

At that time, Joseph and Mary, the mother of Jesus, were wondering at these things which were spoken concerning Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother: Behold this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted: and thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that out of many hearts thoughts

may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser; she was far advanced in years, and had lived with her husband seven years from her virginity. And she was a widow until fourscore and four years; who departed not from the temple, by fastings and prayers serving night and day. Now she at the same hour coming in, confessed to the Lord; and spoke of Him to all that looked for the redemption of Israel. And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their city Nazareth. And the child grew and waxed strong, full of wisdom and the grace of God was in Him.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 92, 1, 2

God hath established the world, which shall not be moved: Thy throne, O God, is prepared from of old; Thou art from everlasting.

SECRET

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that the gift present before the eyes of Thy majesty may both obtain for us the grace of godly devotion and win its effect in a blessed eternity. Through our Lord...

COMMUNION

Matt. 2, 20

Take the child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead that sought the life of the child.

POSTCOMMUNION

By the operation of this mystery, O Lord, may our sins be purged, and our just desires fulfilled. Through our Lord...



The Mystery of the Nativity

Our Saviour, dearly Beloved, was born this day. Let us rejoice. Sadness is not becoming upon the Birth Day of Life Itself, which, now that the fear of death is ended, fills us with gladness, because of our own promised immortality. No one is excluded from sharing in this cheerfulness for the reason of our joy is common to all men. Our Lord, the Conqueror of sin and death, since there was no one free from servitude, came that He might bring deliverance to all.

Let him who is sanctified rejoice, for he draws nigh to the palm. Let the sinner rejoice, since he is invited to grace. Let the Gentiles exult, for they are called to life. For the Son of God, in the fullness of time, has taken upon Himself the nature of our humanity, as the unsearchable depths of the divine counsel hath decreed, in order that the inventor of death, the devil, by that very nature which he defeated, would be himself overcome.

And in this contest that was undertaken for us, the battle was waged in accordance with a great and wondrous law of justice. For the Omnipotent God engaged in combat with His most bitter enemy, not in the strength of His own Majesty, but in our human infirmity; confronting him with our very form and nature, and sharing likewise in our mortality; but free of all stain.

Let us, therefore, give thanks, dearly Beloved, to God the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit; Who, because of the exceeding great love, wherein He has loved us, has had compassion on us. And even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together in Christ (Eph. 2:5), that in Him we might be a new creature, and a new clay.

Let us strip ourselves of the old man with his deeds; for being made partakers of the Birth of Christ, let us renounce the deeds of the flesh (Col. 3:9)

Acknowledge, O Christian, the dignity that is yours! Being made a partaker of the divine nature, do not by an unworthy manner of living fall back into your former abjectness of life. Be mindful of Whose Head, and of Whose Body, you are a member. Remember, that wrested from the powers of darkness, thou art now translated into the Light and the Kingdom of God. By the sacrament of baptism you have become the temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not, by evil deeds, drive out from you such a One dwelling with thee, and submit yourself again to the bondage of the devil. Because your price was the Blood of Christ; because in strictness He shall judge you Who in mercy has redeemed you, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, world without end. Amen. (St. Leo the Great)



SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners in the parish.

2016 ENVELOPES: The Offertory envelopes for 2016 are now available in the vestibule of the church.

APPRECIATION: St. Michael's wishes to extend appreciation to Mrs. Diana McGuirk and all those who helped to make the Church beautiful for the coming of Our Saviour. May God reward you!

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Our annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, January 3rd. We are asking parishioners to contribute a potluck main dish for at least 10 people and a dessert. Any questions please contact Mrs. Joyce Keifer. Everyone is welcome!

Christmas Pageant: Some children of the parish will be performing a Christmas Pageant during the party. We hope you all come and enjoy the food and festivities!

BOYS NIGHT OUT: Friday, January 29th, following the 6:00 PM Mass, Father Zepeda invites boys of the parish and their dads to hear a talk by Fr. Harkins on his journey and vocation to the priesthood. Refreshments will be served prior to the talk, which will begin at 7:30 PM.

FIRST SATURDAY is January 2nd. It is really important in these times to pray the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries, and make sacramental confession and Communion in reparation for sins and blasphemies against Mary's Immaculate Heart.

ALTAR BOY PRACTICE: We will not have Altar Boy practice in January.

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1ST:

TEAM B

WILL SERVE BOTH MASSES

8:00 a.m. Low Mass

10:15 a.m. High Mass

FR. SAGUTO will give his next class on Tuesday, January 12th. The topic will be "Theology of Worship and the Tridentine Mass." This topic will take us into May. Everyone is welcome!

SINCERE APPRECIATION: St Michael's wishes to extend appreciation to the choir, to those with the never ending cleaning, the altar boys, the unsung heroes in the kitchen, and your generous support and help to keep the church in good repair. May God reward you all!

COLLECTION: December 20th - \$4,297.00

Altar Boy Schedule

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Dec. 27th

8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Joshua Sica
AC2 Timothy Sica

TEAM A

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

WEEK TWO

Monday
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday Joseph McWhirter
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Joshua Sica
7:45 a.m. Timothy Sica

Thursday John Mitchell
7:45 a.m.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Jan. 3rd

8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Patrick Schneider
AC2 Colin Chidester

TEAM C

MC Dominic Gardner
TH Robert Seeley
AC1 Timothy Emig
AC2 Patrick Seeley
C Jack Gardner
S1 Michael Gardner
S2 Sean Michelin