

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2016

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Mass Intentions

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| Sun. July 24th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. | Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i> † Stanley D'Amore - <i>Mr. & Mrs. Ken Skuba</i> <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| Mon. July 25th 7:45 a.m. | St. James the Greater, <i>Apostle, II Class</i> Special Intentions - <i>Mitchell Family</i> |
| Tues. July 26th 7:45 a.m. | St. Anne, <i>Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, II Class</i> Dominic Josefek - <i>Tim & Mary Morris</i> |
| Wed. July 27th 7:45 a.m. | St. Pantaleon, <i>Martyr, IV Class</i> St. Michael Altar Boys - <i>Frank Leo</i> |
| Thu. July 28th 7:45 a.m. | Ss. Nazarius, Celsus, <i>Martyrs, Victor I, Martyr & Pope, Innocent I, Pope & Confessor, III Class</i> Joseph LaFata - <i>His Parents</i> |
| Fri. July 29th 6:00 p.m. | St. Martha, <i>Virgin, III Class</i> Sr. Marie-Bernarde, OSB - <i>Her Parents</i> |
| Sat. July 30th 9:00 a.m. | Saturday of Our Lady, <i>IV Class</i> James Gillenkirk - <i>His Parents</i> |
| Sun. July 31st 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. | Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, <i>II Class</i> Mitchell Children - <i>Their 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

& 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. 54: 17-18, 20, 23

When I cried to the Lord He heard my voice, from them that draw near to me; and He humbled them, who is before all ages, and remains forever: cast thy care upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee. *Ps. 54:2-3.* Hear, O God, my prayer, and despise not my supplication; be attentive to me and hear me. Glory be to the Father... When I cried...

COLLECT

O God, Who dost manifest Thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; increase Thy mercy towards us, that we, seeking the way of Thy promises, may be made partakers of Thy heavenly treasures. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

1 Cor. 12: 2-11

Brethren: You know that when you were heathens, you went to dumb idols according as you were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man, speaking by the Spirit of God, saith Anathema to Jesus; and no man can say: The Lord Jesus, but by the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of graces, but the same Spirit; and there are diversities of ministries, but the same Lord; and there are diversities of operations, but the same God, Who worketh all in all. And the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man unto profit. To one indeed, by the Spirit, is given the word of wisdom; and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit; to another faith, in the same Spirit; to another the grace of healing, in one Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another the discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another interpretation of speeches. But all these things one and the same Spirit worketh, dividing to every one according as He will.

GRADUAL

Ps. 16: 8, 2

Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of Thy eye: protect me under the shadow of Thy wings. Let my judgment come forth from Thy countenance: let Thy eyes behold the things that are equitable.

ALLELUIA

Ps. 64: 2

Alleluia, alleluia. A hymn, O God, becometh Thee in Sion: and a vow shall be paid to Thee in Jerusalem. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 18: 9-14

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves as just, and despised others. Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee standing, prayed thus with himself: O God, I give Thee thanks that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers; as also is this publican. I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not so much as lift up his eyes towards Heaven, but struck his breast, saying: O God, be merciful to me a sinner. I say to you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; because every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 24: 1-3

To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed: neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded.

SECRET

May these sacrifices, O Lord, which Thou hast appointed to be offered up to Thee for the glory of Thy Name in such wise be hallowed, that they may remain a remedy for all our ills. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps. 50: 21

Thou wilt accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations and holocausts, upon Thy altar, O Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that Thy gracious help may never be lacking to us whose strength Thou ceasest not to renew with Thy divine Sacraments. Through our Lord.

Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen

In the texts of today's Mass, the liturgy sketches the features of the Christian soul in its fundamental lines. First St. Paul shows us in the Epistle a soul vivified by the Holy Spirit, who diffuses His gifts in it. The Apostle mentions charismatic gifts, that is, those special graces, such as the gift of tongues, of knowledge, of miracles, bestowed by the Holy Spirit with great generosity upon the primitive Church. Although these are very precious gifts, they are inferior to sanctifying grace and charity, which alone give supernatural life to the soul. Whereas charismatic gifts may or may not accompany sanctifying grace, they neither increase nor decrease its intensity thereby. St. Thomas notes that while grace and charity sanctify the soul and unite it to God, these miraculous gifts, on the contrary, are ordered for the good of another and can subsist even in one who is not in the state of grace. St. Paul also—and in the same letter from which the passage in today's Mass is taken—after enumerating all these extraordinary gifts, concludes with his famous words: "... all this, without charity, is nothing."

Charity is always the "central" virtue, the fundamental characteristic of the Christian soul, and is also the greatest gift the Holy Spirit can give us. If the divine Paraclete did not vivify our soul by charity and grace, no one, not even the most virtuous, could perform the slightest act of supernatural value. "No man can say the Lord Jesus but by the Holy Ghost," the Apostle says. Just as a tree cannot bring forth fruit if it is deprived of its life-giving sap, so the soul which is not vivified by the Holy Spirit cannot perform acts of supernatural value. Note once again the great importance of grace and charity; the smallest degree of them is worth more than all the extraordinary gifts which, although they can dispose souls to good, can neither infuse nor increase divine life in us.

The Gospel presents us with another fundamental characteristic of the Christian soul: humility. Charity, it is true, is superior to it because it gives us divine life; yet, humility is of great importance because it is the virtue which clears the ground to make room for grace and charity. Jesus gives us a vivid and concrete

example of this truth in today's parable of the Pharisee and the publican. The Gospel tells us explicitly that Jesus was speaking to some who "trusted in themselves as just and despised others." The Pharisee is the prototype, the perfect representative of this group. See him! how convinced of his justice, how puffed up by his own merits: I am neither a thief nor an adulterer, I fast and pay tithes. What more can one expect? But this proud man does not see that he lacks the greatest of all things, charity, so much so that he inveighs against others, accuses and condemns them: "I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, as also is this publican." Having no charity for his neighbor, he cannot have charity toward God. In fact, having gone into the Temple to pray, he is incapable of making the least little act of love or adoration, and instead of praising God for His blessings, he does nothing but praise himself. This man is really unable to pray because he has no charity, and he cannot have any because he is full of pride. "God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." Therefore, the Pharisee returns home condemned, not so much by God who always loves to show mercy, as by his own pride which impedes the work of mercy in him.

The attitude of the publican is entirely different. He is a poor man who knows he has sinned, and he is aware of his moral wretchedness. He does not possess charity either, because sin is an obstacle to it, but he is humble, very humble, and he trusts in the mercy of God. "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" And God who loves to bend down to the humble, justifies him at that very moment; his humility has drawn down upon him the grace of the Most High. St. Augustine has said: "God prefers humility in things that are done badly, rather than pride in those which are done well!" We are not justified by our virtues and our good works, but by grace and charity, which the Holy Spirit diffuses in our hearts, "according as He wills," yes, but always in proportion to our humility.

PLENARY INDULGENCE: A plenary indulgence may be gained by visiting a church on the second day of August and reciting there an Our Father and the Creed, under the usual conditions.

FIRST FRIDAY is August 5th. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. Please don't leave Our Lord alone. God bless you.

FIRST SATURDAY is August 6th. We are invited to pray the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries, make sacramental confession and Communion in reparation for sins and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother.

REMINDER: Monday, August 15th, is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The schedule for mass will be posted next week.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC: The parish picnic is **Saturday, August 20th** at LaCoe's Grove in Clarks Summit. Directions will be forthcoming in the vestibule of the church, along with sign-up sheets for each family to bring their favorite dish for 12 people. The food will be blessed at 1:30 p.m. Let's pray for NO rain.

MODESTY OF DRESS: While in church during these warmer months, please dress modestly. The rule pertains to men and women:

- * Pants and skirts long enough that the knees are covered when sitting.
- * Shoulders should be covered.
- * No plunging necklines.
- * No tight clothing. Clothing is to conceal; not reveal.

Remember we dress at church not for our own comfort, but to present ourselves to Our Lord.

CHANT WORKSHOP: After the First Friday Mass, August 5th, at 6:45 pm, there will be a short chant workshop in the basement for all those interested in learning more about reading and singing chant. This class will be an introduction to understanding the chant neums and learning the basic rules of the Solesmes Method for singing chant. Libers will be provided for the workshop. Please see Mrs. Hanisch for more information. (570) 842-3049

Altar Boy Schedule

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 24th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Patrick Schneider
AC2

10:15 Mass
ACI Timothy Sica
AC2 Peter Sica

WEEK ONE

Monday Patrick Schneider
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Andrew Pheasant
7:45 a.m.

Thursday John Skuba
7:45 a.m. Joseph Skuba

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 31st
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Stephen LaFata
AC2 Francis LaFata

10:15 Mass
ACI Jack Gardner
AC2 Michael Gardner