

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2014

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Jan. 26th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Third Sunday after Epiphany, <i>II Class</i> Joseph G. Lackner - <i>Jerome Lackner</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Jan. 27th 7:45 a.m.	St. John Chrysostom, <i>Bp, Doctor, Conf., III Class</i> † Concetta Bond - <i>Lisa Eisner</i>
Tues. Jan. 28th 7:45 a.m.	St. Peter Nolasco, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> Intentions of Ellis Family - <i>Gabriel Ellis</i>
Wed. Jan. 29th 7:45 a.m.	St. Francis de Sales, <i>Bp, Conf. & Doctor, III Class</i> † Holy Souls I Purgatory - <i>Anon.</i>
Thur. Jan. 30th 7:45 a.m.	St. Martina, <i>Virgin & Martyr, III Class</i> † Gabriel Testo - <i>Jerome Lackner</i>
Fri. Jan. 31st 6:00 p.m.	St. John Bosco, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> † Arieta Wasmer - <i>Frank Leo</i>
Sat. Feb. 1st 9:00 a.m.	Immaculate Heart of Mary, <i>III Class</i> † Walter Heisler - <i>Sica Family</i>
Sun. Feb. 2nd 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>II Class</i> Jack & Patricia McGovern - <i>Meaghan McGovern</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. 96, 7, 8

Adore God, all you His angels: Sion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Juda rejoiced. The Lord hath reigned; let the earth rejoice: let many islands be glad. *V.* Glory...

COLLECT

Almighty, eternal God, look with mercy upon our infirmities, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to protect us. Through our Lord...

EPISTLE

Rom 12, 16-21

Brethren, be not wise in your own conceits. To no man rendering evil for evil: providing good things not only in the sight of God, but also in the sight of men. If it be possible, as much as it is in you, having peace with all men. Revenge not yourselves, my dearly beloved; but give place unto wrath, for it is written, Revenge is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. But if thy enemy be hungry, give him to eat; if he thirst, give him to drink, for doing this, thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head. Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil by good.

GRADUAL

Ps. 101, 16, 17

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

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* The Lord hath reigned, let the earth rejoice: let the many islands be glad. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matt. 8, 1-13

At that time, when Jesus was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him; and behold a leper came and adored Him, saying, Lord, if Thou wilt Thou canst make me clean. And Jesus stretching forth His hand, touched him saying, I will, be thou made clean: and forthwith his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith to him, see thou tell no man: but go, show thyself to the priest, and offer the gift which Moses commanded for a testimony unto them. And when He had entered into Capharnaum, there came to Him a centurion

beseeking Him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, and is grievously tormented. And Jesus saith to him, I will come and heal him. And the centurion making answer, said, Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof: but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man subject to authority, having under me soldiers: and I say to this man, go, and he goeth: and to another, come, and he cometh: and to my servant, do this, and he doth it. And Jesus hearing this, marveled; and said to them that followed him, Amen I say to you, I have not found so great faith in Israel. And I say to you, that many shall come from the east and the west, and shall sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven; but the children of the kingdom shall be cast into the exterior darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said to the centurion, go, and as thou has believed, so be it done to thee: and the servant was healed at the same hour.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 117, 16, 17

The hand of the Lord hath wrought strength, the right hand of the Lord hath exalted me: I shall not die, but live, and shall declare the works of the Lord.

SECRET

May this offering, we beseech Thee, O Lord, wipe out our sins, and sanctify the bodies and minds of Thy servants for the celebration of the sacrifice. Through our Lord...

COMMUNION

Luke 4, 22

They all wondered at these things, which proceeded from the mouth of God.

POSTCOMMUNION

O Lord, Who dost give freely the enjoyment of so great mysteries, we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to render us truly worthy to receive their effects. Through our Lord...

Third Sunday after Epiphany

The third, fourth, fifth and sixth Sundays after Epiphany have the same Introit, Gradual, Offertory and Communion which testify to our Lord's divinity, to the fact that He worked miracles, and to the worship which we owe Him. In fact, throughout this time after Epiphany, the Church does not cease to manifest our Lord's divinity and therefore His kingship over men. He is King over Jew and Gentile alike; and thus, from St. Matthew, the Church chooses a Gospel which records two miracles worked by our Lord to prove His divine Sonship to both. The first of these was on behalf of a

leper, the second of a centurion. The one, as a member of the chosen race was bound by the law of Moses; the other, as our Lord Himself implies, was not of the house of Israel. By one word from our Lord the leper is cleansed, and his cure is to be made known to the priest as "a testimony unto them" of the divinity of Christ (Gospel). The centurion, himself bears witness that our Lord is God, by his words of humility and trust, which the Church puts on our own lips daily in the Holy Mass. Moreover, he gives the same testimony by the argument which he builds up; taking his own office as an illustration, he affirms that our Lord has only to speak the word and illness will obey Him; thus his faith obtains the great miracle which he asked.

All nations will share in the heavenly feast in which the divinity of our Lord will be the food of their souls. And just as in a banqueting hall all is warmth and light, so the pains of hell, the punishment of those who reject that divinity, are well described by the cold and

the night which reign outside, the "exterior darkness" which contrasts with the dazzling brilliance of the marriage chamber.

The two miracles mentioned in today's Gospel are put by St. Matthew at the end of the Sermon on the Mount, at which "the people were in admiration," and so they confirm the fact, that truly it was "from the mouth of God" that that doctrine proceeded, which caused so much wonder in the synagogue at Nazareth (Communion). Let us make acts of faith in our Lord's divinity, and that we may enter into His



kingdom, let us by deeds of charity "heap upon the head" of those who hate us "coals of fire" (Epistle), that is, feelings of confusion inspired in them by our magnanimity, giving them no rest until they have righted the wrongs

which they have done. In this way we shall make the mystery of the Epiphany a reality in our own lives; that of Christ's kingship over all men who unite themselves to Him by their common faith, and who must henceforth love each other as brethren. As St. Augustine says, "Charity is the effect of the grace of faith in Jesus Christ." (St. Andrew's Daily Missal)

CANDLEMAS: The celebration of Candlemas originated in the late fifth century as a tribute to the light of God's glory that was manifested in Christ Jesus. During Candelaria, candles are blessed, lit, and borne in procession in celebration to Jesus being the light of the world. Bring as many candles as you want blessed and leave them in the sacristy. You must have your candles in by Saturday, February 1st. Candles will be blessed before the High Mass on Sunday February 2nd. You may pick up your candles after the High Mass.

Candles may be purchased at Perpetual Candle: 1200 Remington Avenue, Scranton. (570) 346-4070

FIRST SATURDAY is February 1st. 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 Her Immaculate Heart.

FIRST FRIDAY is February 7th. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. Our Lord is waiting for you.

ATTENTION: The Altar Boys and the St. Michael's Vestment Guild will meet on First Saturday of February at the regular hour.

February 3rd: traditionally, there is a blessing of throats in honor of St. Blaise. The blessing will be given after the day mass.

FATHER ZEPEDA will away from the parish from Friday, February 7th, through Wednesday, February 19th.

Father James Gordon, FSSP, will be covering for Fr. Zepeda until he returns.

GIRLS RETREAT: Fr. Gordon will give a one day retreat for girls of our parish ages 8 to 18 on Saturday, February 15th. The retreat will begin at 8:00 a.m. with Adoration followed by Mass at 9:00 a.m. concluding with two talks. A schedule will be posted soon in the vestibule.

COLLECTION: January 19 - \$1,807.00

Altar Boy Schedule

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 26th
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Dominic Gardner
AC2 Jack Gardner

TEAM B

MC Andrew Mitchell
TH Anthony Mitchell
AC1 Matthew Davidson
AC2 Joshua Sica
C Timothy Sica
S1 John Mitchell
S2 Brian LaFata
S3 Francis LaFata
S4 Stephen LaFata

WEEK TWO

Monday
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday James McWhirter
7:45 a.m. Joseph McWhirter

Wednesday John Mitchell
7:45 a.m. Anthony Mitchell

Thursday
7:45 a.m.

PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

February 2nd
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Joseph Schneider
AC2 Patrick Schneider

TEAM C

MC Justin LaFata
TH Dominic Gardner
AC1 Robert Seeley
AC2 Francis LaFata
C Timothy Emig
S1 Michael Gardner
S2 Michael Gardner
S3 Jack Gardner
S4 Stephen LaFata