

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Jan. 22nd	Third Sunday after Epiphany, <i>Class II</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Joseph A. Lackner - <i>Jerome Lackner</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Jan. 23rd	Votive Mass for Peace, <i>II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Theresa McWhirter - <i>Mitchell Family</i>
Tues. Jan. 24th	St. Timothy, <i>Bishop & Martyr, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Joseph Michelin - <i>His Parents</i>
Wed. Jan. 25th	Conversion of St. Paul, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Jason Willoughby - <i>Brian & Gina Palmiter</i>
Thu. Jan. 26th	St. Polycarp, <i>Bishop & Martyr, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Linda McHugh - <i>Mr. & Mrs. Ken Skuba</i>
Fri. Jan. 27th	St. John Chrysostom, <i>Bp., Conf. & Doc., III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	† Catherine V. Lackner - <i>Jerome Lackner</i>
Sat. Jan. 28th	St. Peter Nolasco, <i>Confessor, III Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Burke Family Members - <i>Theresa Burke</i>
Sun. Jan. 29th	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, <i>Class II</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Andrew Toth - <i>Mr. & Mrs. Gene DeAngelis</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 am

& 9:15-10:05 am

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

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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 beseeching 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 hast 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...



Introduction to the Devout Life (Cont'd)

The Necessity of Prayer

Part II, Chapter 1

1. Prayer opens the understanding to the brightness of Divine Light, and the will to the warmth of Heavenly Love--nothing can so effectually purify the mind from its many ignorances, or the will from its perverse affections. It is as a healing water which causes the roots of our good desires to send forth fresh shoots, which washes away the soul's imperfections, and allays the thirst of passion.

2. But especially I commend earnest mental prayer to you, more particularly such as bears upon the Life and Passion of our Lord. If you contemplate Him frequently in meditation, your whole soul will be filled with Him, you will grow in His Likeness, and your actions will be moulded on His. He is the Light of the world; therefore in Him, by Him, and for Him we shall be enlightened and illuminated; He is the Tree of Life, beneath the shadow of which we must find rest;--He is the Living Fountain of Jacob's well, wherein we may wash away every stain. Children learn to speak by hearing their mother talk, and stammering forth their childish sounds in imitation; and so if we cleave to the Savior in meditation, listening to His words, watching His actions and intentions, we shall learn in time, through His Grace, to speak, act and will like Himself. Believe me, my child, there is no way to God save through this door. Just as the glass of a mirror would give no reflection save for the metal behind it, so neither could we here below contemplate the Godhead, were it not united to the Sacred Humanity of our Saviour, Whose Life and Death are the best, sweetest and most profitable subjects that we can possibly select for meditation. It is not without meaning that the Saviour calls Himself the Bread come down from Heaven;--just as we eat bread with all manner of other food, so we need to meditate and feed upon our Dear Lord in every prayer and action. His Life has been meditated and written about by various authors. I should specially commend to you the writings of Saint Bonaventura, Bellintani, Bruno, Capilla, Grenada and Da Ponte.

3. Give an hour every day to meditation before dinner;--if you can, let it be early in the morning, when your mind will be less cumbered, and fresh after the night's rest. Do not spend more than an hour thus, unless specially advised to do so by your spiritual father.

4. If you can make your meditation quietly in church, it will be well, and no one, father or mother, husband or wife, can

object to an hour spent there, and very probably you could not secure a time so free from interruption at home.

5. Begin all prayer, whether mental or vocal, by an act of the Presence of God. If you observe this rule strictly, you will soon see how useful it is.

6. It may help you to say the Creed, Lord's Prayer, etc., in Latin, but you should also study them diligently in your own language, so as thoroughly to gather up the meaning of these holy words, which must be used fixing your thoughts steadily on their purport, not striving to say many words so much as seeking to say a few with your whole heart. One Our Father said devoutly is worth more than many prayers hurried over.

7. The Rosary is a useful devotion when rightly used, and there are various little books to teach this. It is well, too, to say pious Litanies, and the other vocal prayers appointed for the Hours and found in Manuals of devotion;--but if you have a gift for mental prayer, let that always take the chief place, so that if, having made that, you are hindered by business or any other cause from saying your wonted vocal prayers, do not be disturbed, but rest satisfied with saying the Lord's Prayer, the Angelic Salutation, and the Creed after your meditation.

8. If, while saying vocal prayers, your heart feels drawn to mental prayer, do not resist it, but calmly let your mind fall into that channel, without troubling because you have not finished your appointed vocal prayers. The mental prayer you have substituted for them is more acceptable to God, and more profitable to your soul. I should make an exception of the Church's Offices, if you are bound to say those by your vocation;--in such a case these are your duty.

9. If it should happen that your morning goes by without the usual meditation, either owing to a pressure of business, or from any other cause, (which interruptions you should try to prevent as far as possible,) try to repair the loss in the afternoon, but not immediately after a meal, or you will perhaps be drowsy, which is bad both for your meditation and your health. But if you are unable all day to make up for the omission, you must remedy it as far as may be by ejaculatory prayer, and by reading some spiritual book, together with an act of penitence for the neglect, together with a steadfast resolution to do better the next day.

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

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 Sunday, January 29th. Candles will be blessed before Mass on February 2nd. You may pick up your candles after the Mass.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: Contribution statements for 2016 will be mailed out at the end of the month.

NATIONAL DAY OF PENANCE: In all dioceses of the United States, by decree of the Bishops' Conference, **Monday, January 23 is a day of penitential observance for the sin of abortion.** By virtue of the same decree, we will celebrate on that day the Votive Mass for Peace.

ROSARY ANNOUNCEMENT: Please note that the rosary will be recited before the High Mass beginning at 9:50 am. Everyone is invited! Please remain in church after the rosary as Mass will begin momentarily afterwards.

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: Our Parish Goal is \$10,000. As of today, we have reached **70** percent of our pledged goal. Envelopes can be found in the church vestibule. Please mark your donation to the appeal with our parish code 060.

Mark Your Colander

January 23 - National Day of Penance

February 2 - Candle Mass

February 3 - Blessing of throats in honor of St. Blaise

Altar Boys

**THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY**

**January 22nd
8:00 a.m. Mass**

AC1 Francis LaFata
AC2 Stephen LaFata

TEAM D

MC Andrew Pheasant
TH Joshua Sica
AC1 Matthew Gillenkirk
AC2 Jack Gardner
C Michael Gardner
S1 Timothy Sica
S2 Peter Sica

WEEK THREE

Monday Patrick Schneider
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Jack Gardner
7:45 a.m. Michael Gardner

Thursday Sean Michelin
7:45 a.m.

**FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY**

**January 29th
8:00 a.m. Mass**

AC1 Timothy Sica
AC2 Peter Sica

TEAM A

MC Matthew Gillenkirk
TH Patrick Seeley
AC1 Andrew Pheasant
AC2 Joseph Seeley
C Brendan Seeley
S1 Sean Michelin
S2 Mathias Morris