

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2015

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Jan. 25th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Third After the Epiphany, <i>Class II</i> † Samuel Aronica - <i>Ann Bommer</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Jan. 26th 7:45 a.m.	St. Polycarp, <i>Bishop & Martyr, III Class</i> † Joseph Casey - <i>M/M D. Mitchell</i>
Tues. Jan. 27th 7:45 a.m.	St. John Chrysostom, <i>Bp, Conf. & Doctor, III Class</i> Most Afflicted & Forgotten Souls in Purgatory - <i>Mr. & Mrs. James Hanisch</i>
Wed. Jan. 28th 7:45 a.m.	St. Peter Nolasco, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> Intensions of Mike & Nancy Emig
Thu. Jan. 29th 7:45 a.m.	St. Francis de Sales, <i>Bp, Conf., & Doc., III Class</i> † Marilyn Lessel - <i>Mike & Nancy Emig</i>
Fri. Jan. 30th 6:00 p.m.	St. Martina, <i>Virgin & Martyr, III Class</i> † Keifer Family Members - <i>Chris & Joyce Keifer</i>
Sat. Jan. 31st 9:00 a.m.	St. John Bosco, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> Fr. Jose Zepeda, FSSP - <i>Seeley Family</i>
Sun. Feb. 1st 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Septuagesima Sunday, <i>Class II</i> Holy Souls in Purgatory - <i>Mike Craig</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

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 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...

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

O divine Savior, I, too, am a poor leper; receive me: "If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean!"

Today's Gospel places before us two miracles of Jesus, two profound lessons in humility, faith, and charity.

Observe the humble faith of the leper: "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." He is so certain that Jesus can heal him that he feels nothing else is necessary for his cure other than the Lord's will. Christian faith does not wander about in subtle reasonings; its logic is simple: God can do all that He wills; therefore, His will alone is necessary. Yet the leper does not insist; one who lives by faith knows that God always wills whatever is best for him, even if it brings him suffering. Therefore, instead of insisting, he prefers to abandon himself to God's good pleasure.

Next comes the centurion. The strong, proud Roman soldier is not ashamed to personally beg Jesus, a Galilean, to help his paralyzed servant. Our Lord is touched by this humble, charitable act, and says at once, "I shall go and heal him!" But the centurion continues, "I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed." At this point humility becomes still more profound, and faith reaches its maximum: it is not necessary for the Lord to go; His power is so great that a word spoken from afar suffices to perform any miracle. Jesus Himself "marveled and said: 'Amen I say to you, I have not found so great faith in Israel!'" Is this not a complaint against those who live so close to Him, who perhaps live in His own house, receiving constant favors from Him, while their faith remains very weak and therefore inefficacious?

According to Jewish law, lepers were kept apart from society and no one was allowed to go near them; likewise, the pagans were to be shunned because they did not belong to the chosen people. Jesus goes beyond the old law and in the name of universal charity He welcomes and heals the leper, listens to the foreign centurion and cures his pagan servant. Thus Christ teaches us to make no distinction of persons, not to despise sinners and infidels, but to welcome all with loving kindness. He does not wish the good to enclose themselves in a little circle, but to open the doors to everyone, doing good to all without concerning themselves about the traits and opinions of others. All men are children of God; and our charity, like the mercy of our heavenly Father, should extend to all. This is the dominant thought of today's Epistle, where St. Paul exhorts us to practice charity, especially toward our enemies. "To no man rendering evil for evil.... If it be possible, as much as in you, have peace with all men. Revenge not yourselves ... but if thy enemy be hungry, give him to eat.... Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil by good."

Jesus conquered evil, both physical and moral evil, by His mercy and love. This must be our strategy too. Whatever the evil around us, whatever the suffering it may cause us, we shall never overcome it by arguments and discussions or by taking a stand and adhering rigidly to it. This can only be accomplished by a delicate charity which understands intuitively the mentality, the tastes, and the needs of others, and which knows precisely when to intervene, to condescend and to sacrifice itself for the good of another, even if that other is unfriendly toward us—only such charity can triumph over evil.

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

Sister Marie-Bernarde, OSB will be making her final vows on Monday, Feb. 2nd, the Feast of the Purification of BVM, in Kansas City, MO. Please keep her in your prayers, especially for perseverance and fidelity to her vows.

St. Michael's Talent Show for 2015 will be February 15 after the 10:15 Mass. The décor theme will be The Sports Arena! Please contact Terry Zuranski to sign up your act. (570-677-6845 or ajzuranski@gmail.com). Everyone is invited. Pizza and lemonade will be provided. Please bring desserts and veggies to share.

KOC: Congratulations to Robert Seeley, Sr., the winner of January's 50/50 prize of \$101.50! Tickets for February's drawing are available for sale in the basement after each Sunday Mass. The next drawing will be on Sunday, February 1st.

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. Bring as many candles as you want blessed by Sunday, February 1st and leave them in the sacristy. Candles will be blessed at Mass on February 2nd and may be picked up after Mass. **Candles may be purchased** at Perpetual Candle: 1200 Remington Avenue, Scranton. (570) 346-4070.

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

FIRST SATURDAY is February 7th. 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.

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

COLLECTION: January 18 - \$1,666.38

Altar Boy Schedule

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 25th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Joshua Sica
AC2 Timothy Sica

TEAM A

MC John Gillenkirk
TH Joseph McWhirter
AC1 Timothy Emig
AC2 Patrick Seeley
C Robert Seeley
S1 John Pheasant
S2 Andrew Pheasant
S3 Matthew Gillenkirk

WEEK TWO

Monday
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday Joseph McWhirter
7:45 a.m.

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

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

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

February 1st
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Dominic Gardner
AC2 Jack Gardner

TEAM B

MC Anthony Mitchell
TH Joshua Sica
AC1 Francis LaFata
AC2 Stephen LaFata
C Timothy Sica
S1 John Mitchell
S2 Brian LaFata
S3 Ian McGuirk