

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2015

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. Mar. 8th	Third Sunday of Lent, <i>Class I</i>
8:00 a.m.	Gregory Sica - <i>Tim &amp; Mary Morris</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Mar. 9th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Stephen Toman - <i>Daughter</i>
Tues. Mar. 10th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Ints. Zoey Marie Connelly
Wed. Mar. 11th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Hanisch Girls - <i>Their Parents</i>
Thu. Mar. 12th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Fr. Eric Flood, FSSP - <i>Seeley Family</i>
Fri. Mar. 13th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	FSSP - <i>Jean Ignatovich</i>
Sat. Mar. 14th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	† William & † Carolyn Skuba - <i>Ken &amp; Susan Skuba</i>
Sun. Mar. 15th	Fourth Sunday of Lent ( <i>Laetare</i> ), <i>Class I</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Edward Bellington - <i>Jerome Lackner</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

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## INTROIT

*Ps. 24:15-16 Ps. 24:1-2*

My eyes are ever towards the Lord: for He shall pluck my feet out of the snare: look Thou upon me, and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor. To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed. Glory be.

## COLLECT

Humbling ourselves before Thee, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, favorably to regard the desires of our heart: and in our defense to stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty. Through our Lord.

## EPISTLE

*Eph. 5: 1-9*

Brethren, be ye followers of God, as most dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath delivered Himself for us, an oblation and a sacrifice to God, for an odor of sweetness. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not so much as be named among you, as becometh saints; nor obscenity, nor foolish talking, nor scurrility, which is to no purpose; but rather giving of thanks. For know ye this, and understand, that no fornicator, nor unclean, nor covetous person, which is a serving of idols, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words; for because of these things cometh the anger of God upon the children of unbelief. Be ye not therefore partakers with them. For you were heretofore darkness; but now light in the Lord. Walk ye as children of the light: for the fruit of the light is in all goodness, and justice, and truth.

## GRADUAL

*Ps. 9: 20, 4*

Arise, O Lord, let not man be strengthened; let the Gentiles be judged in Thy sight. When my enemy shall be turned back, they shall be weakened and perish before Thy face.

## TRACT

*Ps. 122: 1-3*

To Thee have I lifted up my eyes, who dwellest in heaven. Behold as the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters. And as the eyes of the handmaid are on the hands of her mistress: so are our eyes unto the Lord our God, until He have mercy on us. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

## GOSPEL

*Luke 11: 14-28*

At that time, Jesus was casting out a devil, and the same was dumb. And when He had cast out the devil, the dumb spoke, and the multitudes were in admiration at it. But some of them said: He casteth out devils by Beelzebub, the

prince of devils. And others, tempting, asked of Him a sign from heaven. But He, seeing their thoughts, said to them: Every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought to desolation, and house upon house shall fall. And if Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because you say that through Beelzebub I cast out devils. Now if I cast out devils by Beelzebub, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore, they shall be your judges. But if I by the finger of God cast out devils doubtless the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his court, those things are in peace which he possesseth. But if a stronger than he come upon him and overcome him he will take away all his armor wherein he trusted, and will distribute his spoils. He that is not with Me, is against Me: and he that gathereth not with Me, scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of the man, he walketh through places without water, seeking rest and not finding, he saith: I will return into my house whence I came out. And when he is come, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then he goeth, and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and entering in they dwell there. And the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. And it came to pass, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd, lifting up her voice, said to Him: Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that gave Thee suck. But He said, Yea rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God, and keep it.

## OFFERTORY

*Ps. 18: 9-12*

The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts, and His judgments are sweeter than honey and the honey-comb; for Thy servant keepeth them.

## SECRET

May this holy Victim, we beseech Thee, O Lord, wash away our sins: and sanctifying Thy servants in body and in soul, make us worthy to offer sacrifice to Thee. Through our Lord.

## COMMUNION

*Ps. 83: 4-5*

The sparrow hath found herself a house, and the turtle a nest, where she may lay her young ones: Thy altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King, and my God: blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, they shall praise Thee for ever and ever.

## POSTCOMMUNION

Free us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, whom Thou hast privileged to have part in mysteries so sublime, from every danger to body or to soul. Through our Lord.

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

O Jesus, divine Strength, I come to You to seek support for my weakness, and infirmity.

On the first Sunday in Lent, the Church showed us Jesus in His struggle with the devil, but while she presented Him to us then in an attitude of humble defense before the devil's temptations, today we see Him in an attitude of attack which culminates in a glorious victory.

The Gospel tells us that there was a poor man possessed by the devil and he "was dumb." By a single act of His divine power Jesus "cast out the devil," and when he went out, "the dumb spoke, and the multitudes were in admiration at it." But the enemy, as if to avenge his defeat, insinuates into the minds of the Pharisees the shameful calumny: "He casteth out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of devils." Jesus is accused of being possessed by the devil and of having received from the devil power to free the possessed man. Our Lord, however, wills to completely unmask the enemy and with clear logic replies that Satan cannot give Him such power, because thereby Satan himself would be helping to destroy his own kingdom. No, it cannot be so: Jesus drives out devils by "the finger of God," by divine virtue. If Satan is powerful and his satellites join with him in the struggle to rule over man, Jesus is still more powerful and will overcome him and snatch away his prey. He has come to destroy the kingdom of Satan and to establish the kingdom of God.

If in these days God still permits the devil to carry on his evil work against individuals and society, Jesus by His death on the Cross has already paid the price of our victory. This treasure is at our disposal. Through the virtue and grace of Christ, every Christian has the power to overcome the enemy's attacks. The triumph of evil should not disturb us, for it is only an apparent victory. The might of Jesus is stronger and He is the one and only victor.

We must work in union with Jesus that His victory over evil may be our own. In today's Gospel the Master Himself shows us several aspects of this collaboration.

"Every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought

to desolation;" in these words Our Lord tells us that union is the secret of victory—union with Him above all, for without Him we can do nothing, but also union with our neighbor. If we would work for the triumph of good, let us collaborate — one heart and one soul — with our superiors and our fellow religious. We can often labor with much more efficacy in achieving good if we give up our own personal ideas and act in perfect harmony with others. It may even be necessary sometimes to renounce opinions, plans, and ways which are better in themselves. Let us not be deceived; unity is always to be preferred. Division never leads to victory.

"He that is not with Me is against Me," Jesus adds. Christianity does not tolerate indifference. He who is not firmly on Christ's side, working with Him for the extension of His kingdom, by this very fact is opposed to Him and to what is good. He is an enemy of Christ and a partisan of evil. To omit the good one could do and ought to do is evil, and is consenting to the extension of evil.

The first condition necessary for victory over evil is active cooperation in the work of Christ in union with our brethren. The second condition is vigilance. Jesus warns us that the enemy of good is lying in wait. Even after he leaves a soul, he is ready to return, more powerful than before, "with seven other spirits more wicked than himself" if he finds the soul empty and open to his snares. To halt the approach of evil we must watch in prayer, filling our heart with God so that there will be no place in it for the enemy. And there is no place when the soul is wholly united to God through the acceptance and observance of His word, of His will. In fact, Jesus answered to the woman who praised His Mother: "Yea rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it." Of course, the Virgin Mary is blessed because she gave birth to the Redeemer, but she is still more blessed through her perfect union with Him in the observance of His word. This blessedness is not reserved for Mary alone; it is offered to every soul of good will and constitutes the greatest guarantee of victory over evil, for one united to God becomes strong with His strength.

**The Law of the Eucharistic Fast: Current Legislation.** Under the New Code of Canon Law, the fast for Holy Communion is one hour before the reception of the Holy Eucharist. Those who are able to maintain the previous discipline of the three-hour fast are still encouraged to do so.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are held every Friday during Lent at 5:00 p.m. prior to the 6:00 p.m. Mass. The Holy Rosary will be prayed after Mass. Confessions will be heard from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**LENTEN MISSION:** Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, will preach a Lenten Mission from Thursday March 12 to Saturday 14. Everyone is welcome! Father will speak on the Mass; Saints Therese/Teresa Benedicta of the Cross; (Edith Stein)/Bernadette: to the cross of Jesus via his saints! The tentative schedule is:

Thursday - Mass 6:00 p.m.  
                   - Talk 7:00 p.m.  
 Friday - Stations 5:00 p.m.  
                   - Mass 6:00 p.m.  
                   - Talk 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday - Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.  
                   - Mass 9:00 a.m.  
                   - Talk 10:00 a.m.

**YOUTH FOR LIFE ART AND ESSAY: Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Scranton Chapter, is having their 2015 essay and art contest. Students from grades 7-12 may enter. Several prizes will be awarded. Contest deadline is May 13, forms are available in the vestibule.**

**The Lenten Discipline** consists of three special parts: *Corporal or External Practices*; *Spiritual or Internal Fast Practices*; and *Spiritual Practices*.

**Spiritual or External Practices**

- Practice humility in all your actions.
- Be generous today; help someone in need.
- Do a job that needs to be done without being asked.
- Don't be idle today.
- Volunteer for an extra job today.
- Pray an extra Rosary today for the conversion of a sinner.
- Visit someone who is sick or lonesome today. Offer to pray the Rosary with them.

**COLLECTION:** March 1st - \$1,993.00

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 8th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

ACI Stephen LaFata  
 AC2 Francis LaFata

**TEAM D**

MC John Gillenkirk  
 TH Matthew Gillenkirk  
 AC1 Joseph Schneider  
 AC2 Patrick Schneider  
 C Collin Chidester  
 S1 John Skuba  
 S2 Joseph Skuba  
 S3 Joseph Seeley  
 S4 Brendan Seeley

**WEEK TWO**

**Monday**  
 7:45 a.m.

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

**Wednesday** John Mitchell  
 7:45 a.m. Andrew Mitchell

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

**Stations of the Cross**

**March 13**  
 Andrew Pheasant  
 Sean Michelin  
 Patrick Seeley  
 Joseph Seeley

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**(Laetare)**  
**March 8th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

ACI Joshua Sica  
 AC2 Timothy Sica

**TEAM A**

MC John Gillenkirk  
 TH Joseph McWhirter  
 AC1 Andrew Pheasant  
 AC2 Timothy Emig  
 C  
 S1 Robert Seeley  
 S2 Matthew Gillenkirk  
 S3 Patrick Seeley  
 S4