

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2014

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Mar. 23th	Third Sunday of Lent, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Wallace White - <i>Joseph Madzin</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Mar. 24th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	W. Newton Family - <i>Nancy Noll</i>
Tues. Mar. 25th	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>I Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Martha Rogan - <i>Morris Family</i>
Wed. Mar. 26th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	Nello Scatena - <i>David & Karen Scatena</i>
Thur. Mar. 27th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Alice Toman
Fri. Mar. 28th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	† Amelia Wassell - <i>Her Niece</i>
Sat. Mar. 29th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Teresa LaFata -
Sun. Mar. 30th	Fourth Sunday of Lent (<i>Laetare</i>), <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Leonard and Mary Tabone
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.

Third Sunday of Lent

The Malice of Sin - Why Lent is Necessary

The soul that sins, in voluntarily performing an action contrary to God's will, practically denies that God is sovereign wisdom and has the power to establish laws; it practically denies the holiness of God and refuses to give Him the adoration due to Him; it practically denies that God is omnipotent and has the right of claiming the obedience of beings that receive their life from Him; it denies that God is supreme goodness worthy of being preferred to all that is not Himself; it puts God beneath the creature. "I will not serve Thee", says the soul, repeating the words of Satan on the day of his revolt. Does it say them with the lips? No, at least not always; perhaps it would not like to do so, but it says them in act. Sin is the practical negation of the Divine perfections; it is the practical contempt of God's rights: practically, if such a thing were not rendered impossible by the nature of the Divinity, this soul would work evil to the Infinite Majesty and Goodness; it would destroy God.

And was it not this that happened? When God took to Himself a human form, did not sin slay Him? In the Passion of Christ, there is no deeper a revelation of the malice of sin. Let us for a few moments contemplate the sufferings that the Incarnate Word endured when the hour came for Him to expiate sin; we can hardly form any conjecture into what an abyss of agony and humiliation sin caused Him to descend.

Christ Jesus is God's only Son. In Him His Father is well pleased... Yet, behold how the Father dealt with His Son when the moment came for Jesus to pay in our place the debt due to justice for our sins. Behold how the "Lamb of God" was stricken when He substituted Himself for sinners. The Eternal Father willed with that will that nothing can resist "to bruise Him in infirmity". The sins of men cover Him with shame and it is as a culprit that He prays in Gethsemane: "Father if it be possible..." But it is the hour of justice, the hour when the Father wills to deliver up His own Son to the powers of darkness.

And later on the cross, Jesus is abandoned by His Father. We can never know what an abyss of suffering was this abandonment of Christ by His Father; it is an unfathomable mystery. Jesus abandoned by His Father! Yet throughout His life has not Jesus always done His Father's will? Has He not fulfilled the mission He received of manifesting the Father's name to the world. Is it not that the world may know that He loves the Father that He delivers Himself up? Most certainly, yes. Then wherefore, O Eternal Father, dost Thou strike Thy well-beloved Son? "For the wickedness of My people." Christ having at this moment delivered up Himself for us, so as to give full and entire satisfaction for sin, the Father no longer sees in His Son anything except the sin He has taken upon Himself to such a degree that this sin appears to be His own: He is "made a curse for us" [Gal.iii:13]; His Father abandons Him and although, at the summit of His being, Christ retains the ineffable joy of the beatific vision, this abandonment plunges His soul in such profound sorrow that it wrings from Him this cry of infinite anguish: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" Divine justice giving itself free course to punish the sin of all mankind has fallen like an impetuous torrent on God's own Son.

If we want to know what God thinks of sin, let us look at Jesus in His Passion. When we behold God strike His Son, Whom He infinitely loves, with the death of the cross, we understand a little what sin is in God's sight.

Blessed Dom Columba Marmion, O.S.B., Abbott,

Christ the Life of the Soul



St. Michael the Archangel Parish extends a warm welcome to all new parishioners in the parish. If you would like to register, please contact the rectory.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: All Fridays of Lent at 5:15 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m., concluding with the Rosary. **Confessions will be heard from 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.** Team D will serve Stations of the Cross.

On each of the **Fridays of Lent**, a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, after Communion, recite the "Prayer Before a Crucifix".

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.

SHROUD OF TURIN: During Great Lent, St. Vladimir Catholic Parish of Scranton will be hosting an authentic replica of the Shroud of Turin from Sunday, March 30 to Friday, April 11, 2014. Everyone is invited to view the Shroud and learn of its history and authenticity. More information can be found in the vestibule of the church. Everyone is welcome!

Camp Saint Isaac Jogues 2014

- * Now Accepting Applications until May 23rd.
- * Camp St. Isaac Jogues is a summer camp hosted by priests and seminarians of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, located on the property of the Fraternity Headquarters in Elmhurst Township, Pennsylvania.
- * Catholic young men ages 13-15 years old.

For more information, please visit our web-site.
<http://seminarycamps.wordpress.com/camp-st-isaac-jogues-2/>

The Lenten Discipline consists of three special parts: *Corporal or External Practices*; *Spiritual or Internal Fast Practices*; and *Spiritual Practices*. Listed below are suggested practices that may be used along with your usual Lenten family traditions of sacrifices and penances.

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 16th - \$1,900.00

Altar Boy Schedule

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 23rd
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 ONE

Monday Joseph Schneider
 7:45 a.m. Patrick Schneider

Tuesday
 7:45 a.m.

Wednesday John Pheasant
 7:45 a.m. Andrew Pheasant

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

Stations of the Cross

Team D

- Justin LaFata
- Francis LaFata
- Joseph Seeley
- Brendan Seeley

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 30th
8:00 a.m. Mass

- AC1 Joseph Schneider
- AC2 Patrick Schneider

TEAM C

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