

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2015

Fr. José M. Zepeda, FSSP, Pastor

Mass Intentions

Sun. Aug. 23rd 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class † Andrew & Margaret Toth - Mr. /Mrs. Gene DeAngelis <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Aug. 24th 7:45 a.m.	St. Bartholomew, Apostle, II Class † Warren Staudinger - Gillenkirk Family
Tues. Aug. 25th 7:45 a.m.	St. Louis IX, King and Confessor, III Class Seraphim Josefek - Tim & Mary Morris
Wed. Aug. 26th 7:45 a.m.	St. Zephyrinus, Pope & Martyr, IV Class † Robert Toman - His Sister
Thu. Aug. 27th 7:45 a.m.	St. Joseph Calasance, Confessor, III Class Atty Richard C. Shiptoski - Irene & Jerry Shekletski
Fri. Aug. 28th 6:00 p.m.	St. Augustine, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor, III Class Brittany Geffert - Mrs. Eileen Hanisch
Sat. Aug. 29th 9:00 a.m.	Beheading of John the Baptist, III Class Bishop Joseph Bambara - Contaldi Family
Sun. Aug. 30th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class Mrs. Carolyn Vierno - Mitchell Family <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. 73, 20, 19, 23

Have regard, O Lord, to Thy covenant, and forsake not to the end the souls of Thy poor: arise, O Lord, and judge Thy cause, and forget not the voices of them that seek Thee. *Ps 73, 1.* O God, why hast Thou cast us off unto the end: why is Thy wrath enkindled against the sheep of Thy pasture? *V.* Glory be to the Father... Have regard...

COLLECT

Almighty, eternal God, grant us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may deserve to attain what Thou dost promise, make us to love what Thou dost command. Through Our Lord.

EPISTLE

Gal. 3, 16-22

Brethren, To Abraham were the promises made, and to his seed. He saith not, And to his seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. Now this I say, that the testament which was confirmed by God, the law which was made after four hundred and thirty years, doth not disannul; to make the promise of no effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise. Why then was the law? It was set because of transgressions, until the seed should come, to whom he made the promise: being ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not of one: but God is one. Was the law then against the promises of God? God forbid. For if there had been a law given, which could give life, verily justice should have been by the law. But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by the faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

GRADUAL

Ps. 73, 20, 19, 22

Have regard, O Lord, to Thy covenant, and forsake not to the end the souls of Thy poor. *V.* Arise, O Lord, and judge Thy cause: remember the reproach of Thy servants.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

Ps. 89, 1

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge, from generation to generation. *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL

Luke 17, 11-19

At that time, As Jesus was going to Jerusalem, He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee: and as He

entered into a certain town, there met Him ten men that were lepers, who stood afar off, and lifted up their voice, saying, Jesus, master, have mercy on us. Whom when He saw, He said, Go show yourselves to the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were made clean. And one of them, when he saw that he was made clean, went back, with a loud voice, glorifying God: and he fell on his face before His feet, giving thanks: and this was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering, said, Were not ten made clean? And where are the nine? There is no one found to return, and give glory to God, but this stranger. And He said to him, Arise, go thy way; for thy faith hath made thee whole.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 30, 15, 1

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped: I said, Thou art my God, my times are in Thy hands.

SECRET

Look with favor upon Thy people, O Lord, look with favor upon their gifts; that, being appeased by this oblation, Thou mayest give us pardon and grant us what we ask. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Wis. 16, 20

Thou hast given us, O Lord, Bread from Heaven, having in it all that is delicious, and the sweetness of every taste.

POSTCOMMUNION

Having received Thy heavenly Sacraments, O Lord, we beseech Thee that we may profit unto the increase of everlasting salvation. Through our Lord.



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

Presence of God - O Jesus, my Savior, I need You; Heal me, have pity on me!

In the cycle of the Sundays after Pentecost, the Church brings to our attention, sometimes under one aspect, sometimes under another, the merciful action of Jesus on our souls. Two weeks ago she told us about the deaf-mute; last Sunday, the kindness of the good Samaritan; today, the touching scene of the ten lepers whom Jesus cured. It is in this way that the Church tries to awaken in us humble consideration of our misery and to show us the immense need we continually have of the redemptive work of Jesus; at the same time, she wants to make us feel that this work is always in action and that we are living under its influence every day, every moment. The passage in the Gospel chosen for today's Mass is especially effective in making clear the chief purpose of the Redemption: the healing of souls from the leprosy of sin. From ancient times leprosy has been considered the most fitting figure to represent the hideousness of sin, and indeed it would be difficult to picture anything more horrible and repulsive. Yet, while everybody has such a great dread of leprosy of the body, how indifferent and easy-going even Christians are in regard to leprosy of the soul. How far we are from the deep realization that the saints had of what an offense against God really is! "Oh!" St. Teresa of Avila exclaimed, "why can we not realize that sin is a pitched battle fought against God with all our senses and the faculties of the soul; the stronger the soul is, the more ways it invents to betray its King" (Exc, I4,). One of the fruits of today's Gospel is that of awakening in us a great horror of sin, of arousing again in our souls a lively and efficacious repentance for the sins we have committed and a feeling of profound humility upon recognizing our misery. Let us go with the ten lepers to Our Lord and cry out "Jesus, Master, have Mercy on us!"

Today's Gospel shows us the remedies for sin. The first of these is the sincere humility which recognizes one's own misery. However, humility is not enough; it needs to be accompanied by confident recourse to God. The poor lepers,

knowing their miserable state, put their trust in Jesus, and full of faith made their plea to Him; this was the first step toward their cure. Some people bewail their misfortunes and are distressed because of them; still, they never succeed in being cured because they do not have recourse to Jesus, the only physician capable of healing them. The remembrance of their past sins holds them back; they hardly dare to approach Him or to trust in His mercy. Such persons do not understand that it is just because we are sinners that we should go to Jesus, and that "they that are whole, need not the physician, but they that are sick" (Luke 5,31).

The divine Master did not cure the poor lepers immediately, but sent them to the priests: "Go, show yourselves to the priests. "They obeyed at once, without arguing or doubting, and "as they went, they were made clean." Jesus acts in the same way with us; it is always He who heals us, but He usually wills to do so through the mediation of the priest. Some persons do not have enough faith in the words and works of God's minister. Their faith in the efficacy of the sacraments and in the sacramental absolution is not sufficiently strong; and therefore, they live in a state of continual anguish. When one has sincerely revealed the state of his conscience to a priest, that is, with no intention of deceiving him, he should be at peace and submit wholly to the judgment of the priest. In such a case, to doubt the word of God's minister, to doubt the absolution he has given, is to doubt Jesus Himself, for it is He who is acting through His representative.

Only one of the ten lepers who were cured felt the need to return and thank Our Lord. "Blessed is the soul," St. Bernard comments, "who every time he receives a gift of grace from God, returns to Him, to Him who responds to our gratitude for the favors we have received by giving us new favors. The greatest hindrance to progress in the spiritual life is ingratitude, for God counts as lost the graces we receive without, gratitude, and He refrains from giving us new graces."

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

VISIT FROM OUR DISTRICT SUPERIOR: St. Michael Parish wishes to welcome Fr. Gerard Saguto, F.S.S.P. District Superior, who is with us today. Father will celebrate the 10:15 a.m. High Mass.

THE HOUSE OF GOD: There is too much noise coming from the back of the church during holy Mass. Out of reverence due to Our Lord, **please drop kneelers quietly** and limit the coming and going during Mass to a minimum. God bless you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMS are now available in the vestibule of the Church. These should be completed by parents whose children are to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation next year. Please be advised that classes will begin on **September 13th** this year. Registration forms must be in by Monday **August 31st**. The age

for First Communion is seven and for Confirmation twelve and up.

CANONICAL RETREAT: Fr. Zepeda will be away on canonical retreat from Sunday, August 30th through Friday, September 4th. Masses will resume on Friday at 6:00 p.m. There will be no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on this day.

MASS INTENTIONS: We are now taking mass intentions for the 2016 year. Please submit your stipend at the time of your mass request.

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE WYOMING VALLEY CHAPTER is having it's 31st annual banquet on Monday, October 19th at 6 p.m. at Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre. Featured speaker is Fr. Frank Pavone. For more information please see the poster in the church vestibule.

COLLECTION: August 16 - 1,699.00

THE ASSUMPTION: \$1,130.00

Altar Boy Schedule

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Aug. 23rd
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Joshua Sica
AC2 Timothy Sica

TEAM A

MC Timothy Emig
TH John Gillenkirk
AC1 Andrew Pheasant
AC2 Matthew Gillenkirk
C
S1 Joseph Seeley
S2 Brendan Seeley

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Aug. 30th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Dominic Gardner
AC2 Jack Gardner

TEAM B

MC Francis LaFata
TH Joseph McWhirter
AC1 Joe McWhirter
AC2 Stephen LaFata
C
S1 Brian LaFata
S2 Ian McGuirk