

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Twenty - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 20, 2016

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Nov. 20th	Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, II Class
8:00 a.m.	Gohsler Family - Marie Sica
10:15 a.m.	Pro Populo
Mon. Nov. 21st	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, III Class
7:45 a.m.	Kirwan Family - Davidson Family
Tues. Nov. 22nd	St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr, III Class
7:45 a.m.	Andrian Meljoza - His Mother
Wed. Nov. 23rd	St. Clement, Pope & Martyr, III Class
7:45 a.m.	† Jacqueline Gates - John Bellington
Thu. Nov. 24th	St. John of the Cross, Conf. & Doctor, III Class
7:45 a.m.	Michelin Children - Their Parents
Fri. Nov. 25th	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Vir. / Martyr, III Class
6:00 p.m.	† Helen Spiotto - Marion Krevey & Family
Sat. Nov. 26th	St. Sylvester, Abbot, III Class
9:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Doggett / Gristina Families - Jeff & Lisa Doggett
Sun. Nov. 27th	First Sunday of Advent, I Class
8:00 a.m.	Alexandra Skuba - Her Parents
10:15 a.m.	Pro Populo

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

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INTROIT

Jer. 29, 11, 12, 14

The Lord saith, I think thoughts of peace, and not of affliction; you shall call upon Me and I will hear you; and I will bring back your captivity from all places. Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. *V.* Glory...

COLLECT

Arouse, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful, that, by more earnestly following after the fruit of the divine work, they may the more abundantly partake of Thy mercies. Through our Lord...

LESSON

Col. 1, 9-14

Brethren, We cease not to pray for you, and to beg that you may be filled with the knowledge of the will of God, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of God, in all things pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might according to the power of His glory, in all patience and long-suffering with joy; giving thanks to God the Father, Who hath made us worthy to be partakers of the lot of the saints in light; Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in Whom we have redemption through His blood, the remission of sins.

GRADUAL

Ps. 43, 8, 9

Thou hast delivered us, O Lord, from them that afflict us: and hast put them to shame that hate us. *V.* In God we will glory all the day: and in Thy name we will give praise for ever.

ALLELUIA

Ps. 129, 1, 2

Alleluia, alleluia. From the depths I have cried to Thee, Lord: Lord, hear my prayer. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matt. 24, 15-35

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, When you shall see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place; he that readeth, let him understand: then they that are in Judea, let them flee to the mountains; and he that is on the house-top, let him not come down to take anything out of his house; and he that is in the field, let him not go back to take his coat. And woe to them that are with child, and that give suck, in those days, But pray that your flight be not in the winter, or on the sabbath: for there shall be then great tribulation, such as has not been found from the beginning of the world until now, neither shall be: and unless those days

had been shortened, no flesh should be saved; but for the sake of the elect, those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; do not believe Him: for there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, insomuch as to deceive (if possible) even the elect. Behold I have told it to you beforehand: if they therefore shall say to you, Behold, He is in the desert, go ye not out; behold, He is in the closets, believe it not. For as lightning cometh out of the east, and appeareth even into the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Wheresoever the body shall be, there shall the eagles also be gathered together. And immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven shall be moved; and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn; and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with much power and majesty: and He shall send His angels with a trumpet and a great voice and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest parts of the heavens to the utmost bounds of them. And from the fig-tree learn a parable: when the branch thereof is now tender, and the leaves come forth, you know that summer is nigh. So you also, when you shall see all these things, know ye that it is nigh even at the doors. Amen I say to you, that this generation shall not pass till all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 129, 1, 2

From the depths I have cried out to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my prayer: from the depths I have cried out to Thee, O Lord.

SECRET

Be propitious, O Lord, to our supplications, and accept the offerings and prayers of Thy people: turn all our hearts unto Thee, that, being delivered from earthly desires, we may pass on to the enjoyments of heaven. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Mark 11, 24

Amen, I say to you, whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you shall receive, and it shall be done unto you.

POSTCOMMUNION

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that, through this sacrament which we have received, whatever is evil in our hearts may be restored by the gift of healing. Through our Lord.

Introduction to the Devout Life

Ninth Meditation - On the Choice Open to You Between Heaven and Hell

Part I, Chapter 17

Preparation

1. Place yourself in the Presence of God.
2. Humble yourself before Him, and ask His inspiration.

Considerations

1. Imagine yourself alone with your good angel in an open plain, as was Tobit on his way to Rages. Suppose the Angel to set before you Paradise, full of delights and joys; and on the other hand Hell, with all its torments. Contemplate both, kneeling in imagination before your guardian Angel. Consider that you are most truly standing between Hell and Paradise, and that both the one and the other are open to receive you, according to your own choice.
2. Consider that the choice you make in this life will last for ever in the next.
3. Consider too, that while both are open to receive you according to your choice, yet God, Who is prepared to give the one by reason of His Justice, the other by reason of His Mercy, all the while desires unspeakably that you should select Paradise; and your good Angel is urging you with all his might to do so, offering you countless graces on God's part, countless helps to attain to it.
4. Consider that Jesus Christ, enthroned in Heaven, looks down upon you in loving invitation: "O beloved one, come unto Me, and joy for ever in the eternal blessedness of My Love!" Behold His

mother yearning over you with maternal tenderness--" Courage, my child, do not despise the Goodness of my Son, or my earnest prayers for thy salvation." Behold the Saints, who have left you their example, the millions of holy souls who long after you, desiring earnestly that you may one day be for ever joined to them in their song of praise, urging upon you that the road to Heaven is not so hard to find as the world would have you think. "Press on boldly, dear friend,"--they cry. "Whoso will ponder well the path by which we came hither, will discover that we attained to these present delights by sweeter joys than any this world can give."

The Choice

1. O Hell, I abhor thee now and for ever; I abhor thy griefs and torments, thine endless misery, the unceasing blasphemies and maledictions which thou pourest out upon my God;--and turning to thee, O blessed Paradise, eternal glory, unfading happiness, I choose thee for ever as my abode, thy glorious mansions, thy precious and abiding tabernacles. O my God, I bless Thy Mercy which gives me the power to choose--O Jesus, Saviour, I accept Thine Eternal Love, and praise Thee for the promise Thou hast given me of a place prepared for me in that blessed New Jerusalem, where I shall love and bless Thee for ever.
2. Dwell lovingly upon the example set before you by the Blessed Virgin and the Saints, and strive to follow where they point you. Give yourself up to your guardian Angel, that he may be your guide, and gird up your courage anew to make this choice.

St. Francis de Sales

SILENCE PLEASE: Please be careful of the noise in the vestibule when socializing after the Masses.

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: Your gifts support the following ministries made possible by the Diocesan Annual Appeal:

- Catholic Social Services and Parish Outreach
- Catholic Education in Schools and Parishes
- Clergy Formation, Education and Support
- Parish Life and Ministry Formation
- Catholic Media and Communication

Our Parish Goal is \$10,000. As of today, we have reached 25 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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR: All children ages 5-16 years old are invited to sing in the Children's Christmas Choir which will perform with the Adult Choir before the Midnight Mass. Practices will be on the first Sundays in Advent after the 10:15 High Mass. The first practice will be Sunday, **November 27th at 12:15 pm.** Please see Mrs. Hanisch at the first rehearsal.

UPCOMING MASSES: The schedule for the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8th, and the Rorate Mass Dec. 10th will be posted next week.

CHURCH CLEANING DAY: We will be having a Church Cleaning day on Saturday, December 3, 2016, following the 9:00am Mass. Anyone who is able to help give back to our beloved Parish, please come! We need as many helpers as possible! For questions or information, please contact: juventutemscranton@gmail.com

FR. GERARD SAGUTO FSSP: Will give his next class on Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be **"Observations and Comments on the Creed."** Instruction on how to present the faith and counter modern criticism will be covered. Everyone is welcome!

2016 FSSP CHRISTMAS CARDS are available in the vestibule. More cards can be ordered with the form enclosed in the envelope. All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary operating expenses in Denton, Nebraska.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

November 20th
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Patrick Schneider
AC2 Mathias Morris

TEAM C

MC Dominic Gardner
TH Patrick Seeley
AC1 Joseph Seeley
AC2 Brendan Seeley
C Jack Gardner
S1 Michael Gardner
S2 Sean Michelin

WEEK THREE

Monday Patrick Schneider
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

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

Thursday Sean Michelin
7:45 a.m. Mathias Morris

FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

November 27th
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Francis LaFata
AC2 Stephen LaFata

TEAM D

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