

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Sexagesima Sunday

February 19, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Feb. 19th	Sexagesima Sunday, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† Romaine DeAngelis - <i>Mr. & Mrs. Gene DeAngelis</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Feb. 20th	Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity, <i>IV Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Virginia Lammers - <i>Jack & Trisha McGovern</i>
Tues. Feb. 21st	Votive Mass of the Angels, <i>IV Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Carol Cunningham - <i>Jerome Lackner</i>
Wed. Feb. 22nd	Chair of St. Peter, <i>I Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	FSSP - <i>Jean Ignatovich</i>
Thu. Feb. 23rd	St. Peter Damian, <i>Bp., Conf. & Doctor, III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Stephanie E. George - <i>Her Husband</i>
Fri. Feb. 24th	St. Matthias, <i>Apostle, II Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	Francis LaFata - <i>His Parents</i>
Sat. Feb. 25th	Saturday of Our Lady, <i>IV Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	David & Rosemary Palmiter - <i>Brian & Gina Palmiter</i>
Sun. Feb. 26th	Quinquagesima Sunday, <i>II Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Amelia Scatena - <i>David & Karen Scatena</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 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

Sexagesima Sunday

EPISTLE

2 Cor. 11, 19-23; 12, 1-9

Brethren, you gladly suffer the foolish; whereas yourselves are wise. For you suffer if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take from you, if a man be lifted up, if a man strike you in the face. I speak according to dishonor, as if we had been weak in this part. Wherein if any man dare (I speak foolishly), I dare also, They are Hebrews; so am I. They are Israelites; so am I. They are the seed of Abraham; so am I. They are the ministers of Christ (I speak as one less wise); I am more: in many more labors, in prisons more frequently, in stripes above measure, in deaths often. Of the Jews five times did I receive forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods; once I was stoned; thrice I suffered shipwreck; a night and a day I was in the depth of the sea. In journeying often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils from my own nation, in perils from the gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils from false brethren. In labor and painfulness, in much watchings, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness; besides those things which are without, my daily instance, the solicitude for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is scandalized, and I am not on fire? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things that concern my infirmity. The God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is blessed for ever, knoweth that I lie not. At Damascus the governor of the nation under Aretas the king, guarded the city of the Damascenes to apprehend me; and through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and so escaped his hands. If I must glory (it is not expedient indeed): but I will come to the visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ above fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I know not, or out of the body, I know not; God knoweth): such an one rapt even to the third heaven. And I know such a man (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell; God knoweth); that he was caught up into paradise; and heard secret words, which it is not granted to man to utter. For such an one I will glory; but for myself I will glory nothing, but in my infirmities. For though I should have a mind to glory, I shall not be foolish; for I will say the truth. But I

forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth in me, or anything he heareth from me. And lest the greatness of the revelations should exalt me, there was given me a sting of my flesh, an angel of Satan, to buffet me. For which thing thrice I besought the Lord, that it might depart from me. And He said to me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for power is made perfect in infirmity. Gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

GOSPEL

Luke 8, 4-15

At that time, when a very great multitude was gathered together and hastened out of the cities unto Him, He spoke by a similitude; The sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And other some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And other some fell among thorns; and the thorns growing up with it, choked it. And other some fell upon good ground; and being sprung up, yielded fruit a hundred fold. Saying these things, He cried out, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And His disciples asked Him what this parable might be. To whom He said, To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables; that seeing they may not see, and hearing may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. And they by the wayside are they that hear; then the devil cometh, and taketh the word out of their heart, lest believing they should be saved. Not they upon the rock are they who when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no roots, for they believe for a while, and in time of temptation they fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they who have heard, and going their way, are choked with the cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and yield no fruit. But that on the good ground are they who in a good and very good heart, hearing the word, keep it and bring forth fruit in patience.

The Conclusion and Spiritual Bouquet

Part II, Chapter 7

The meditation should be concluded by three acts, made with the utmost humility. First, an act of thanksgiving;--thanking God for the affections and resolutions with which He has inspired you, and for the Mercy and Goodness He has made known to you in the mystery you have been meditating. Secondly, an act of oblation, by which you offer your affections and resolutions to God, in union with His Own Goodness and Mercy, and the Death and Merits of His Son. The third act is one of petition, in which you ask God to give you a share in the Merits of His Dear Son, and a blessing on your affections and resolutions, to the end that you may be able to put them in practice. You will further pray for the Church, and all her Ministers, your relations, friends, and all others, using the Our Father as the most comprehensive and necessary of prayers.

Besides all this, I bade you gather a little bouquet of devotion, and what I mean is this. When walking in a beautiful garden most people are wont to gather a few flowers as they go, which they keep, and enjoy their scent during the day. So, when the mind explores some mystery in meditation, it is well to pick out one or more points that have specially arrested the attention, and are most likely to be helpful to you through the day, and this should be done at once before quitting the subject of your meditation.

St. Francis de Sales

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

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER: February 22, Feast of the First Class in the FSSP, by concession of the Holy See on July 7, 2010. A Plenary indulgence is granted for all members of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.

CONFRATERNITY INDULGENCES: By decree of the Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, dated June 7, 2008, a plenary indulgence is also granted at the usual conditions to the members of the Confraternity of St. Peter a) the day of their admission; b) the day of the feast of the Chair of St. Peter and c) the day of the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.

TALENT SHOW: The 2017 Talent Show is scheduled for Sunday, February 26th, after the 10:15 Mass. This year's theme is **"Around the World."** A sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the church vestibule. Pizzas will be provided, but parishioners are asked to bring finger-food side dishes and desserts. Please contact Terry Zuranski 570-677-6845

or ajzuranski@gmail.com) if you have any questions. The deadline to sign up for an act is Sunday, February 19th.

FIRST FRIDAY is March 3rd. 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 March 4th. 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 the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother.

ATTENTION ALTAR BOYS: Altar practice will be held after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on First Saturday. Everyone must attend.

Mark Your Calendar

Ash Wednesday is March 1st (Low Mass only)

Lenten Mission April 2-7

Easter Sunday April 16

Altar Boy Schedule

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

February 19th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Francis LaFata
AC2 Stephen LaFata

TEAM D

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

WEEK ONE

Monday Patrick Schneider
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Anthony Pheasant
7:45 a.m.

Thursday Joseph Skuba
7:45 a.m.

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

February 26th
8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Timothy Sica
AC2 Peter Sica

TEAM A

MC Matthew Gillenkirk
TH Patrick Seeley
AC1 Andrew Pheasant
AC2 Joseph Seeley
C Brendan Seeley
S1 Sean Michelin
S2 Mathias Morris