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Sunday April 26th, 2015 – Sunday of the Paralytic Man

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 25 th	3:30pm +Eleanor Lombard by Edward & Mary Bickowski
Sunday, April 26 th	10:30am 40 th Day +Michael Krajcirik by Wife, Theresa
Tuesday, April 28 th	5:00pm 40 th Day +Paul Litwak by Litwak Family
Wednesday, April 29 th	8:00am God's Blessing and Health for Janice Moucheron by Betty Ann & Staff
	NO PRAYER MEETING
Friday, May 1 st	5:00pm Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, May 2 nd	3:30pm +Dorothy Minarchick by the Mitchell & Kalavage Families
Sunday, May 3 rd	10:30am God's Blessings on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 25 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm +Mary Cheripka by Linda & George Cheripka
Sunday, April 26 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People
Monday, April 27 th	8:00am +Wiess & Daily Families by Legacy Liturgy
Saturday, May 2 nd	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm Special Intention for Thomas & Jeanette Stock By Stock Family
Sunday, May 3 rd	8:30am 60 th Anniversary +Victor Toth by Rennert & Toth Families

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, April 25 th	Acts 9:32-42	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, April 26 th	Acts 9:32-42	Sam Litwak
Saturday, May 2 nd	Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, May 3 rd	Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30	Michelle Caputo

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, April 25 th	Acts 9:32-42	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, April 26 th	Acts 9:32-42	LeeAnn Smulligan
Saturday, May 2 nd	Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30	Christine Romanko
Sunday, May 3 rd	Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30	Susan Miller

Those who follow the crowd usually get lost in it .

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Pierogie Sale –April’s Pierogie Sale is SOLD OUT ! But we could use your help on April 27th making pierogies. Anyone available to help with the prep work needed for the sale should talk to Winnie or Carol.

Condolences Sincere sympathy is offered to the friends and family of + Olga Kurilla who feel asleep in the Lord. We pray Almighty God grant him a place of rest where there is no sorrow or mourning but life everlasting. May the memory of +Olga be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat !

Healing Service- The next healing service will be Wednesday, May 13th.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light- Date Available 6/21, 7/12, 7/19, & 7/26.

Both Churches:

Icon Workshop- The Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great invite you to participate in a unique Icon Writing Workshop! Acclaimed iconographer Father Damian Higgins, Abbot of Transfiguration Monastery in Redwood Valley, CA, is presenting two separate workshops at the Basilian Spirituality Center in Jenkintown: May 19-24 or May 26-31. The workshops combine a spiritual and artistic experience, and appeal to people of all abilities. Price is \$425 for 5½ days of classes, including breakfast, lunch and all materials. For more information, go to <http://www.stbasils.com/spirituality-icons.html> or call Sister Charlene at 215-780-1227 or email basilcenter@stbasils.com

Home Missions Collection- Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as *home missions*. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place this weekend in the second collection, and supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this appeal and share your resources to **Strengthen the Church at home**. Envelopes were included in last weeks bulletin. There are also extras in the back of the Church This collection supports our Chancery as well. The grant we receive helps to support our Seminary, Religious Education, Evangelization, Communication (the museum, The Way and website), Mission Parishes, and Human Life Ministries. For every \$10.00 that is donated our Chancery receives \$120.00 in return to fund these efforts. Your help is needed to continue this support of our Chancery and its programs.

UKRAINIAN SEMINARY DAY: The 81st Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day will be held Sunday, July 26th at St. Nicholas Church Picnic Grounds in Primrose (just outside Minersville) PA. This annual event is sponsored by the 12 parishes and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery under the leadership of their respective pastors. Plans for the day already include a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, delicious ethnic and regional foods prepared by the parishes of the deanery, a concert and dance performance by the Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, pysanky demonstrations and classes for the youth, polka music by the fabulous John Stevens' Doubleshot Orchestra, a theme basket auction, many vendors selling traditional Ukrainian and Eastern European items and exciting games for the kids. We invite everyone from near and far to attend and support this annual event in support of our St. Josaphat Seminary in Washington, DC. **An initial planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th at St. Michael's Hall in Frackville beginning at 7:00PM.** Again, we encourage the participation and input from the faithful of all our parishes. Please plan to attend and get involved. Your participation is greatly desired and appreciated!

Both Churches:

Kielbasi Festival – May 16, 2015 Featuring the Shenandoah All Star Polk Band , 3 Kielbasi Kings, Capital Foods, Kowaloneks, Lucky’s and Mrs. T’s Peirogies. Eastern European crafters, games and fun for the whole family.. there will also be a kielbasi making contest for amateurs, call 570-462-2060 to register.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION Trinity Academy Pre-School sponsored by the Divine Mercy Parish is currently accepting students for the 2015-2016 school year. Children must be 4 years of age by October 15. Parents have the option to enroll their child in our regular three-day preschool program OR our five-day Kindergarten Prep program. You can choose either half days or full days for either option. The preschool program provides basic instruction to help your child grow as they prepare for kindergarten. The Kindergarten Prep program is an extension and enhancement of the activities that are used in the preschool program and will include additional activities such as computer, library and gym. For more information, contact Christine Zuber Fannick, Advancement Director, at 570-462-3927. Space is limited so do not delay

ANNUNCIATION BVM WOODEN MODELS Attention graduates of Shenandoah Catholic High School and anyone who attended Annunciation BVM Grade School. A commemorative model of the school, created by Cat’s Meow, is now available for purchase at Trinity Academy, 233 W. Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976. (570-462-3927) The attractive models cost \$20. They make a great gift for someone who attended the school and would like to remember their glory days. All proceeds benefit Trinity Academy.

RACE FOR EDUCATION The Ninth Annual Race for Education will be held on Friday, May 15, 2015 at Nativity BVM High School. The Race for Education is one of Trinity Academy’s largest fundraisers. Students ask friends and family members to sponsor them as they walk or jog around the track for approximately one hour. Race for Education is great fun for the students and fully benefits the school. If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact the school at 570-462-3927 or send sponsorship information to Trinity Academy, 233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976.

Save the Date and Join the Holiness Revolution! DATE: Saturday, May 16th 2015 SPEAKER: Dan DeMatte MUSICIAN: Aaron Richards LOCATION: St. John the Baptist Church, 10th and Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville COST: Adults-\$20.00, Teens (13-19) \$10.00 without an adult, Teens with an adult, \$5.00. Children 12 and under are free. Ticket price includes free book, CD and join us for FREE lunch after the event. For more information and tickets, please contact St. John’s Rectory 570-622-5470.All are welcome!

American Girl Doll Bingo

Sunday May 3rd, 2015

Doors open at 12 noon

Early Bird at 1:15pm

Bingo starts at 1:30pm

Admission \$25.00

***All Players must purchase an admission ticket**

***Winner receives their choice of doll.**

***Advanced ticket holders will be entered in a drawing for an American Girl Accessory .**

*** Special Raffles - Bring non-perishable food or paper products to get a chance for special raffles throughout the day – one chance per item**

St. Michael’s Church Hall- 300 W Oak St , Shenandoah, PA

for tickets or info call 570-462-0809.

**THIS EVENT IS NEXT WEEKEND- GET YOUR TICKETS NOW TO BE IN THE
ADVANCED TICKET HOLDER DRAWING !**



POPE FRANCIS

MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF THE *DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAE*

Harmony, poverty and patience Tuesday, 14 April 2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 16, 17 April 2015)

There are three types of grace to ask for Christian communities: harmony, poverty and grace. During Tuesday's Mass at Santa Marta, Pope Francis continued his reflection on the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus — at the heart of the Liturgy of the Word — and dedicated his homily to the theme of “rebirth”, which for the Church signifies “being reborn in the Spirit”.

The Bishop of Rome reconnected to the Readings of the day before, recalling that they invited us to reflect “on one of the many transformations” that the Spirit performs: that of giving courage, transforming man “from cowardly and fearful” to “brave, with a strength of courage to proclaim Jesus, without fear”. From the individual, the Pope went on to consider “what the Spirit does in a community”.

The passage from the Acts of the Apostles (4:32-37) describes the first Christian communities. It almost seems to describe an ideal world: “all were friends, everyone put everything together, no one argued”. The narrative, Francis explained, is “like a review, as if life stopped for a bit and the Spirit of God allowed us to see what he could do in a community, how a community could be transformed: a diocesan community, a parish or religious community, a family community”.

In this description the Pope highlighted two characteristic signs of “rebirth in a community”. The first is harmony: “the community of believers was of one heart and soul”. In other words, those reborn by the Spirit have “the grace of unity, of harmony”. The Holy Spirit is “the only One who can give us harmony” for “he too is the harmony between the Father and Son”. The second element is that of the “common good”. Scripture reads: “there was not a needy person among them, no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common”.

Here the Pope underscored that these two aspects were simply “one step” along the path of the reborn community which, in fact, also begins to experience “problems”. There is, for example, the case of the “marriage of Ananias and Sapphira”, who “tried to cheat the community” after entering it. This kind of negative experience can also happen in our day: it is similar, Francis explained, to the “benefactors who approach the Church, enter to help her and use the Church for their business”. Then there is the “persecution”, which Jesus speaks about, and in which regard the Pontiff recalled “the last of the Beatitudes in Matthew: ‘Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you on my account... Rejoice’. Francis also recalled that Jesus “promises so many beautiful things, peace, abundance: ‘You will receive a hundredfold by cause of persecution’”.

All of this returns “in the first community reborn by the Holy Spirit”, to whom Peter explains: “Brethren do not be surprised about this persecution, this fire which breaks out among you”. In the “image of fire”, the Pontiff remarked, we again find that of the “fire that purifies gold”. In other words, the “gold of a community reborn by the Holy Spirit is purified of difficulties, of persecution”.

Here the Pope introduced the third important element, recalling “Jesus’ advice”, given to those who find themselves “in the midst of difficulties, of persecution: ‘Have patience, for with patience you will

save your lives, your souls”’. Thus, it is important to have “patience to withstand: withstand problems, withstand difficulties, withstand malicious gossip, slander, withstand illness, withstand the pain of losing a child, a wife, a husband, a mother, a father, ... patience”’.

Thus, these are the three elements shown by a Christian community “reborn in the Holy Spirit, when it is a community that seeks harmony” and not internal strife, “when it seeks poverty”, and “not the accumulation of riches” — riches should in fact be put to service — and when it has patience, that is, when “it does not immediately become angry and feel offended in facing difficulties”, because “the servant of Yaweh, Jesus, is patient”’.

The Pope concluded his reflection by exhorting everyone “in this second week of Easter” during which the paschal mysteries are celebrated, to “think of our communities”, be they diocesan, parish, family, or other types, to ask three kinds of grace: that “of harmony, which is more than unity”, that “of poverty” — which does not mean “misery”: indeed, Francis specified, those who have property “must manage it well for the common good and with generosity” — and lastly, that “of patience”’. Thus, we need to understand that the grace to “be reborn in the Spirit” is not only a grace for “each one of us” but also for “our communities”’.



Sunday of the Paralytic

The third Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed by the Eastern Church as the Sunday of the Paralytic. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing a man who had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years. The biblical story of the event is found in the Gospel of John 5:1-15.

Close to the Sheep's Gate in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool. It had five porches, that is, five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof. Under this roof there lay very many sick people with various maladies awaiting the moving of the water. The first person to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately of whatever malady he had.

It was there that the paralytic of today's Gospel was lying, tormented by his infirmity of thirty-eight years. When Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Will you be made whole?" And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." The Lord said unto him, "Rise, take up your bed, and walk." And straightaway the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed rejoicing to his own house. According to the expounders of the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and dwelt there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.

Icon of the Sunday of the Paralytic

The icon of the Sunday of the Paralytic depicts the biblical story of the Christ healing the paralytic. Our Lord, accompanied by His disciples, is shown blessing the paralytic. The man has risen and taken up his bed as commanded by Christ. The paralytic is bowing toward the Lord in reverence and in gratitude for the great miracle that has been done. In the background of the icon is the pool where the infirmed came for healing.

IF I WERE THE DEVIL

By: Paul Harvey [*Paul Harvey first broadcast his "If I Were the Devil" about 1965 and apparently edited and reworked it through the years.*]

If I were the devil ... if I were the Prince of Darkness, I'd want to engulf the whole world in darkness and I would have a third of its real estate And four-fifths of its population, but I wouldn't be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree, you. So I'd set about however necessary take over the United States.

I'd subvert the churches first. I'd begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: "*Do as you please.*" To the young, I would whisper that the Bible is a myth. I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what is bad is good, and what is good is "square". And the old, I would teach to pray after me: "*Our Father, who art in Washington.*" And then, I'd get organized. I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies and vice versa. I'd peddle narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I were the devil, I'd soon have families at war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves, until each in its turn was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings, I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames.

If I were the devil, I would encourage schools to refine young intellects but neglect to discipline emotions – just let those run wild until before you knew it, you'd have to have drug-sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door. Within a decade, I'd have prisons overflowing. I'd have judges promoting pornography. Soon I could evict God from the courthouse and then from the schoolhouse and then from the houses of Congress.

And in His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion and deify science. I would lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls and church money. If I were the devil, I'd make the symbol of Easter an egg and the symbol of Christmas a bottle.

If I were the devil, I would take from those who have and I would give to those who wanted until I killed the incentive of the ambitious. And what will you bet I could get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich. I would caution against extremes in hard work, in patriotism, in moral conduct. I would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that swinging is more fun, that what you see on TV is the way to be. And thus I could undress you in public, and I could lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure.

In other words, if I were the devil, I'd just keep right on doing what he's doing.

Paul Harvey Good Day!

This is a truncated version of a radio commentary that Harvey gave in 1965! Look around you today

**When we want to know the answers,
God simply wants us to know Him.**

PROMISE TO
PROTECT

PLEDGE TO
HEAL



APRIL: National Abuse Prevention Month

Knowledgeable and caring adults who are committed to protecting children can also protect our Church. Learn how to report child abuse <http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us/index.php?categoryid=66>

10 signs of a safe program for children and youth

- Screening of staff and volunteers
- Adults are trained in safe environment strategies and signs of abuse
- Code of conduct enforced
- Open communication between parents and staff / staff and children / children and parents/
- Parents always welcome.
- Children educated in right relationships and what to do if a relationship isn't right.
- All children treated with dignity and respect
- Clear rules and expectations consistent reinforcement / consequences
- Adequate supervision of youth. Team approach – accountability no 1:1 isolation
- All abuse is reported

*For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call our Child Protection and Victims Assistance Coordinator, Ken Hutchins at 215.627.0143 or email ukrchildprotection@ukrcap.org.
No. 219/2105 SXB This Number should be Prefixed to Your Reply*

*Thanks
Mom*

Celebrate the Women who have touched your life !
Mother's Day Memorials & Intentions

In Memory of (deceased)

In Honor of (living)

Given By

Please submit by Tuesday ,May 5th

Church Information

Rectory Hours- Monday – Thursday 10:00am- 3:00 pm - phone 570-462-0809 Closed holidays

Baptisms: Please contact the rectory a week or more in advance.

Confessions: By appointment, before Divine Liturgy or check your bulletin schedule.

Marriages: Those planning marriages must be active members of the parish, and must contact the pastor at least 6 months in advance. Marriage preparation for couples is required

Emergencies & Pastoral Care: Please call the pastor if a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound and is in need of the Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick.

New Parishioners are urged to register in the rectory office. Moving? Change of address? Please notify the rectory.

Letters of Recommendation: for Sponsors of the sacraments will be issued only to active members of the parish who are registered with the parish, receiving sacraments and supporting the parish.

Mass Cards, Sanctuary Lights, and Other Candles etc.: Contact the rectory during office hours for information.

Questions: Please contact the rectory, or see Msgr. Myron.

Weekly Contributions

Parishes Weekly Income: **St. Michael:** Contribution- \$826.30 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contribution \$636.00 Cemetery \$635.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of+ Rose Prokop by Mr & Mrs Michael Prokop

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Mary Krajcirik by Theresa Krajcirik

Seven Branch Candlestick- God's Blessings For & In Memory of the Blaschak & Wolfe Families

4 Lamps of the Iconostas – Thankful for the Blessings God has Bestowed on My Family

Lamps of the Crucifix-

Lights of the Tetrapod- Deceased Members of +Szczyglak Family by Andrew Szczyglak

Lights of the Tabernacle-

God bless you for your love and devotion to your parish!

Prayer Requests: Please remember our shut-ins and all those who have requested our Prayers:

Our Military Friends Serving Our Country,

St. Michael

Sonya Elchishak
Eva Koch
Dolores Kozié
Martha Hysock
Sandy Bankes*
Edward Sion

Helen Beddall
Irene Flaherty
Tom Prete
Susan Chernesky
Maya Usewicz

Susan Enders
Dolores O'Connell Leahy

Helen Sims
Mary Mazur
Keilbasa Family*

Christine Lenhart*
& Rosemary (Mother)
Bill McAndrew*
Andrea Pytak

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Helen Salak
Helen Seamon
Mary Mistishen
Joseph Luckenbill

Peter Kadingo
Jeanette Stock
Mary Kadingo

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Andrew Skrincosky

Items in this bulletin are from Fr. Daniel & St Josephat's Bulletin , Archbishop Chancery, Vatican Website , Father Fields Mustard Seeds by M. Kelly & The Church Signs Calendar 2015

Garden for God: Turnip for church !