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Sunday May 17th 2015, Sunday of the Fathers of the Ecumenical Council

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

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| Saturday, May 16 th | 10:00am God's Blessings on Jacob Anthony Petritsch 3:30pm God's Blessings on His People |
| Sunday, May 17 th | 10:30am +Michael Dudish by Wife Catherine & Family |
| Tuesday, May 19 th | 5:00pm +Harvey Birch by Charles Calise & Helen O'Connell |
| Wednesday, May 20 th | 5:00pm God's Blessings and Good Health for Bev Acri by Betty Ann & Staff |
| Saturday, May 23rd | 10:00am Memorial Day Service at St Nicholas Mahanoy City Cemetery 3:30pm 40th Day +Debbie Loftus by Loftus Family |
| <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> | |
| Sunday, May 24 th | 10:30am God's Blessings on His People |
| Monday, May 25th | 10:00am Memorial Day Service at St Michael's Cemetery |

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

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| Saturday, May 16 th | 5:30pm + Paul Naradko by Ted Naradko |
| Sunday, May 17 th | 8:30am 40 th day +Thomas Talpash by Talpash Family |
| Monday, May 18 th | 8:00am + Robert Glovich by Peter Kandingo |
| Thursday, May 21 st | 8:00am +George Jansson by John & Betty Tellup |
| Saturday, May 23 rd | 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Michael & +Mary Uranium by Mary Ann Uranium |
| <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> | |
| Sunday, May 24th | 8:30am +Catherine& +Joseph Panchison by Panchison Family 1:30pm Memorial Day Service at St. Nicholas St Clair & Holy Trinity Cemeteries |

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

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| Saturday, May 16 th | Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38 | Nancy Sawka |
| Sunday, May 17 th | Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38 | Charles Calise |
| Saturday, May 23 rd | Acts 2:1-11 | Winifred Mohutsky |
| Sunday, May 24 th | Acts 2:1-11 | Alice Breznik |

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

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| Saturday, May 16 th | Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38 | David Toth |
| Sunday, May 17 th | Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38 | Dolores Sadusky |
| Saturday, May 23 rd | Acts 2:1-11 | Bernadette Bremer |
| Sunday, May 24 th | Acts 2:1-11 | Theresa Panchison |

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sick calls will be Wednesday, May 20th.

Additions to the American Girl Doll Program: We want to thank everyone who donated to the American Girl Doll Bingo. A few donations did not make the program and we would like to recognize them now. Thank you, Anna Demanski for your donation.

Memorial Day Service Schedule: St. Nicholas, Mahanoy City Cemetery will be Saturday May 23rd at 10:00am. St Michael's Cemetery will be Monday at 10:00am.

Sanctuary Light available for the following dates ; 5/24,5/31,8/16,8/23,8/30 & 12/27

Parish Council Meeting – There will be a Parish/Financial Council meeting next Friday, May 22nd at 6:00pm. The topic will be the upcoming construction at the Church.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light- Dates Available 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23 & 8/31

Memorial Day Service for St. Nicholas, St Clair and Holy Trinity Cemeteries will be Sunday May 24th at 1:30pm.

Both Churches:

DATE CHANGE : **The South Anthracite Youth Day at Knoebles will be Sunday , July 12th. Mark this date in your calendar ! More information to come !**

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. **The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9th 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!

Seminary Day Raffle tickets are available in the back of the Church.

Seminary Day Ad & Patron Forms are available in the back of the Church.

Food for the poor- We are in need of donations for the needy in our community. Non- expired, Non-perishable foods are needed, as well as personal hygiene products, toilet paper and paper towels. Diapers and wipes are also welcome. Thank you for your giving spirit.

**Jesus died with outstretched arms
so you could run into them .**

Both Churches:

PENTECOST COLLECTION FOR MISSIONS

“Go and Make Disciples of All Nations” (Mt. 28:19)

Our Ukrainian Catholic Church is responding to Christ’s command to “go and make disciples of all nations”.(Mt28:19) Patriarch Sviatoslav and the Bishops of our Church endeavor to provide ministry to people residing in developing missions in eastern Ukraine, in Europe, in areas of the Middle East and Africa, and North America. Your generous assistance is needed to support clergy and religious to serve these missions and to aid in the development of these new missions. An annual collection will be taken at Pentecost for this purpose. Please use the specially prepared envelopes provided for this purpose in your parish. You may also send your gift to the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, 827 N Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. Tax receipts will be issued. God bless all who generously care for the souls of others!

Report of the 2014 Archieparchial Sobor now available

The report of the 2014 Archieparchial Sobor has been published and is now being distributed. The full report is available on the Archeparchy of Philadelphia web site (<http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us/index.php?categoryid=114>). The full report is posted in both Ukrainian and English in PDF format, as well as in an ePub format suitable for use with tablets and smartphones. All sobor participants will receive a copy of the English version of the report. Each parish will also receive a copy of the report in both Ukrainian and English.

Chinese Auction, Sunday May 17th at Ss. Peter & Paul Church Hall in Mount Carmel, Doors open at 11:30am and Auction begins at 2:00pm .Great Food, Great Prizes. Browse & Bid- Saturday May 16th from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

MAY PROCESSION Trinity Academy’s annual May Procession and crowning of the Blessed Mother will take place on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The Procession will begin at St. Joseph’s Church, Girardville, and conclude with the crowning of the Blessed Mother at St. Vincent’s Church, Girardville. All are welcome! In case of rain, the procession will take place at St. Vincent’s Church.

GOLF TOURNAMENT Trinity Academy’s eighth annual golf classic will be held on Sunday, June 7 at Mountain Valley Golf Club. Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. 4-person team play format. Cost is \$75.00 per player which includes cart, green fees, picnic lunch, team cash awards, door prizes and closest to pin contest. There will also be a special surprise drawing at the end of the tournament. To enter your team or to sponsor a hole, contact Mike Nieddu, Director of Development, at 570-462-3927, ext 5 or email at trinitymike@yahoo.com.

St. John’s Curiosity Shop- St. John’s R.C. Church, 913 Mahantongo St. in Pottsville will host its Curiosity Shop on Saturday, June 13th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Russell Building on 9th St. & Schuylkill Ave., Pottsville. Various items including ... Dishes, Knick-Knacks, Toys, Games, Jewelry, Kitchen Items, books, Candles, Vases, Craft Items, Christmas Decorations, plus much, much, more Food items also available ... hot dogs, BBQ, baked goods, refreshments. Phone: (570) 622-5470 Website: SaintJohnPottsville.org E-mail: stjbp parish@comcast.net

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he’d make a deal with the son, “ You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your haircut . Then we will talk about the car”. The boy thought about that for a moment , decided he’d settle for the offer, and they agreed on it. After about 6 weeks his father said ,”Son you’ve brought your grades up and I’ve observed that you have been studying you Bible, but I’m disappointed you haven’t had your hair cut”. The boy said, “ You know Dad, I’ve been thinking about that and I’ve noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there’s strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.” Dad replied “Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?”

POPE FRANCIS

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

To each his own encounter Friday, 24 April 2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 18, 1 May 2015)

Each man and woman has a personal encounter with the Lord. A true and actual encounter that can radically change one's life. The secret lies not only in being aware of it, but also in never forgetting it, so as to preserve its freshness and beauty. Pope Francis shared these thoughts during Mass at Santa Marta on Friday morning, along with some homework and practical advice: pray for the grace to remember, and then read the Gospel once again, in order to recognize oneself in the many encounters of Jesus.

The First Reading (Acts 9:1-20), Francis began, recounts “the narrative of Saul — Paul”, of his being “certain of his doctrine, even zealous”. But “this zeal led him to persecute this new Way that was born there, namely Christians”. Thus Saul “asked for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, for the authorization to put Christians in chains”. And “he did this with the zeal of God”.

Then, the Pope explained, “we all know what happens next”. He has “that vision, and falls from the horse”. At that point, Francis recalled, “the Lord speaks to him: ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’ — ‘Who are you, Lord?’ — ‘I am Jesus’”. This is “Paul’s encounter with Jesus”. Until that moment Paul “believed that everything the Christians were saying were stories”. But “here he encounters Him and will never forget this encounter: it changes his life and makes him grow in love for this Lord whom at first he persecuted but now loves”. This encounter, the Pope added, leads Paul “to proclaim to the world the name of Jesus as an instrument of salvation”. Thus, this is how “Paul’s encounter with Jesus” happened and what it meant.

“In the Bible”, Francis said, “there are many other encounters”, and “in the Gospel” as well. They are “all different” and thus, truly, “each one has his own encounter with Jesus”. Let us think about “the first disciples who followed Jesus and stayed with Him throughout the night — John and Andrew, the first meeting — and they were happy about this”. Indeed, “Andrew went to his brother Peter — then called Simon — and said: ‘We have found the Messiah!’”. This was followed by “Peter’s encounter with Jesus”, when Jesus said to him: “‘you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas’, (which means rock)”.

There really are many such “encounters”, Francis reiterated. There is, for example, “that of Nathaniel, the sceptic”. Straight away, “with only a few words, Jesus bowls him over”. Indeed, the intellectual admits: “You are the Messiah!”. Then there is “the encounter of the Samaritan woman who, at a certain point, feels herself in difficulty and tries to be a theologian: ‘This mountain, the other...’”. Jesus responds to her: “Your husband, your truth”. The woman, “in her own sin, encounters Jesus and goes to proclaim him to those in the city: ‘he told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?’”.

Francis also referred to “the encounter of one of the 10 healed lepers, who returned to express his gratitude”. Another, “the encounter of that woman” who, sick for 12 years, “thought: ‘if I only touch his garment, I shall be made well’, and she encounters Jesus”. And finally, also “the encounter of the possessed man from whom Jesus casts out many demons, which enter the swine”. The man then “wants to follow Him and Jesus says to him: ‘No, no, stay at home, but tell everyone what has happened to you’”.

Thus, the Pontiff summarized, “we can find so many encounters in the Bible, because the Lord looks for us to have an encounter with us” and “each of us has his own encounter with Jesus”. Perhaps, the Pope pointed out, “we forget it, we lose the memory”, and we have to ask ourselves: “when did I encounter Jesus, or when

did Jesus encounter me?”. Surely, Francis said, Jesus “encountered you on the day of Baptism: that is true, you were a child”. And with Baptism, he added, “He justified you and made you part of his people”.

We all, the Pope stated, “have had some encounter with Him in our life”, a true encounter, when “I felt that Jesus was looking at me”. This experience is not only “for the holy”. And “if we do not remember it, it will be beautiful to think back and ask the Lord to remind us, because He remembers, He recalls the encounter”. In this regard Francis referred to the Book of Jeremiah, which reads: “I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride”. Thus, it speaks of “that enthusiastic initial encounter, that new encounter: He never forgets, but we forget the encounter with Jesus”.

Francis offered a “nice homework assignment”, asking them to recall “when I truly felt the Lord near me”, to think about “when I felt I needed to change my life or to be better or to forgive a person”, and “when I heard the Lord asking me something” and, thus, “when I encountered the Lord”.

Our faith is, in fact, “an encounter with Jesus”, and this is precisely “the foundation of faith: I encountered Jesus like Saul”, as offered in the passage from the day’s Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Therefore, Francis continued, if one says to himself, “I don’t remember” my encounter with the Lord, then it is important to ask for this grace: “Lord, when did I consciously find you? When did you tell me something that changed my life or invited me to take that step forward in life?”. And, the Pope recommended “this is a fine prayer, do it every day”. Then, when “you remember, rejoice in that recollection, which is a remembrance of love”.

Francis also proposed another assignment, which “would be to take up the Gospels” and read again the many accounts there are in order “to see how Jesus encounters the people, how He chooses the apostles”. And realize, perhaps, that some encounters “resemble mine”, for “each one has her own” encounter.

Thus, the Pope offered two practical and concrete suggestions “that will do us good”. First of all “pray and ask for the grace of memory”. And then ask yourself: “When, Lord, was that encounter, that love I had at first?”. In order “not to feel that rebuke that the Lord gives in Revelation: ‘I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first’”.

The Pope’s second suggestion was to “take up the Gospel and see Jesus’ many encounters with so many different people”. It is obvious, he explained, that “the Lord wants to encounter us, He wants a face-to-face relationship with us”. For certain, “in our life there was a strong encounter that led us to change our life somewhat and to be better”.

The Eucharistic celebration, the Pontiff concluded, is indeed “another encounter with Jesus in order to carry out what we have heard” in the Gospel (Jn 6:52-59): “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him”. Yes, to so abide “in the Lord, let us now go toward this daily encounter”.

Dear God , I have a problem – it’s me.

Dear Child , I have the answer- it’s Me.

***The tiny seed knew that in order to grow, it needed to be dropped in the dirt,
covered in darkness, and struggle to reach the light.***

THE SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST NICENE COUNCIL



Three times a year we remember particularly the Holy Fathers who took part in the seven great Ecumenical Councils, which defined the teachings of our faith and regulated much of our Church practice. The Church is *patristic*, based securely on the teachings of the Holy Fathers, who in turn are based on what the Lord Jesus Christ revealed, what the Apostles proclaimed, and what the Church has received. By holding fast to the teachings of the seven great Ecumenical Councils, we maintain the True Faith in the One True God, the True Faith in Jesus Christ. Today we honor the Holy Fathers of the First Council of Nicea. This Council took place in 325 A.D. The Council defined and proclaimed the Church's teaching that Jesus Christ is fully and absolutely True God and True Man. The Council of Nicea also canonized about two-thirds of the Creed, which today we call the "Nicene Creed," in honor of that Council. The First Council of Constantinople approved the rest. This Sunday recalls the victory of the true faith over its enemies and affirms the importance of the First Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea in 325 A.D. The first Christian emperor, Constantine the Great, convened the Council.

The liturgy lauds the wisdom of the Fathers who "proclaimed that You, O Lord, Son of God, are equal to the Father on the throne and to the Spirit also." One stichera of vespers gives a short resume of the council: "The foolish Arius divided the headship of the Most Holy Trinity into three dissimilar and alien substances. Wherefore, the God-mantled Fathers, having like Elias the Thesbite come together with energy and burning with zeal, did cut off with the sword of the Spirit him who is marked with shame because of his blasphemous teaching, they being inspired by the Spirit

Memorial Day Memorials

In Memory of (deceased)

Which Cemetery



Given By

LAST DAY TO SUBMITT--- Tuesday, May 19th

We are called to be witnesses – not lawyers and judges.

Will the road you're on bring you home?

THE PARENTS WHO DRUGGED US...

Someone at a store in our town had read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and asked me a rhetorical question:

‘Why didn’t we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?’ I replied that I had a drug problem when I was young:

I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather. I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the priest, or if I didn’t put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom’s garden and flower beds. I was drug to the homes of neighbors to help mow the yard, repair the clothes line, and if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, my dad would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those “drugs” are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin: and if today’s children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place. God bless the parents who “drugged” us.

FROM A LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS BY IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

“Do not be deceived my brothers and sisters. Those who corrupt their households shall not inherit the kingdom of God. If those who do this in accordance with the flesh should suffer death, how much more so, if somebody should corrupt the faith of God, for which Jesus Christ was crucified, with evil teachings. Anyone such, vile as he is, shall go to the unquenchable fire, as shall anyone who listens to him.”



ATTENTION 2015 GRADUATES:

If you are graduating from High School, College, or Graduate School this year please inform the rectory as soon as possible. if you are graduating from high school, let us know what college you will be attending or where you will be working. If you are graduating from college or graduate school, please tell us your plans. We want to know our graduates accomplishments so that we may acknowledge your hard work.

**We are each of us are angels with only one wing,
and we can only fly by embracing one another !**

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- \$1,310.00 Cemetery \$340.00
Cemetery Mahanoy City \$90.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contribution \$820.00 Cemetery \$20.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas-In Memory of+ Margaret Leschick by Jim, Alexandra, Cesya & Abrea Cuono & Mary Kritak

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Michael Dudish by Wife Catherine & Family

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas –Thank You to the Blessed Mother & all Mothers Who Have Touched my Life.

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

St. Nicholas

Helen Salak
Helen Seamon
Mary Mistishen
Joseph Luckenbill

Peter Kadingo
Jeanette Stock
Mary Kadingo

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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

Do not give up when you still have something to give.