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Sunday June 7th, 2015 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 6 th	3:30pm +Paul & +Margret Sawka by J. Sawka Family
Sunday, June 7 th	10:30am +Mary Luzusky & +Anna Lefchick by Irene & William McAndrew Parish Meeting with Archbishop Stefan immediately following Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, June 9 th	5:00pm +Patricia Lobichusky Boyle by Anne Kaczmarczyk Evans
Wednesday, June 10 th	5:00pm +Katherine Kumis & +Stephen Crepack
Friday, June 12 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, June 13 th	3:30pm +Annette Sawka by J. Sawka Family
Sunday, June 14 th	10:30am +Julia Dubiansky Hancher by Sister, Catherine Dudish & Family

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 6 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Florence Wapinski by Violet Twardzik & Family
Sunday, June 7 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People
Monday, June 8 th	8:00am +John & Julia Plasha by Marlene Plasha Dana & Family
Thursday, June 11 th	8:00am In Memory of +Elmer Gulas & Good Health for Elizabeth Gulas
Saturday, June 13 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Mary, +Rose & + Kathryn Porchick by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky
Sunday, June 14 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, June 6 th	Rom 2:10-16	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, June 7 th	Rom 2:10-16	Stephanie Rarick
Saturday, June 13 th	Rom 5:1-10	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, June 14 th	Rom 5:1-10	Sam Litwak

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, June 6 th	Rom 2:10-16	Christine Romanko
Sunday, June 7 th	Rom 2:10-16	Susan Miller
Saturday, June 13 th	Rom 5:1-10	Michael Prokop
Sunday, June 14 th	Rom 5:1-10	Lauralee Sadusky

Come as you are, but you won't leave as you were.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Welcome: Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka. We are blessed; His Grace will celebrate Divine Liturgy on Sunday at 10:30am here at St. Michael's. Let us come together as a congregation to worship with him.

Parish Meeting- Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka cordially invites all Parishioners of St. Michael's Church to a Parish Meeting on Sunday June 7th, immediately following 10:30am Divine Liturgy. His Grace wishes to share the plans and opportunities related to the upcoming repairs to St. Michael's. Archbishop Stefan will be available to answer your questions about this project, including costs, funds available and ways you can help support this effort. His Grace is looking forward to hearing your input prior to the beginning of this project. Please join us for this important event.

Healing Service- There will be a healing service immediately after 6:00pm Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, June 17th. Please join us for this time of prayer, forgiveness and healing.

Sick Calls – will be Thursday, June 11th 2015.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light- Dates Available 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23 & 8/30

Both Churches:



DEANERY YOUTH GATHERING: Join us for the Second Annual Deanery Youth Gathering on Sunday, July 12th at Knoebel's Amusement Resort. We had a great time last year and hope that you and your family can join us this year! Everyone from 6th grade through College are invited. Bring your friends, and don't forget your family to this fun filled event. Your day will begin at 11:00am at "Pavilion C". Lunch will be at 12 noon and we are excited about our speakers at 1:00pm. The day will conclude at 5:00pm with a prayer service & discussion. Blocks of time have been set aside for you & your friends to enjoy the park. Teens that participate will receive lunch & free ride tickets for the park. Ride tickets are available for families to purchase at a discounted price. The whole family is invited to join us for lunch, we're having hotdogs, hamburgers, barbeque, drinks and chips. We ask that each family please bring a dish to share with the group. Please, reserve your spot with your pastor by July 5th so we have an accurate head count for lunch. Everyone is responsible for their own transportation. For more information please see our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/southanthraciteyouth>. or call 570-462-0809 / 570-339-0650 Follow us on twitter @deaneryyouthorg. See you at the Knoebel's!

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'.

The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?' The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.

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.

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: stjbparch@comcast.net

INFORMATION NIGHT Did your child have a good school year? Was the year all you had hoped it would be? Trinity Academy will hold an informal question and answer session followed by a tour of the school on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the school lunchroom. All parents and students interested in visiting the school and learning more about what Trinity Academy has to offer are welcome. Faculty, staff, current parents and student ambassadors will be available to answer any questions parents or students may have regarding academics, registration and financial aid. Elementary students transferring into grades 1-8 receive \$1,500 in grants (\$1,000 in year 1 and \$500 in year 2). To register for the information session, call Christine Zuber Fannick, Advancement Director at (570) 462-3927.

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



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.

PLEASE LET US KNOW THIS WEEK IF YOU HAVE A GRADUATE

“A Christian who does not take the dimension of martyrdom seriously in life does not understand the road that Jesus has indicated.” *Pope Francis*

POPE FRANCIS

MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAE

Our wage from Jesus Tuesday, 26 May 2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 22, 29 May 2015)

A Christian's wage is bearing a "likeness to Jesus": there is no reward in cash or in power for one who truly follows the Lord, because the path is only that of service and giving freely. If we seek instead a "good deal" in worldly terms of "wealth, vanity and pride", our "head swells" and we bear "counter-testimony" in the Church. This is the temptation that Pope Francis cautioned against on Tuesday during Mass at Santa Marta.

The Pontiff's meditation was inspired by the day's Reading, taken from the Gospel according to Mark (10:28-31). It recounts the "dialogue between Peter and Jesus", which the Pope explained, takes place just after the encounter with "that young man who wanted to follow Jesus: he was good, Jesus loved him". However, the Lord "told him that he lacked one thing: that he should sell all he had" in order to give it "to the poor: 'you will have treasure in heaven'". But hearing those words, "that young man's countenance fell and he went away sorrowful".

Thus, the Pope continued, "Jesus resumes the discourse and says to his disciples: 'How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God'". And "the disciples were amazed at his words". But "Jesus resumes and says to them: 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God. It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God'".

Here we arrive at the passage from Tuesday's liturgy, with Peter assuring Jesus: "Lo, we have left everything and followed you". It is as if to say: "What about us? What will our wage be? We have left everything". In other words, "the rich who have left nothing — that young man who did not want to leave his possessions — will not enter the kingdom of God", but what about us? "What will our wage be?".

The issue, Francis pointed out, is that "the disciples half-understood Jesus, because knowing Jesus fully happened when the Holy Spirit came". In fact, Jesus responds to them: "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time", but these along "with persecutions". In other words, "Jesus responds by pointing in another direction" and not promising "the same riches that that young man had". Precisely in "having many brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, possessions is inheriting the kingdom, but with persecution, with the cross. And this changes".

Here is why, the Pope explained, "when a Christian is attached to possessions, he gives the bad impression of a Christian who wants to have two things: heaven and earth". And "the touchstone is exactly what Jesus says: the cross, persecutions, imply self-denial, enduring the cross every day".

For their part, "the disciples had this temptation: to follow Jesus, but then how will this good deal turn out?". And, Francis added, "let's think about James and John's mother, when she asked Jesus for a position for her sons: 'Ah, make this one prime minister for me, that one the minister of finance'". There was "worldly interest in following Jesus": but then "the heart of these disciples was purified, purified, purified until Pentecost, when they understood everything".

“Gratuitousness in following Jesus is the response to the gratuitous love and the salvation that Jesus gives us”, the Pontiff continued. “When one wants to follow both Jesus and the world, both poverty and wealth”, the outcome is “halfway Christianity, which seeks material gain: it is the spirit of worldliness”. And “that Christian, the Prophet Elijah said, ‘limps on two legs’ because ‘he doesn’t know what he wants’”.

Thus, Pope Francis indicated, “the key to understanding this discourse of Jesus — yes, a hundredfold more, but with the cross — is the last phrase: ‘many that are first will be last, and the last first’”. In other words, “the one that speaks of service: ‘One who believes himself to be, or who is the greatest among you, makes himself the servant: the smallest’”. By no coincidence, the Pope recalled, Jesus speaking these words “picked up that child and showed him”.

“Following Jesus from a human point of view is not a good deal: it means service”, the Pontiff continued. After all, that is exactly what “He did: and if the Lord gives you the chance to be first, you must behave as the last, that is, by serving. And if the Lord gives you the chance to have possessions, you must place them in service, that is, for others”.

“There are three things, three steps that separate us from Jesus: wealth, vanity and pride”, the Pope stated. This is why, he explained, “possessions are so dangerous: they lead you immediately to vanity, and you believe you are important”; but “when you believe you are important, your head swells and you become lost”. This is the reason that Jesus reminds us of the path: “many that are first will be last, and he who is first among you will make himself the servant of all”. It is “a path of divesting”, the same path that “He took”.

“For Jesus, this work of catecheses to the disciples cost a really great deal of time, because they didn’t understand well”. Thus today, Francis recommended, “we too must ask Him: teach us this path, this science of service, this science of humility, this science of being last in order to serve the brothers and sisters of the Church”.

The Pontiff described it as “unseemly to see a Christian — whether lay, consecrated, priest or bishop — who wants both things: to follow Jesus and possessions, to follow Jesus and worldliness”. It is “counter-testimony” which “separates people from Jesus”. Before continuing with the Eucharistic celebration, the Pope suggested more reflection on Peter’s question: “We have left everything: how are You going to pay us?”. Francis also reminded us remember Jesus’ response, because the pay “He will give us is the likeness to Him: this will be our ‘wage’”. And “likeness to Jesus”, he concluded, is a “great wage”.

BLESSING....

Blessing is a very common practice in the Ukrainian Church. The faithful are familiar with many blessings – food, houses, various objects as crosses and medals, and even personal blessing.

What do these blessings mean? Is the blessing of a house or car an “extra insurance policy?” Is it in fact safer than an “unblessed” house or car? There seems to be a strong dose of superstition in all of this.

Much of our thinking has its roots in pre- Christian times. For example, in primitive religions there was a strong idea of the “sacred” and the “profane.” Some places or objects were considered sacred or holy

in themselves; the rest was “worldly” or “profane.” To bless, in this context meant simply to transfer something from the realm of the “profane” to the “sacred.”

In a Christian view however, this distinction between sacred and profane falls apart. For the whole world and all that is in it has been created by God; and He said that it was all “good.” To bless something in this way of thinking means to acknowledge that it is truly “good,” from God. It means that we see this blessed object as coming from God and as a sign of His Presence among us. To bless then means to see things as they really are, as all coming from God.

The blessing or sanctifying of fruit, water, etc. means that these objects become a visible sign of God’s Presence in our lives. We can then “see beyond” the actual object to a whole new world of God’s Kingdom. For example, a wedding ring is not simply a “circular metallic object;” rather, it is a symbol; it leads us to the unseen intimate world of love given and received, of two lives fused into a mysterious unity. Such a ring leads us to a new world, lets us “see” more than our eyes actually take in. So also a blessed object leads us to see the world with new eyes, the whole world as God’s gift to us, the whole world as good.

Voice Mail

Be grateful God does not have voice mail. Imagine praying and hearing the following:

“Thank you for calling Heaven. Please select one of the following options.”

Press 1 for requests Press 2 for thanksgiving Press 3 for complaints

Press 4 for all other inquires

I’m sorry, all our angels and saints are busy helping other sinners right now. However your prayer is important to us, and we will answer it in the order in which it was received . Please stay on the line. If you would like to speak to : **God , press 1 Jesus, press 2 The Holy Spirit, press 3**

- If you would like to hear King David sing a Psalm while your holding, **press 4**
- To find the loved one that has been assigned to Heaven, press 5 , enter his or hers social security number , followed by the pound sign . (If you get a negative response , please hang up and try area code 666)
- For reservations to Heaven , please enter JOHN 3-1-6
- For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, age of the earth, life on other planets and where Noah’s Ark is , please wait till you arrive.
- Our computers show that you have already prayed once today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow.
- This office is now closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday.
- Please pray again on Monday after 9:30 AM. If you are calling after hours and need emergency assistance, please contact your local pastor.

Have a nice day.

Just Imagine that you had won the following prize in a Pennsylvania lottery contest: that each morning your bank would deposit \$50,000.00 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules, just as any game has certain rules.

The first set of rules would be: Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.

You may not simply transfer money into some other account. You may only spend it. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$50,000.00 for that day.

The second set of rules: the bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, it's over, the game is over! It can close the account and you will not receive a new one. What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all people you love, right? Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every cent, and use it all, right?

ACTUALLY, this GAME is REALITY! Each of us is in possession of such a magical bank though we just can't seem to see it.

The Magical Bank is "TIME"!

Each morning we awaken to receive 50,000 seconds as a gift of life, and when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us.

What we haven't lived up that day is forever lost. Yesterday is forever gone. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING.

So ... what will YOU do with your 50,000 seconds? Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars.

Think about that, and always think of this:

Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think. Take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

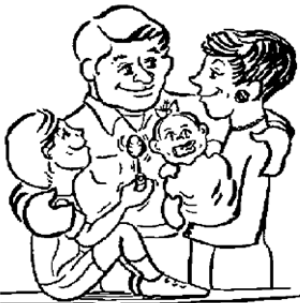
Remember the Men in Your Life on Father Day

Father's Day Intentions & Remembrances: *Deadline June 17th*

In Honor of (living)

In Remembrance of (deceased)

Given By



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-\$ 1,157.05 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contribution \$323.00 Cemetery \$ 40.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Mary, +Rose & +Kathryn Porchick by Mr. & Mrs Andrew Skrincosky

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Mary Spinelli by Nancy Sawka

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

4 Lamps of the Crucifix- –Thank You to our Heavenly Father & all Fathers Who Have Touched my Life.

Lamps of the Crucifix- In Memory of +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by Irene and William Mc Andrew

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

Lights of the Tabernacle- In Thankfulness for All the Blessings Upon My Family.

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 Kozie

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

Laura Seasock

Anna Skrincosky

Catherine Washuta

Elizabeth Gulas

Joseph Salak

Jim Rehnert

Walter Mistishen

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

Words have wings so speak good things