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**Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by William & Irene McAndrew  
 Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 10:30am God's Blessings on His People  
 Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00am +Katherine Kumis & +Stephen Crepack  
 Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm Special Intentions for Lisa, Michael, Rickie & Sarah by Mett  
 6:30 Prayer Meeting  
 Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
*Dormition of the Theotokos*  
**Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Gods Blessings on His People & Blessing of Flowers & Herbs**  
 Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm +Anna Mellon by Niece, Paula Sawka  
 Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 10:30am +Bishop Walter Paska

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary  
 5:30pm +Robert J. Wojcik Sr. by Janet Ostrosky  
 Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 8:30am +Mary Cheripka by Linda & George Cheripka  
 Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 8:00am +John Zubar by Legacy Liturgy  
 Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 8:00am +Helen Seamon by Florence Butcavage  
*Dormition of the Theotokos*  
**Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary & Blessing of Flowers & Herbs**  
 5:30pm +Rita Rehnert by James & Anna Rehnert  
 Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm +Rita Rehnert by James & Anna Rehnert  
 Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30am +God's Blessings on His People

**St. Michael's Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, August 8 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 9:2-12	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, August 9 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 9:2-12	Paul Caputo
Friday, August 14 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Holy Day	Phil 2:5-11	Charles Calise/ Sam Litwak
Saturday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 15:1-11	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, August 16 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 15:1-11	Charles Calise

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, August 8 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 9:2-12	Andrew Skrincoosky
Sunday, August 9 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 9:2-12	Leeann Smulligan
Saturday, August 15 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am Holy Day	Phil 2:5-11	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 15:1-11	Christine Romanko
Sunday, August 16 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 15:1-11	Susan Miller

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

### **St. Michael:**

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**Construction update:** Construction is starting here at St. Michael's. Please be careful around the scaffolding and construction materials. If you have any questions, please contact the rectory.

### **St. Nicholas:**

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**Sanctuary Light** – Dates available 8/30, 9/6, 9/20, & 9/27

### **Both Churches:**

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**Food for the poor-** THANK YOU for all the recent donations. Please, continue to donate to our food pantry. 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

**CHICKEN & HALUPKI DINNER** - St. Nicholas Church is sponsoring a Chicken & Halupki dinner on Sunday, August 23rd from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Dinner includes...chicken, halupki, mashed potatoes, filling, corn & roll \$10.00/platter....EAT IN OR TAKE-OUT. ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY...call 570-544-4581

**Ukrainian Festival-** August 15th & 16th at the Ukrainian Homestead at 1230 Beaver Run Dr. Lehighton. Traditional Ukrainian Foods, Folk Art & Exhibitions, Games, Swimming, Gift & Craft Vendors, Innesa Tymochko-Dekajlo, Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, Iskra Ukrainian Ensemble. Admission \$5 one day \$7 to day Ages 14 and under FREE

**WGRC Day at Knoebels** – Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 starting at 2:00pm at Knoebels located near Routes 54 & 487 in Elysburg. Join them for a day of Music, Games, & Giveaways. With featured entertainment from Christian Juggler & Evangelist Jesse Joyner, The Michael Sweigard Band, Lauren Yost & Saline, & National Artist Danny Gokey. For more details go to [www.WGRC.com](http://www.WGRC.com)

**Knights of Columbus Live Broadcast-** If you missed the live broadcast of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Philadelphia with Archbishop Stefan Soroka you can see it on Catholic TV at [www.catholictv.com/shows/knights-columbus/divine-liturgy-133rd-supreme-convention](http://www.catholictv.com/shows/knights-columbus/divine-liturgy-133rd-supreme-convention)

**SISTERS OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT ANNUAL FOX CHASE PILGRIMAGE,** SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 The Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, Fox Chase Manor, Pa invite the Ukrainian Catholic hierarchy, the clergy, the religious communities and the faithful to join us in celebrating The Year of the Family and The year of Consecrated Life at our annual pilgrimage, Sunday, October 4, 2015. Please mark your calendar!

**World Meeting of Families –Philadelphia 2015 – Registration Open** Mark your family calendar for the 8th World Meeting of Families. Philadelphia is proud to welcome families from around the world to this event on September 22-27, 2015. Registration is now open. Families can look forward to speakers, celebrations, activities for kids, and prayer, all of which will bring renewal and transformation for you, your loved ones, and the world. Visit the official World Meeting of Families website at [WorldMeeting2015.org](http://WorldMeeting2015.org) to learn more. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

**God loves Baseball! Genesis says “In the big inning...”**

## A Nun Grading Papers

Kids were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following statements about the Bible were written by children. they have not been retouched or corrected. incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. In the first book of the Bible, guinessis, God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.
2. David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. he fought the finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a jezebel like delilah.
5. Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles.
6. Moses led the Jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
7. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. afterwards, Moses went up to mount cyanide to get the ten commandments.
8. The first commandments was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
9. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
10. Moses died before he ever reached Canada then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
11. The greatest miricle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
12. Adam and eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.
13. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
14. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the magna carta.
15. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manager.
16. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
17. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.
18. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. he also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.
19. It was a miricle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
20. The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels. The epistels were the wives of the apostles.
21. One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
22. St. Paul cavorted to Christianity, he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marraige.
23. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

## POPE FRANCIS

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

### *Listen first - Thursday, 25 June 2015*

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 30, 24 July 2015)

How can you recognize a Christian? By her attitude. During Mass at Santa Marta on Thursday, Pope Francis commented on the Gospel passage from the liturgy of the day, likening the image of the house built on rock to the everyday life of the faithful.

The Holy Father began by pointing out that the passage from Matthew (7:21-29) concludes “a series of catecheses that Jesus gives to the people” and that the people following the Lord are “astonished”, because “he taught them as one with authority, and not like their scribes”. Francis immediately drew from it a lesson for everyone: “people know when a priest, a bishop, a catechist, a Christian, has that consistency which gives them authority”, when he “really knows how to discern”.

After all, in an earlier passage, Jesus himself “admonishes his disciples, the people, everyone: ‘Beware of false prophets’”. The correct word, “although it is a neologism”, the Pope said, would be “pseudo-prophets”. These pseudo-prophets “resemble little sheep, good sheep, but they are predatory wolves”. The Gospel Reading recalls precisely the verse in which Jesus explains how to discern “where the true preachers of the Gospel are, and where are those who preach a gospel which is not the Gospel”.

There are, the Pope explained, “three key words to understanding this: speak, do, and listen”. Regarding “speaking”, Jesus states: “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven”. He continues: “On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’”. However, he will respond to them: “I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers”.

Why is there this opposition? Because, the Pontiff said, “these people speak, they do”, but they lack “another attitude, which is very basic, which is actually the foundation of speaking, of doing”: they don’t “listen”. Indeed, Jesus continues: “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them...”. Therefore, “the speak-listen binomial isn’t enough” — in fact, it can even be deceiving. The correct binomial is another one: it is “listening and doing, putting into practice”. Sure enough, Jesus tells us: “Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock. Then the rain falls and the winds blow, but the house remains firm, because it is a house of stone, built on rock”. However, “one who hears the words but does not make them his own, who lets them pass, that is, he doesn’t take them seriously and doesn’t put them into practice, will be like a man who builds upon sand”.

Here then is the key to recognizing false prophets: “You will know them by their fruits”. In other words, the Pope said, “by their attitude: so many words, they speak, they are prodigious, they do great things but their heart is not open to hear the Word of God, they are afraid of the silence of the Word of God”. These are “pseudo-Christians, pseudo-pastors”, who “do good things” but “the rock is missing”.

The Collect prayer of the day declaims: “You never abandon those who trust in the rock of your love”. But these “pseudo-Christians”, instead, lack “the rock of God’s love, the rock of the Word of God”.

And, Francis added, “without this rock they cannot build: they are pretending, because in the end it all falls”.

These are “pseudo-pastors, worldly pastors, the pastors or Christians who talk too much”, said the Pope. Perhaps it’s because “they are afraid of silence” and “perhaps they do too much”. They are incapable of acting from the standpoint “of listening”; they operate starting from themselves, “not from God”.

Thus, the Pope summarized, “one who simply speaks and acts, is not a true prophet, is not a true Christian, and in the end everything will fall”, because “it is not on the rock of God’s love, it is not ‘made of stone’”. On the other hand, “one who knows how to listen and from listening, does, with the strength of the word of another, not her own”, this one “remains firm like the rock: although she is a humble person, who doesn’t seem important”, she is great. And “how many of these great ones there are in the Church!”, the Pope emphasized, adding: “How many great bishops, how many great priests, how many great faithful who know how to listen and from listening, do!”.

Pope Francis also drew a modern-day example in the figure of Teresa of Calcutta, who “heard the Lord’s voice: she didn’t speak, and in the silence she knew how to listen”, and therefore, how to act. “She did so much”, the Pontiff said. And like the house built on rock, “neither she nor her work fell”. From her witness we understand that “the great ones know how to listen and from listening, they do. For their faith and their strength” stand “on the rock of the love of Jesus Christ”.

The Pope concluded his meditation by connecting it to the Eucharistic celebration that was to follow. He recalled how the liturgy uses “the strong, firm altar of stone” as a “symbol of Jesus”. Upon this altar Jesus becomes “weak, he is a piece of bread” given to all. The Lord “became weak” to make us strong. “May he accompany us in this celebration”, Francis prayed, “and teach us to listen and to do”, and to do beginning “from listening, not from our own words”.

**Introduction:** On May 13, 1981 an assassin's bullet ripped through the stomach of Pope John Paul II, and initiated a trial of suffering that lasted , several months, required multiple surgeries, was complicated by a viral infection, and required two lengthy hospital stays. Yet through this ordeal Pope John Paul II maintained a positive spirit, and demonstrated ongoing concern for others and for the Church. Whereas many would have, bemoaned their fate, Pope John Paul II confessed, "One hand fired, and another one guided the bullet.' For him there is no doubt about the protection which saved him from death... <sup>1</sup>

How people respond to the difficulties they encounter in life is a theme of these readings. We see God's people confronted with difficult situations, situations which most of us would call major problems. 'For instance, Ezekiel was given the very difficult task of trying to communicate with obstinate and rebellious people~ Paul faced a different problem, he " experienced a physical malady that some think was an eye disease, which hindered and limited his freedom to serve Christ. These problems, which are similar to ones we confront, reinforce the reality that a Christian believer is not immune to difficulties. On the contrary, they demonstrate that sometimes a believer's problems are multiplied by virtue of being a believer.

The issue we must face when we encounter problems is whether we view them as obstacles or opportunities, and whether we view ourselves as victims or victors. In honesty we must confess that

frequently these situations are viewed primarily as obstacles wherein we do not see the opportunities, but only see ourselves as being victimized by unpleasant circumstances. The perspective which we need in order to change the way we view difficult circumstances, is faith, faith in the goodness of God and faith in the power of God to help.

We see in this Gospel reading that people's obstinate unwillingness to trust in Jesus created a situation where they could not experience Christ's power. They had the unfortunate inclination to view Jesus' power in light of their own limitations. However, for God's children life's problems are really opportunities for us to exercise our faith. As our faith is exercised it is made stronger through the process, and we experience Christ's power in new and unusual ways. Ezekiel couldn't be obedient and at the same time sit around and bemoan his job assignment. He had to believe that God knew what was best and in faith proceed with the assignment given him. Paul, utilized his faith to ask for deliverance from his malady, and when God said, "No," Paul used his faith not to simply surrender stoically to his condition, but to glory in it, looking to see how God's grace would be magnified through his life *because* of his sickness. Their faith in God's love and power enabled them to recognize, as did John Paul", that in reality another hand, God's, directed their lives. When we view the difficulties and complications that enter our lives as wonderful opportunities to experience God's love, grace, and power, we will find ourselves at peace, energized to do what we can, and amazed at the miracles God works in us and on our behalf.

"For this reason, Jesus did not hesitate to proclaim the blessedness of those who suffer: 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.'"

"This blessedness can only be understood if one admits that human life is not limited to our time spent on earth, but is wholly directed to perfect joy and fullness of life in the hereafter. Earthly suffering, when accepted in love, is like a bitter kernel containing the seed of new life, the treasure of divine glory to be given humanity in eternity.... It is this hope that is nourished by Christ's promise."<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Be Not Afraid*, by Andre Frossard. <sup>2</sup> *Go in Peace*, by Pope John Paul II, (page 171).

### **Ezekiel 2:2-5**

<sup>2</sup>As he spoke to me, spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, al heard the one who was speaking <sup>3</sup> say to me: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their fathers have revolted against me to this very day.<sup>4</sup> Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD! <sup>5</sup> And whether they heed or resist- for they are a rebellious house----they shall know that a prophet has been among them."

*Different temperaments would respond to this assignment in different ways. "How would you have responded?"*

*What provision did God make for Ezekiel to fulfill this assignment?*

## **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> ••• Therefore, that I might not become too elated, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; 'for when I am weak, then I am strong.

*How have you seen God glorified through someone's problems and difficulties?*

*What attitude or belief is at the heart of Paul's contentment?*

## **Mark 6:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> He departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. <sup>2</sup> When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, many who heard him were astonished. They said, where did this all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty de wrought by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

<sup>4</sup> Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." <sup>5</sup> So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. <sup>6</sup> He was amazed at their lack of faith. He went around to the villages in the vicinity teaching.

*What do you think the maxim "familiarity breeds contempt" gas to say about the human heart?*

*Why do you think people take offense at Jesus' words and works?*

*When are we vulnerable to making the same mistake of responding to the words and works of God with skepticism and unbelief?*

*What do you do in response to those close to you who reject attempts to share your faith?*

## **HYMN # 365**

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

With even greater emphasis he said, 'And if I had All the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.'

Sermon complete, he sat down..

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, 'For our closing song, Let us sing Hymn #365, 'Shall We Gather at the River.'

## 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.

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## Weekly Contributions

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**Parishes Weekly Income:** **St. Michael:** Contributions - \$777.25 Cemetery \$10.00 Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contributions \$905.00 Cemetery \$120.00 Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas-** In Memory of +Fred & Cecelia Bremer by Bernadette Bremer & Family

**Sanctuary Light: St. Michael-** In Memory of +Anna Mellon by Niece, Paula Sawka

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

**4 Lamps of the Iconostas –.** Thank You to our Heavenly Father & all Fathers 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-** In Thankfulness for All the Blessings Bestowed 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  
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Mustard Seeds by M. Kelly & The Church Signs Calendar 2015

**2015 years ago Heaven touched the earth.  
The rest is "His story."**