

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 ~ 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm God's Blessings & Health for Irene Flaherty by Betty Ann Bugden & Staff
<b>Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00am God's Blessings on His People (please note time change this week only)</b>
Tuesday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm God's Blessings & Good Health for Ellen Krajcirik by Theresa Krajcirik
Wednesday, November 18 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm 40 <sup>th</sup> day +Fr. Thaddeus Krawchuk. <i>Healing Service immediately following Divine Liturgy</i>
Friday November 20 <sup>th</sup>	NO DIVINE LITURGY
Saturday, November 21 <sup>st</sup>	3:30pm +Frank Sacco by Zukovich & Sacco Families
Sunday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30am God's Blessings on His People

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Frank Homa Jr. by Jeanette & Thomas Stock
<b>Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00am 40<sup>th</sup> Day +Joseph Lutzkanin by Family ( please note time change this week only)</b>
Monday, November 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am +Msgr. Peter Skrincosky by Adam & Greg Skrincosky
Thursday, November 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am +Elmer Gulas by Daniel & Pat Paukstis
Saturday, November 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Louis & +Anna Zucal by Bernadette Bremer & Family
Sunday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30am Wedding Anniversary Remembrance for +Walter & + Julia Salak by their Children

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

Saturday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Eph 4:1-6	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Eph 4:1-6	Stephanie Rarick
Saturday, November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Eph 5:9-19	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Eph 5:9-19	Sam Litwak

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Eph 4:1-6	Mike Prokop
Sunday, November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Eph 4:1-6	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Eph 5:9-19	David Toth
Sunday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Eph 5:9-19	Leeann Smulligan

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

### **St. Michael:**

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**Construction update:** 11/12/15 They will continue to work on the Church roof (weather permitting). The windows are going to be installed in the dome (weather permitting) The electrical work is continuing. Please be careful around the scaffolding and construction equipment. If you have any questions, please contact the rectory

**Candles for the 2016** year are now available, the signup sheet for the Sanctuary Light ( donation \$15.00) is now in the back of the Church. If you are interested in the Tetrapod (donation \$6.00) Iconostas ( donation \$12.00) Crucifix (donation \$6.00) or the Tabernacle Lamps ( donation \$30.00) Please contact the rectory .

**Pierogie Sale-** A huge **Thank You** to all who donated their time to this month's pierogie sale. As always your help is appreciated. The profit for this sale is \$1,395.30. Thanks Again!

**Pierogie Sale** will be Monday December 7th. We appreciate any time you are able to give to help with this fundraiser. We are sold out for this sale. This will be the last sale for 2015. The next sale will be in February.

**Healing Liturgy-** A Healing Liturgy will be held on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at St. Michaels.

**A Visit From Santa** – Santa will be at the Shenandoah Park Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. A horse and trolley ride to and from the park is available from the DSI headquarters.

**Help Needed-** Your help selling American Girl Raffle Tickets would be appreciated. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. If you are able to sell even a few please see Steffy Rarick or Msgr. to get tickets. The other way you can help is to re-post this event on your Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/St-Michael-Ukrainian-Greek-Catholic-Church-303181639802144/> If anyone needs tickets they can also call the rectory, the drawing is scheduled for Thanksgiving Day. Please help us with this fundraiser. Thank you.

### **St. Nicholas:**

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**St. Nicholas Banquet-** The annual St. Nicholas Dinner will be on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00noon. The dinner will be prepared and served by the TNT Deli Staff. The menu will be roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cole slaw, bread & butter. St. Nick will highlight the affair for the children & lucky adults. Donation \$12.00 adults. Children 12years and under are free. Tickets can be purchased by calling Janet Buchinsky at 570-622-4463. We are required to have a minimum of 50 guests to utilize the caterer. Please make your purchase of tickets by Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> .

**Sanctuary Light-** Reservations for the Sanctuary Candle for “2016” may be submitted at your convenience. Envelopes for this special offering are available in the vestibule of our church.

**Memorial-** Correction – Donations Received from the following friends are in memory of +William Covach. Michael & Dolores Kastroba, Catherine Szalku, Berks Packing Company, and Mrs. Eleanor Stefansky. Additionally, Donations have been offered In Memory of +William Covach from Mary T. Obrien and Barbara & Dean Padfield

### **Both Churches:**

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**Rectory Office Hours-** Due to a family emergency the rectory office will only be open for limited hours for the next few weeks. Please call the office before coming down to avoid an unnecessary trip. Please feel free to leave a message or send an email during this time. Emails & phone messages will be checked on a daily basis. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

**Liturgy requests for 2016 will be taken as of November 1st.** Please contact the rectory during normal business hours, submit a request in writing, or email a request to [stmichaelsukrainian@verizon.net](mailto:stmichaelsukrainian@verizon.net)

**Trinity Academy 10th Anniversary Lottery Calendar** Are you looking for a unique gift or stocking stuffer? Do you like to try your luck with the lottery? Trinity Academy has a great solution. 2016 Annual Lottery Calendars are on sale now! You can purchase a 3 digit number for \$25 and have 365 chances to win. Prizes are as follows : \$25 each week day and \$50 on weekends. The third Sunday of each month will have a prize of \$100. A special prize of \$250 will be awarded to the winning number on June 10, 2016 in celebration of the completion of Trinity Academy 's 10th school year. Tickets can be purchased from any student or at the school office. Please call 570-462-3927

**Coach Purse Bingo** featuring Michael Kors- Trinity Academy at 233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah, will be hosting a Coach Purse Bingo with 4 special games featuring Michael Kors purses on Sunday, November 15th, 2015. Cost is \$25 per ticket and since space is limited. ALL seat holders must purchase a ticket. Doors open at 12 noon, bingo begins at 2:00 p.m. Pre-Sale tickets are available by calling the school at (570) 462-3927 or by stopping at school office. Kitchen will also be open with plenty of great food for purchase. All proceeds benefit Trinity Academy at the Father Walter J. Education Center.

**Food for the poor-** Please, help by donating 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.

**Nuremberg Community Players Present-** “The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus” Saturday and Sunday December 5th & 6th. At the theater located at 283 Hazle St. in Nuremberg. Show starts at 2pm, Tickets are \$10.00 and will include a visit from Santa! For more info or to make reservations please call (570) 276-6263

### **American Girl Doll ® Sports Basket Raffle**

**Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00**

**Drawing** to be held Thanksgiving Day. You need not be present to win.

**Basket includes: American Girl Doll Outfits - 2 in 1 Ice skating set - F1729-RF1A: Basketball outfit- F5173-RF1A :2 in 1 Track outfit - F5185-RF1A :Soccer outfit - V6037-RF1A 2-1 :Cheer Gear - G0659-RF1A \$198.00 list price (Dolls not included)**

**These outfits fit other dolls of the same size .**

***Tickets are now available after Liturgy or call the rectory at 570-462-0809***



### **God's Golden Rule:**

*Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. Matthew 7:12*

This Gospel text is one of the hardest sayings of Jesus. There are more dramatic sayings such as: *If your right hand causes you to sin cut it off.* There are even more challenging sayings; *Love one another as I have loved you.* But the dramatic sayings we can tend to pass over because they seem a bit exaggerated. The theological statements can tend to stay ethereal in our lives. However, today's hard saying you just can't get around. In effect, Jesus is saying we need to reflect on what we'd love to have others do for us, and then get up, go and figure out how to give this very thing to them.

I don't know about you , but sometimes , a lot of times , I'm just too tired to be thinking of how to amaze others with the love and kindness I wish they gave to me. Or think that someone else doesn't deserve that attention. Today's saying is hard because it is concrete. You just can't get around it because it is so doable and so real. *Sr. Katheryn James Hermes E.S.P.*

# POPE FRANCIS

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

*Like a mother hen* - Thursday, 29 October 2015

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 45, 30 November 2015)

“With the tenderness of a father”. In Pope Francis’ homily during Mass at Santa Marta on Thursday, he reiterated a certainty: God can’t help but love us. He cannot “break away from us”. We can reject his love, but he waits for us, “he does not condemn us”, but instead he suffers when we are separated from him.

The Pope’s meditation began with the passage from the Letter to the Romans (8:31-39) in which St Paul “summarizes everything that he had explained about our salvation, about the gift of God within us, which was given to us by the Lord”. The Pope noted that the Apostle’s account appears “somewhat ‘victorious’, as if to say: “We won the match!”. It is a certainty expressed in a number of observations: “If God is for us, who could be against us? If God gave us this gift, and we have it, no one can prevail against us. Who shall bring any charge against us? Who is to condemn?”. Pope Francis added that it seems “this strong assurance of victory” was something Paul had “in his hands, as a possession”, as if to say: “Now we are ‘champions!’”. In fact, he says: “In all these things we are more than victors”.

However, the Pope warned, perhaps the Apostle “wanted to tell us something more profound” and not simply that we are the victors, “because we have this gift in hand, but because of something else”. Because of what? The answer lies in the following passage of Paul’s letter, where the Apostle “begins to reason in this way: ‘I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord’”. The Pontiff explained that it is not “that we are victors over our enemies, over sin”; rather, it is true that “we are so attached to God’s love, that no person, no power, nothing can separate us from this love”.

Therefore, in that “gift of re-creation”, of “rebirth in Christ Jesus”, Paul saw more: “he who gives the gift”. Paul saw “the love of God, an inexplicable love”. The Pope’s reflection then touched upon the daily life of a Christian. “Every man and woman”, he said, “can refuse the gift and say: ‘I do not want it! I prefer my vanity, my pride, my sin...’. But the gift is there!”. That gift “is the love of God, a God who cannot break away from us”. This, the Pope added, “is God’s ‘powerlessness’. We say ‘God is powerful, he can do all things!’, except for one: be separated from us!”.

This concept is so great that it requires exemplification, which the Pope offered by recalling a biblical image: Jesus weeping over Jerusalem — an image which “helps us to understand something about this love”. In Jesus’ tears, the Pope explained, was “the whole of God’s powerlessness: his inability to refrain from loving”, his inability “to be separated from us”. In the Gospel of Luke (13:34-35) we read Jesus’ lament over the city: “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you”. It is a lament, the Pope said, which the Lord addresses not only to the city but to everyone, using “an image of tenderness: ‘How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!’”. As if to say: “How often I wanted to express this tenderness, this love, as a hen with her brood, and you refused...”.

This is why Paul, having understood this, “can say he is convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else can separate us from this love”. The Pope reiterated that God, in fact, “cannot help but love. This is our security”.

It is a security that affects everyone, with no exceptions whatsoever. The Pope added that “I can reject this love”, but that would mean choosing to be like the good thief who rejected love “until the end of his life”, and there at the end “love was waiting for him”. Even the man who is “the most wicked, the worst blasphemer, is loved by God with the tenderness of a father, of a dad”, and, to use Jesus’ words, “as a hen with her brood”.

Summarizing his meditation, the Pope said: “the mighty God, the Creator, can do all things”; yet “God weeps” and “in those tears” is all of his love. The Pope said, in his concluding words, “God weeps over me, when I am separated from him; God weeps over each of us; God weeps for those wicked ones, who do so many bad things, so much harm to humanity...”. Indeed, he “he waits, he does not condemn, and he cries. Why? Because he loves!”.

## **God Provides**

It happened every Friday evening, almost without fail, when the sun resembled a giant orange and was starting to dip into the blue ocean. Old Ed came strolling along the beach to his favorite pier. Clutched in his bony hand was a bucket of shrimp. Ed walks out to the end of the pier, where it seems he almost has the world to himself. The glow of the sun is a golden bronze now.

Everybody's gone, except for a few joggers on the beach. Standing out on the end of the pier, Ed is alone with his thoughts...and his bucket of shrimp.

Before long, however, he is no longer alone. Up in the sky a thousand white dots come screeching and squawking, winging their way toward that lanky frame standing there on the end of the pier.

Before long, dozens of seagulls have enveloped him, their wings fluttering and flapping wildly. Ed stands there tossing shrimp to the hungry birds. As he does, if you listen closely, you can hear him say with a smile, 'Thank you. Thank you.'

In a few short minutes the bucket is empty. But Ed doesn't leave.

He stands there lost in thought, as though transported to another time and place.

When he finally turns around and begins to walk back toward the beach, a few of the birds hop along the pier with him until he gets to the stairs, and then they, too, fly away. And old Ed quietly makes his way down to the end of the beach and on home.

If you were sitting there on the pier with your fishing line in the water, Ed might seem like 'a funny old duck,' as my dad used to say. Or, to onlookers, he's just another old codger, lost in his own weird world, feeding the seagulls with a bucket full of shrimp.

To the onlooker, rituals can look either very strange or very empty. They can seem altogether unimportant ... maybe even a lot of nonsense.

Old folks often do strange things, at least in the eyes of Boomers and Busters.



Most of them would probably write Old Ed off, down there in Florida. That's too bad. They'd do well to know him better.

His full name: Eddie Rickenbacker. He was a famous hero in World War I, and then he was in WWII. On one of his flying missions across the Pacific, he and his seven-member crew went down. Miraculously, all of the men survived, crawled out of their plane, and climbed into a life raft.

Captain Rickenbacker and his crew floated for days on the rough waters of the Pacific. They fought the sun. They fought sharks. Most of all, they fought hunger and thirst. By the eighth day their rations ran out. No food. No water. They were hundreds of miles from land and no one knew where they were or even if they were alive. Every day across America millions wondered and prayed that Eddie Rickenbacker might somehow be found alive.

**The men adrift needed a miracle. That afternoon they had a simple devotional service and prayed for a miracle.** They tried to nap. Eddie leaned back and pulled his military cap over his nose. Time dragged on. All he could hear was the slap of the waves against the raft...

Suddenly, Eddie felt something land on the top of his cap. It was a seagull!

Old Ed would later describe how he sat perfectly still, planning his next move. With a flash of his hand and a squawk from the gull, he managed to grab it and wring its neck. He tore the feathers off, and he and his starving crew made a meal of it - a very slight meal for eight men. Then they used the intestines for bait. With it, they caught fish, which gave them food and more bait . . . and the cycle continued. With that simple survival technique, they were able to endure the rigors of the sea until they were found and rescued after 24 days at sea.

Eddie Rickenbacker lived many years beyond that ordeal, but he never forgot the sacrifice of that first life-saving seagull... And he never stopped saying, 'Thank you.' That's why almost every Friday night he would walk to the end of the pier with a bucket full of shrimp and a heart full of gratitude. *Reference: (Max Lucado, "In The Eye of the Storm", pp..221, 225-226)*

Eddie Rickenbacker was the founder of Eastern Airlines. Before WWI he was race car driver. In WWI he was a pilot and became America's first ace. In WWII he was an instructor and military adviser, and he flew missions with the combat pilots. Eddie Rickenbacker is a true American hero. And now you know another story about the trials and sacrifices that brave men have endured for your freedom.

*It is a great story that many don't know...You've got to be careful with old guys; you just never know what they have done during their lifetime.*

**Live simply. Love generously.  
Care deeply. Speak kindly.  
Leave the rest to God.**



## **SAINT JOSAPHAT- *That all Might be One***

St. Josaphat Kuntsevych, OSBM, Archbishop of Polotsk and Martyr, was born around 1580 in Wolodymyr Ukraine. As a teenager he was interested in Church matters, often to the detriment of his business duties. After his father's death in 1604, John Kuntsevych entered the Basilian Holy Trinity monastery in Vilna; he took the religious name of Josaphat. During the summer of 1609 Josaphat was ordained a priest. In 1617 Josaphat was nominated much against his will, Bishop of Polotsk.

In 1620 an event occurred which made Josaphat's position very difficult. Until then the Orthodox Church had no organized hierarchy in the area. But in 1620, under Kozak's protection, the Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, on a trip through eastern Europe, ordained a metropolitan and five bishops for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. (It is interesting to note that the Jerusalem Patriarch had no jurisdiction to do this and met from resistance from other Orthodox jurisdictions.) The Catholic bishops found themselves for the first time faced with organized opposition. The government was willing to withdraw its support from the Ukrainian Catholic Church for the sake of peace within the country. Specifically, the government needed Kozak's help to fight the Turks.

On Sunday, November 12, 1623, a crowd (without the blessing of any Orthodox bishop) gathered outside Josaphat's residence in Vitebsk, one of the towns under his ecclesiastical jurisdiction. Josaphat was in residence preparing to celebrate Matins and Divine Liturgy. He came out to meet the angry crowd. But the instigators shouted: "Kill him!" and one of them sank an ax into his head.

Some of the immediate effects of his martyrdom were; the conversion of most of his killers and the strengthening of the Church union in the country. But most significant and more important was the discharge of tension between Catholic and Orthodox, leading to cooperation

### **From the desk of Deacon Michael:**

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

When chemists die, they barium.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words..

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

Broken pencils are pointless.

**Do the right thing, even when nobody is looking.**

**We all have baggage. It's time to unpack.**

## 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 - \$ 1,672.57 Building Donation \$10,000.00  
Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contributions \$628.00 Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas-** In Memory of +Frank Homa Jr. by Wife, Dorothy

**Sanctuary Light: St. Michael-** Special Intentions of Michael & Debbie Pytak by Joe & Andrea Pytak

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

**4 Lamps of the Iconostas –** God's Blessings on St. Michael's & our construction project.

**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

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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

**Don't pray for a light load- pray for a strong back.**