

**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, July 10<sup>th</sup> 2016: 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

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**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, July 9 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm +Mary & +Charles Lazusky by Bill & Irene McAndrew <b>Vocation Icon at St. Michael's</b>
Sunday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am +Joseph Lesko by Wife, Mary & Family
Tuesday, July 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am In Celebration of the 30 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fufla by Charles Calise Jr. & Helen O'Connell
Wednesday, July 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm +Peter & + Johnny Lefchick by Charles & Francis Lazusky & Family – <b>Prayer &amp; Healing Service welcoming the Vocation Icon</b>
Friday, July 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, July 16 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm +Michael P Bereschak by Sisters, Mary & Helen
Sunday, July 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am +Margaret Litwak by Husband, Michael

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, July 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Bishop John Stock by Stock & Kubeika Families
Sunday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am God's Blessings on His People
Monday, July 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am +Olga Kulka by the Alissi Family
Thursday, July 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am +Mary Toth by Elizabeth Jansson
Saturday, July 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Eva & +Harry Sr. Chacho by Anna & Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, July 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am God's Blessings on His People

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

Saturday, July 9 <sup>th</sup>	1Cor 1:10-18	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>	1Cor 1:10-18	Sam Litwak
Saturday, July 16 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 3:9-17	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, July 17 <sup>th</sup>	1Cor 3:9-17	Michelle Caputo

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, July 9 <sup>th</sup>	1Cor 1:10-18	Christine Romanko
Sunday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>	1Cor 1:10-18	Lauralee Sadusky
Saturday, July 16 <sup>th</sup>	1 Cor 3:9-17	David Toth
Sunday, July 17 <sup>th</sup>	1Cor 3:9-17	Dolores Sadusky

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

### ***St. Michael:***

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**Sanctuary Light**- Available Dates 8/7, 9/11, 9/18 & 9/25. If you are interested in these candles, please sign up at the back of the Church.

**You can help- and it'll just cost \$1.00.** We are trying to put together a lottery board to raffle off in the next month. To do this we are asking that people please donate a ticket or a few to help us cover the board. The more we have – the more we'll raise. And for those who don't want to buy the tickets, we'll be happy to do it for you. Just see Steffy or Father for details or to drop off tickets. Thanks for your help with this fundraiser.

### ***St. Nicholas:***

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**Sanctuary Light** – Available Dates- 7/17, 7/31, 9/4 & 9/18.

**Email:** St Nicholas has a new email address- [stnicholasc@verizon.net](mailto:stnicholasc@verizon.net)

**Condolences** – Our Sister in Christ, Jeanette Stock was born to eternal life on July 1, 2016. We express our deepest sympathies to her family, and we commend her soul to your prayers. In blessed sleep, may the Lord grant eternal rest to His ever-to-be-remembered servant, Jeannette, and make her memory everlasting. Veechnaya pamyat'!

### ***Both Churches:***

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**UKRAINIAN DAY MEETING:** The first planning meeting for the upcoming 82nd Annual Ukrainian Day is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Hall in Frackville beginning at 7:00PM.** We will review the progress to date, and confirm parish work assignments at that time.

### **Seminary Day:**

**Baskets** Each parish is being asked to donate 4 to 5 baskets. If you are able to donate a basket, or new, unused items or gift cards that can be used in baskets, please leave them in the back of the church, or contact the rectory. Thank you.

**Raffle Tickets** are available at the back of the church. Please return ticket stubs and money in the envelope provided. Each envelope contains one book of tickets. Take as many as you like. Your help in selling these tickets is appreciated.

**Baked Goods-** are needed for Seminary Day- You may drop them off at the at the fairgrounds Sunday morning July 31<sup>st</sup>. Or arrange to bring them by the rectory- and we will make sure they get there.

**Help Needed** - Help will be needed to Set up & Clean –up the Seminary Day Picnic Grounds. Set up will be Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00am and Clean- up will be Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 9:00 am. Your help is appreciated .

**Work Schedules-** Each year every parish is asked to help at Seminary Day. We will have the confirmed schedule on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Please set aside some time on July 31<sup>st</sup> to help.

**Food:** Each parish will be responsible for providing food for the event. Help will be needed to prepare these dishes. As soon as we know when we will prepare these dishes we will let you know.

**Artist Sale** – Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm to 6:00pm & Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 1:30pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Hall 41 S Market St, Mount Carmel.( Sr. Citizen's Center) Featured Artist- Award Winning Mark Sassani. For More information call – 570-339-1031

**EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION** Visiting Icon: The Vocation Icon will be visiting our Deanery. The Vocation Icon will be traveling throughout our entire Archeparchy with the two-fold purpose of raising awareness of the need for vocations as well as encouraging prayer within each parish for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. A special moleben prayer service and vocation prayer cards were prepared which accompany the icon to each parish. The moleben service is to be prayed while the icon visits a parish and the prayer cards are to be distributed to the faithful that they may continue praying for vocations with the family setting. **The schedule is as follows:**

**The week of July 10 at St Michael's, Shenandoah .** The weeks of July 17 and July 24----- Transfiguration, Shamokin and Patronage BVM, Marion Heights The weeks of July 31 and August 7---Ss. Peter and Paul, Mt. Carmel and Assumption BVM, Centralia

**Annual Summer Camp** scheduled for August 8th to 12th on the grounds of Assumption BVM Church in Centralia, PA. The theme of our Camp this year is: EGYPT: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace. We will adventure with the famous Patriarch of the Old Testament, Joseph as he comes to know God's plan for him. Our Camp promises to be filled with excitement, adventure and revelation of how God works in the lives of each one of us. As always, we welcome your children and friends to register and participate in our Summer Camp free of charge. We are able to offer Summer Camp to everyone through the hard-work and generosity of so many of our parishioners who labor throughout the year to organize and sponsor the Camp without cost. Events and activities are scheduled for each day of the week. Information and registration packets can be found on our parish website as well as by calling the parish rectory (570-339-0650) or Camp Leaders Gene and Amy Lapointe at (570-205-8530). As always, the highlights of the week are our Annual Knoebel's night scheduled for Wednesday August 10th, and our family picnic on the last day of camp.

**Help those in need this summer.** - As you know we maintain a food bank for those in need. During the summer donations are few and far between and the need is greater, because the children of struggling families are not in school. They are not guaranteed breakfast and lunch , as they are during the school year . We ask that you find it in your heart to help these families . Please donate non-perishable foods or personal hygiene products to help stock our depleted Food Pantry. Just a few items can be the difference between a child going to bed with a full tummy, or going to bed hungry. Thank you for your giving spirit.

**Festival-** St. John's Church in Pottsville will host its MID-SUMMER FESTIVAL on Friday, July 15th and Saturday, July 16th from 5 to 9:30 p.m. each night on the parish grounds at 9th St. & Schuylkill Ave. in Pottsville. We welcome you to join us for great food, varied Games of Chance, Children and Teen Games, Pot Luck Stand, Theme Baskets, and featuring again this year "Splash the Clown", balloon making, face painting, and much much more. Music each night ... Friday, Dave Derbes; Saturday, Nick Michels and his Parrot Band. Shaded seating under the tent. Come join the fun!

**Providence Place Summer Concert Series** : Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup> The Big & Bad Rockabilly Cats. Concert at 7:00 pm, Sundaes will be served. RSVP to Yvonne at 570-628-6950, 2200 2200 1<sup>st</sup> Ave Pottsville Pa .  
[www.providenceplace.com](http://www.providenceplace.com)



## **NOTE TO SELF:**

**Just because it pops into my head does not mean it should come out of my mouth.**

# POPE FRANCIS

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

## *Space and atmosphere Thursday, 16 June 2016*

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 25, 24 June 2016)

“Father” is the word that can never be lacking in prayer, because it is “the cornerstone” which “gives us our Christian identity”. If we also add the word “our”, this allows us to feel that we are all part of “a family”. In this way we also avoid “wasting words” or seeking “magic words”, and we fully live the prayer that Jesus himself taught us — the Our Father — especially when he invites us to forgive others. In his homily on Thursday morning during Mass at Santa Marta, Pope Francis recommended making “an examination of conscience” based on the Our Father.

Pope Francis’ reflection was inspired by the Gospel of Matthew (6:7-15), proposed in the liturgy of the day. “The disciples had asked Jesus a few times: ‘Master, teach us to pray’”. In fact, they “did not know how to pray, and they saw that John’s disciples prayed, so they asked Jesus”. For his part, the Lord “is clear and simple in his teaching: ‘First’, he says ‘when praying, in prayer, do not waste words as the pagans do: they believe that they are heard because of their many words’”.

“Perhaps Jesus had in mind the prophets of Baal”, the Pope said, who, “on Mt Carmel, cried out in prayer to their idol, to their god”. The priests of Baal “prayed, jumping from side to side, and carved engravings: no, this is a waste, a waste of words; no, this is not prayer”. The pagans, Jesus says, “think that they will be heard for their many words”, as if they were “magic words”. This is why Jesus advises: “Do not be like them, God does not need words”, because “your Father knows what you need even before you ask him”.

Pope Francis noted that “Jesus sets aside this prayer of words, of only words”, and says: “Pray then like this”. Thus, in a word: “Father”, Jesus tells us precisely the space of prayer. Indeed, God “knows what we need before we ask; this Father who listens to us in secret, in secret, like Him, Jesus recommends that we pray in secret”. The Father, the Pope continued, “gives us precisely the identity of children”. Therefore, “when I say ‘Father’ I am going to the roots of my identity: my Christian identity is being a child and this is a grace of the Spirit”. In fact, “no one can say ‘Father’ without the grace of the Spirit”.

“Father”, the Pope said, “is the word that Jesus used in the most significant moments: when he was full of joy and emotion: ‘Father, I praise you because you reveal these things to children’”. Or when “he is weeping at the tomb of his friend Lazarus: ‘Father, I thank you because you have heard me’”. And again, in anguish, “in the final moments of his life: ‘Father, if it is possible that this cup pass away from me, let it pass’”. Then, “when everything is finished”, he says, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”. In short, Pope Francis said, “in the most significant moments, Jesus says: ‘Father’; this is the word that he uses most”. And “he speaks with the Father: this is the way of prayer and this, I would say, is the space of prayer”.

The Pope explained that “without feeling that we are children, without feeling that you are his child, without saying ‘Father’, our prayer is pagan, a prayer of words”. It is certainly good to “pray to Our Lady”, the Pope said, “because she is a very beloved daughter of the Father”. The same applies to the saints who are “all beloved by the Father” and who intercede for us. This is also true of the angels. “But ‘Father’ is the cornerstone of prayer”, the Pontiff said, advising that we first say “Father” and then

pray. “If you are not able to begin the prayer by saying the word ‘Father’ with your heart and your voice, the prayer will not do”.

This means to “feel the Father’s gaze upon me”, the Pope explained, “to feel that the word ‘Father’ is not a waste like the words of the prayers of pagans, but that it is a call to the One who gave me the identity of a son”. This is precisely “the space of Christian prayer — ‘Father’ — and in this way we all pray, with all the saints and angels, also making processions and pilgrimages”. It is “all good”, the Pope added, “but always beginning with ‘Father’ and with the awareness that we are children and that we have a Father who loves us and knows all of our needs: this is the space”.

However, the Pope warned, “there is a curious aspect; Jesus recites the ‘Our Father’, the prayer that we all know, and teaches us to pray in this way: ‘Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil’”. He “quickly” adds: “If you forgive others for their offences, your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your offences”. It almost seems, the Pope explained, “that Jesus had forgotten to emphasize what was in the prayer that he said — ‘and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us’ — and continues with ‘lead us not’, and then, ‘but no, I have to emphasize this!’”.

Therefore, Pope Francis said, “if the space of prayer is to say ‘Father’, the atmosphere of prayer is to say ‘our’: we are brothers, we are family”. If, however, we are “angry with each other, if we are at war, if we hate each other, then we are obstructing the Father’s love”. And “this is the atmosphere, it is the family; we are all children of the same Father: How can I hate my Father’s son? Cain did that! I would become Cain!”.

To say “Our Father”, in short, is to say: “You who give me my identity and you who give me a family”. This is why “it is so important to be able to forgive”, the Pope said, “to forget offences, this is a healthy habit: ‘we let it go... so that the Lord handles it’, and we do not harbor bitterness, resentment, or the desire for revenge”. Therefore, “if you go to pray and say only ‘Father’, thinking of the One who gave you life, who gives you your identity and loves you, and you say ‘our’, forgiving everyone, forgetting offences: this is the best prayer that you can make”. In this context, he reiterated, “yes, all saints pray and Our Lady prays, but the cornerstone of prayer is ‘Our Father’”.

In conclusion, Pope Francis suggested that we also make “an examination of conscience about this” a few times, and proposed questions that we ought to ask ourselves: “Do I see God as Father, do I feel that He is my Father? And if I do not feel that He is, do I ask the Holy Spirit to teach me to know this? Am I capable of forgetting offences, of forgiving, of letting things go and asking the Father: ‘they are also your children, and they treated me badly, please help me to forgive?’”. This is the “examination of conscience” we must make: “it will do us good, good, good”. Let us always keep in mind that the words “Father” and “our” give us “the identity of children” and give us “a family, so as to walk together in life”.



**You don't need to preach to reach people.**

82nd Annual  
**UKRAINIAN DAY**

Sunday



**July 31, 2016**

**11 AM to 8 PM**

**St. Nicholas  
Picnic Grove**

Rt. 901 in Primrose,  
Schuylkill Co., PA,  
One Mile from Minersville



**11 AM: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy**

**12 PM-8 PM: View the Shroud of Turin Replica and Icons**

**11:30 AM-1 PM: WPPA 1360 AM Live Polka Broadcast**

**1:00 PM-3 PM: Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble**

**4 PM-8 PM: John Stevens' Doubleshot Polka Band**

**GOD CAN RESTORE WHAT IS BROKEN  
AND CHANGE IT INTO SOMETHING  
AMAZING. ALL YOU NEED IS FAITH**

**- JOEL 2:25**

## July 10: Special Graces in the Year of Mercy



Now that the summer vacation season is in full swing, perhaps we should think about making a trip to visit a Holy Door—a cathedral, shrine or other designated church—as part of our celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Walking through a Holy Door is a spiritual journey that signals our deep desire for true conversion.

In addition to passing through a Holy Door, there also are Year of Mercy graces that can be gotten through other practices:

- Perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy.
- Go to confession.
- Receive the Holy Eucharist and then spend some time reflecting on mercy.
- Make a profession of faith.
- Pray for the Pope and for his intentions.

The elderly, confined and the sick can obtain the special graces of the Year of Mercy simply by living with faith and joyful hope.

Our prayer today: *Thank you, Jesus, for showering us with your strengthening graces during this Year of Mercy. Help us open our hearts to spiritual renewal and refreshment.*

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### **QUESTIONS YOUR PROTESTANT FRIENDS MAY ASK YOU.**

**You should always be able to answer**

***“Are your Catholic beliefs found in the Bible?”***

All Catholic beliefs can be found in the Bible in some form, whether plainly or by an indirect indication. It is not necessary for everything to be absolutely clear in Scripture alone, because that is not a teaching of the Scripture itself. Scripture also points to an authoritative Church and Tradition, as St. Paul says in his Second Letter to the Thessalonians: “Stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter” (2 Thess 2: 15 – see also 1 Cor 11: 2; 2 Thess 3: 6; 2 Tim 1: 13-14, 2: 2). When the first Christians had a significant disagreement, they didn’t simply open their Bibles (which didn’t even exist at that point) to decide who was right; they held a council, which made binding decrees (Acts 15: 1-29). The very books of the Bible had to be determined by the Church, and that didn’t happen until the fourth century. Therefore, Sacred Tradition and authority were necessary for us to even have a Bible today.

## Church Information

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

**Baptisms:** Please contact the rectory to arrange a date with the pastor.

**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 - \$ 850.75 Cemetery M. City \$ 50.00  
Construction \$100.00 Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contributions - \$768.00 Cemetery \$180.00 Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas-** In Memory of +Harry Sr. &+ Eva Chacho by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky

**Sanctuary Light: St. Michael-** In Memory of +Anna Slatick by Son, John.

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

**4 Lamps of the Iconostas –** God's Blessings and Good Health on My Family and Friends.

**Lamps of the Crucifix-**

**Lights of the Tetrapod-**

**Lights of the Tabernacle-**

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

**Prayer Requests:** *Please remember those who are shut-ins, those in need, or who are ill or suffering and all those who have requested our prayers. Please pray for those who put themselves in harm's way to serve others such as those that serve in the military protecting our country, firefighters, police, and emergency personal.*

### St. Michael

Sonya Elchishak  
Eva Koch  
Dolores Kozié  
Martha Hysock  
Sandy Bankes\*

Helen Beddall  
Irene Flaherty  
Tom Prete  
Susan Chernesky  
Maya Usewicz

Susan Enders  
Dolores O'Connell Leahy  
Helen Bereschak  
Helen Sims  
Mary Mazur  
Keilbasa Family\*

Christine Lenhart\*  
& Rosemary (Mother)  
Bill McAndrew\*  
Andrea Pytak  
Annie Cragen  
Irene Yaroma

### St. Nicholas

Helen Salak  
Margaret Skrincosky  
Mary Mistishen  
Joseph Luckenbill

Peter Kadingo  
Jeanette Stock  
Mary Kadingo  
Metro & Helen Tarris

Laura Seasock  
Anna Skrincosky  
Catherine Washuta  
Elizabeth Gulas

Joseph Salak  
Jim Rehnert  
Walter Mistishen  
Andrew Skrincosky

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