

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

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**Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost- Father's Day**

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**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm God's Blessings on the Living Fathers of St. Michael's  
Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30am In Memory of the Deceased Fathers of St. Michael's  
Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00am +Charles A. Lazusky by Charles & Francis Lazusky & Family  
Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:00am +Michael Elchisak by Daughter & Family  
6:30pm Prayer Group

*Birth of John the Baptist*

**Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary +Jason Mitchell by the Mitchell & Kalavage Families  
Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 10:30am +Edna T Unuscavage by Mary Carol Unuscavage

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary  
5:30pm In Memory of the Deceased Fathers of St. Nicholas  
Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 8:30am God's Blessings on the Living Fathers of St. Nicholas  
Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00am +Michael Kulka by Elizabeth Cremo  
Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00am +Walter Salak by Theresa Panchison  
*Birth of John the Baptist*  
**Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 4:00pm God's Blessings on His People**  
Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary  
5:30pm + Fr. Deacon James Bremer by Bernadette Bremer & Family  
**Parish Meeting to immediately follow**  
Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30am God's Blessings on His People

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

Saturday, June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Rom 10:1-10	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Rom 10:1-10	Charles Calise
Friday, June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Rom 13:11-14:4	Sam Litwak/ Charles Calise Jr
Saturday, June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rom 12:6-14	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Rom 12:6-14	Alice Breznik

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Rom 10:1-10	David Toth
Sunday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Rom 10:1-10	Theresa Panchison
Thursday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rom 13:11-14:4	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rom 12:6-14	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Rom 12:6-14	Leeann Smulligan

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

### *St. Michael:*

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**Sanctuary Light**- Available Dates 6/26, 7/3, 8/7, 9/11, 9/18 & 9/25. If you are interested in these candles, please sign up at the back of the Church.

**Parish Meeting**- Thank you to everyone who attended the parish meeting. Copies of the financial report are available at the back of the church for those unable to attend. Please contact the rectory with any questions.

**Lottery Tickets**- We are trying to do a Scratch Off Lottery Ticket Board for our next raffle. We would appreciate if everyone could bring in a scratcher or two to add to the board. If everyone donates a couple bucks – we should have a great board to raffle off. Please bring in your tickets as soon as possible and give them to Fr., Steffy Rarick or Nancy Sawka. You can also drop them in the collection basket or at the rectory.

### *St. Nicholas:*

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

**Parish Meeting**- Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> , immediately following 5:30pm Divine Liturgy.

### *Both Churches:*

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**Baskets are needed for Seminary Day**, 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.

**Seminary Day 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. Money raised is credited towards the monthly seminary remittance. Due to your support we have not had to send a remittance for the seminary in over 6 years. Your help is vital in continuing this trend.

**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.** This is a very important meeting as we begin to lay the groundwork for this year's event. The faithful from all the parishes of our deanery are cordially invited to attend, to offer input and suggestions and to convey information back to each parish. Please feel free to bring your children along as there will be supervised activities for them during the meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved, get to know each other and support a very important cause---our seminary. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. We hope to see you there!

**Parish Picnic** – St. Nicholas 81st annual parish picnic is Saturday & Sunday, July 2nd & 3rd at the Picnic Grove, Rt. 901, Primrose. Homemade Ethnic Foods, Live Entertainment, Refreshments, Theme Basket, Bingo, and much more! Free Admission and Parking. For more information please call 570-544-4581

**Musical Event - Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> – At St. Nicholas Hall in Minersville** Inside the hall, the band “The Kurious” will perform at 8:00pm Admission \$10.00. Info....mmahal 570-640-5111 or 570-544-4581 . This is a kick off for their picnic weekend.

**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

**Providence Place Summer Concert Series** : Thursdays, July 14<sup>th</sup> – M&J Schuylkill County Big Band & August 18<sup>th</sup> The Big & Bad Rockabilly Cats. Both concerts 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)

**Peter's Pence Collection**- In the second collection today, we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and natural disasters. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the collection is an opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection

**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 weeks of June 19 and June 26----Patronage of the BVM, McAdoo and St. Michael, Hazelton The weeks of July 3 and July 10----St. Michael, Shenandoah and St. Nicholas, St. Clair 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



**DEANERY YOUTH GATHERING:** Join us for the Third Annual Deanery Youth Gathering on Sunday, July 10th 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. Speakers to be announced soon. 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 @deaneryouthorg. See you at the Knoebel's

**Shenandoah/ Mahanoy Walking Challenge**- Join in this healthy challenge – more info in the back of the Church.

**Church Picnic**-Holy Ghost Church, 315 4th St. in West Easton is sponsoring its church festival with Ukrainian foods, homemade baked goods, music, dancing, tricky tray, children's games and fun! The event will be held on Sunday June 26th from 12pm -7pm. Please join us for an old fashioned church picnic. Hope to see you there!

**Food for the poor-** WE NEED YOUR HELP- OUR CUPBOARDS ARE BARE- It is especially important during the summer months when the children of struggling families are not in school and able to participate in school provided breakfasts and lunches. Please, help by donating to our food pantry. Non- expired, Non-perishable foods are needed. Personal hygiene products, toilet paper and paper towels, laundry detergent etc.. Diapers and wipes are also welcome. 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!

# POPE FRANCIS

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

## *The caged spirit Monday, 30 May 2016*

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 23, 10 June 2016)

“Prophecy, memory and hope”: these three characteristics free a person; they free people and the Church, preventing it from ending up as a “closed system” of rules that puts the Holy Spirit in a cage. This was Pope Francis’ message at the Mass he celebrated on Monday morning, 30 May, in the Chapel of Santa Marta.

“It is clear to whom Jesus is speaking with this parable: to the chief priests, the scribes and the elders of the people”, the Pope immediately noted, referring to the Gospel passage of Mark (12:1-12) from the day’s liturgy. “For them”, the Lord uses “the image of a vineyard”, which in the Bible represents the image of God’s people, the image of the Church and also the image of our soul”. And so, Pope Francis explained, “the Lord cares for the vineyard, he surrounds it, he digs a hole for the winepress and builds a tower”.

It is precisely in this work that “all of God’s love and tenderness in making his people” can be recognized: “the Lord has always done this with so much love and tenderness”. And “he always reminds his people of when they were faithful, when they followed him in the desert and when they searched for his face”. However, “then the situation reversed and the people took hold of this gift from God”, shouting: “It is us, we are free!”. The people “did not think, they did not remember that they were made by the hands and the heart of God, and in this way they become a people without memory, a people without prophecy and without hope”.

Therefore Jesus addresses “the leaders of the people” with “this parable: a people without memory has forgotten the gift, the present; and attributes what it is to itself: we can!”. The Bible speaks many times of “ascetics and prophets”, the Pope said, and “Jesus Himself emphasizes the importance of memory: a people who do not remember are not a people, they forget their roots, and they forget their history”.

In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses repeats this point several times: “You must remember, remember!”. In fact, that is “the book of the memory of the people, the people of Israel; It is the book of the Church’s memory, but it is also the book of our personal memory”. It is precisely “this Deuteronomic dimension of life — the life of a people or of one person’s life — that always returns to the roots in order to remember and to avoid making mistakes along the way”. However, the people to whom Jesus addressed the parable “had lost the memory: they had lost their memory of the gift, the gift of the God who made them”.

“Having lost the memory, they are a people who are unable to make room for the prophets”, the Pope continued. Jesus himself “tells them that they have killed the prophets, because the prophets encumber, the prophets always tell us what we do not want to hear”. And so, “Daniel complains in Babylon: ‘We, today, have no prophets!’”. These words contain the reality of “a people with no prophets”, who indicate “the way to them and remind them: the prophet is the one who takes the memory and helps you to move forward”. That is why “Jesus said to the leaders of the people: ‘You have lost your memory, and you do not have prophets. Or rather: when the profits came, you killed them!’”.

Moreover, the attitude of the people's leaders was clear: "We have no need of prophets, we have ourselves!". But "without memory or prophets", the Pope warned, "they become a people without hope, a people with no horizons, a people closed in on themselves, who do not open up to the promises of God, who do not wait for God's promises". Therefore "a people without memory, without prophecy and without hope: this is what the chief priests, the scribes and the elders made of the people of Israel".

And "where is the faith?", asked Pope Francis. "In the crowd", he replied, stressing that in the Gospel we read: "They tried to capture him, but they feared the crowd". Those people, in fact, "understood the truth and, in the midst of their sins, they had memory, they were open to prophecy and sought hope". An example, in this respect, is seen in "two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, people of memory, prophecy and hope".

However, "the leaders of the people" legitimized their thoughts by surrounding themselves with "lawyers, doctors of the law, who used a legal system that is closed". "I believe", the Pope said, "that they had nearly 600 commandments". In this manner, their thinking was "closed and secure", with the idea that "those who do this will be saved; the others do not interest us, memory does not interest us". With regard to "the prophecy: it is better that the prophets do not come". And "hope? Well, everyone will see it". This "is the system they used to justify: the doctors of the law, the theologians who always choose the path of case studies and do not allow the freedom of the Holy Spirit; They do not recognize God's gift, the gift of the Spirit, and they put the Spirit in a cage, because they do not allow prophecy in hope".

This is precisely "the religious system Jesus is speaking of". A system "of corruption, worldliness and concupiscence", as we see in the passage taken from the second Letter of Peter (1:2-7), in the first reading. Even Jesus himself "was tempted to lose the memory of his mission, to not make room for the prophecy, and to choose security over hope". In this context the Pope recalled "the three temptations in the desert: 'Perform a miracle and show your power!'; 'Throw yourself from the temple so that everyone will believe!'; 'Worship me!'".

"Since Jesus himself knew the temptation" of a "closed system", he reproaches these people "for going halfway around the world in order to have a proselyte" and make him a "slave". And in this way "this organized people, this organized Church, makes slaves". So much so that "we understand Paul's reaction, when he speaks about slavery of the law and of freedom that gives you grace". Because "a people is free, a Church is free when she remembers, when she makes a place for the prophets, when she does not lose hope".

"The Lord teaches us this lesson for our own lives too", Pope Francis said in conclusion, suggesting that we ask ourselves through a genuine examination of conscience: "Do I remember the wonders that the Lord has done in my life? Do I remember the Lord's gifts? Am I capable of opening my heart to the prophets, to what they say to me: 'This is wrong, you have to go there, move forward, take a risk', as the prophets did? Am I open to that or am I afraid, preferring to lock myself in the law's cage?". And finally: "Do I hope in God's promises, like our father Abraham did, who left his home without knowing where he was going, only because he hoped in God?".

*God Bless the Fathers of St. Nicholas & St. Michael's Parishes*

June 24<sup>th</sup>

## Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist



He that was greater than all who are born of women, the Prophet who received God's testimony that he surpassed all the Prophets, was born of the aged and barren Elizabeth (Luke 1:7) and filled all his kinsmen, and those that lived round about, with gladness and wonder. But even more wondrous was that which followed on the eighth day when he was circumcised, that is, the day on which a male child receives his name.

Those present called him Zacharias, the name of his father. But the mother said, "Not so, but he shall be called John." Since the child's father was unable to speak, he was asked, by means of a sign, to indicate the child's name. He then asked for a tablet and wrote, "His name is John."

And immediately Zacharias' mouth was opened, his tongue was loosed from its silence of nine months, and filled with the Holy Spirit, he blessed the God of Israel, Who had fulfilled the promises made to their fathers, and had visited them that were sitting in darkness and the shadow of death, and had sent to them the light of salvation.

Zacharias prophesied concerning the child also, saying that he would be a Prophet of the Most High and Forerunner of Jesus Christ. And the child John, who was filled with grace, grew and waxed strong in the Spirit; and he was in the wilderness until the day of his showing to Israel (Luke 1:57-80). His name is a variation of the Hebrew "Johanan," which means "Yahweh is gracious."

*God our Father,  
in your wisdom and love you made all things.  
Bless these men,  
that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
may honor them always  
with a spirit of profound respect.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen*



June 19 **A Father's First Duty**



A father's first duty is to protect his children. That goes for not only earthly Dads, but for our Heavenly father as well. His embrace encompasses even those furthest from him.

This is why the words we hear most often in Scripture are, "Do not be afraid."

Many wonder why a loving God of mercy puts up with evil, why bad things happen to good people while the sinful often seem to prevail. The world is what it is because God has created us fully free.

A Carmelite writer describes God's mercy this way:

*"It is like a declaration of love from God to humanity, to each one of us; it is a pledge of fidelity that is relayed from hand to hand, from heart to heart, and finally comes down to us."*

We, too, have to pay attention to these words. After all, Jesus was not one to talk for the sake of hearing himself.

Through the ages, God's message to Dads remains: "Keep the mandate of the LORD, your God, following his ways and observing his statutes, commands, ordinances and decrees as they are written in the law of Moses, that you may succeed in whatever you do, wherever you turn. [1 Kings 2:2-3]

Our prayer today: *Heavenly Father, your mercy flows from age to age like a river through time. Bless our earthly fathers as we celebrate them on this, their day.*

The greatest gift  
I ever had  
came from God  
I call him **Dad**

**Happy Father's Day**

## 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 - \$695.00 Cemetery \$ 405.00 Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contributions - \$ 801.00 Cemetery \$ 20.00 Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas-** In Memory of + Peter Laguna by the Laguna & Corby Families

**Sanctuary Light: St. Michael-** In Memory of +Jason Mitchell by the Mitchell Family

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

**4 Lamps of the Iconostas** – God's Blessing's & In Memory of all the Father's That Have Touched my Life

**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  
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Mary Mistishen  
Joseph Luckenbill  
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Peter Kadingo  
Jeanette Stock  
Mary Kadingo  
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Jim Rehnert  
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