

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, June 26th , 2016: 6th Sunday After Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 25 th	3:30pm 5 th Anniversary +Jason Mitchell by the Mitchell & Kalavage Families
Sunday, June 26 th	10:30am +Edna T Unuscavage by Mary Carol Unuscavage
Tuesday, June 28 th	8:00am +Leonard & +Sophia Seroka by Anna Seroka
<i>Chief Apostles Peter and Paul- Holy Day of Obligation</i>	
Wednesday, June 29th	9:00am God's Blessings on His People
	6:30pm Prayer Group
Friday, July 1 st	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, July 2 nd	3:30pm God's Blessing on His People
Sunday, July 3 rd	10:30am +Evelyn & +David Evans by Sandy Schlemmer

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 25 th	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 th	8:30am God's Blessings on His People
Monday, June 27 th	8:00am +Helen Seamon by Mr. & Mrs. John Tellup
<i>Chief Apostles Peter and Paul- Holy Day of Obligation</i>	
Wednesday, June 29 th	4:00pm +Bishop John Stock by Stock & Kubeika Families
Thursday, June 30 th	8:00am Landis & Sue Luckenbill- Legacy Liturgy
Saturday, July 2 nd	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Walter, +Helen & +Walter Jr Kocur by Jeanette & Thomas Stock
Sunday, July 3 rd	8:30am + Bishop John Stock

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, June 25 th	Rom 12:6-14	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, June 26 th	Rom 12:6-14	Alice Breznik
Wednesday, June 29 th	2Cor 11:21-12:9	Sam Litwak/ Charles Calise
Saturday, July 2 nd	Rom 15:1-7	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, July 3 rd	Rom 15:1-7	Michael Fufia

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, June 25 th	Rom 12:6-14	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, June 26 th	Rom 12:6-14	Leeann Smulligan
Wednesday, June 29 th	2Cor 11:21-12:9	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, July 2 nd	Rom 15:1-7	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, July 3 rd	Rom 15:1-7	Susan Miller

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light- Available Dates 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.

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:

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

Parish Meeting- Saturday June 25th, immediately following 5:30pm Divine Liturgy.

Email: St Nicholas has a new email address- stnicholasc@verizon.net

Both Churches:

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 12th 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!

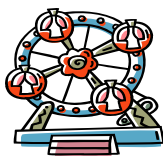
Parish Picnic – St. Nicholas 81st annual parish picnic is Saturday & Sunday, July 2nd & 3rd at the Picnic Grove, Rt. 901, Primrose. Homemade Ethnic Foods, Live Entertainment, Refreshments, Theme Basket, Bingo, and much more! Free Admission and Parking. For more information please call 570-544-4581

Musical Event - Friday July 1st – 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 16th from 2:00pm to 6:00pm & Sunday July 17th 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 14th – M&J Schuylkill County Big Band & August 18th The Big & Bad Rockabilly Cats. Both concerts at 7:00 pm, Sundaes will be served. RSVP to Yvonne at 570-628-6950, 2200 2200 1st Ave Pottsville Pa . www.providenceplace.com

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 - **Next week is the last week to register!**

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!

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!



*Worry is the darkroom
where negatives develop.*

POPE FRANCIS

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

The holiness of negotiation—Thursday, 9 June 2016

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 24, 17 June 2016)

We need to live “the little holiness of negotiation”, which is the “healthy realism” that “the Church teaches us”. This means rejecting the logic of “either this or nothing”, and embarking on the road of what is “possible” so as to be reconciled with others. This was the advice Pope Francis offered during Mass on Thursday morning in the Chapel of Santa Marta. When a baby started to cry during the homily, the Pope tenderly reassured the parents: “No, don’t worry, the sermon of a child in a church is more beautiful than that of a priest, a bishop or the Pope. Let him be: leave him to it, his is the voice of innocence, which is good for all of us”.

The Pope’s reflection was inspired by the passage from the Gospel of Matthew (5:20-26) in the day’s liturgy: “Jesus is in the midst of his people, and he teaches the disciples, he teaches the law of the people of God”. In fact “Jesus is the legislator that Moses had promised: ‘There will come one after me...’”. Therefore, He is “the real legislator, who teaches us how the law must be in order to be just”. However, “the people were somewhat disoriented, a bit in disarray, because they did not know what to do and the ones who taught the law were not coherent”. It is Jesus himself who says to them: “Do what they say, but not what they do”. Moreover, “they were not coherent in their lives, they were not a testimony of life”. In this way, “Jesus in this Gospel passage speaks of overcoming: ‘Your righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees’”. Therefore, “these people were a bit imprisoned in this cage, with no escape, and Jesus showed them the way to get out: it is to always get up, overcome, move on”.

Along these lines, Pope Francis said, Jesus “uses a prime example — He uses many, right? — the first commandment, to love God and love our neighbor: ‘You have heard that it was said to the men of old: You shall not kill’, it is one of the commandments of love of neighbor, ‘but I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council, and whoever says ‘You fool!’ shall be liable to the hell of fire’”.

Essentially, Jesus says that “it is not only a sin to kill”, but also “to insult and scold” our brothers. “It is good for us to hear this”, the Pope added, precisely “during this time when we are so accustomed to descriptions and we have a very creative vocabulary when it comes to insulting others”. Offending others, therefore, is also “a sin, it is murder”. To make statements like: “pay him no mind, he is crazy, he is stupid”, and “the many other bad words that we say when we do not show much charity to others”, is “to slap the soul of our brother, the true dignity of our brother”. This “is a sin”, the Pope reiterated.

Pope Francis pointed out that “Jesus settles” the doubts “of this people, who are disoriented and imprisoned, looking upwards: the law closes up. He goes on, linking the conduct of the people with the worship of God and says: ‘If you go to the altar to make an offering, and you have a problem with your brother, or your brother has a problem with you, first go to your brother and be reconciled’”. This is “to go beyond the law, and what he says is a higher justice than that of the scribes and Pharisees”.

“So often we hear these things in the Church, so often!” the Pope noted, recalling how common it is to hear phrases such as: “That priest, that man, that woman of Catholic action, that bishop, that Pope who always tell us ‘you have to act like this!’ while he himself does the opposite”. This is precisely “the scandal that hurts the people and does not allow God’s people to grow, to move forward. It does not free them”. This people, the Pope continued, had also “seen the rigidity of these scribes and Pharisees”, so much so that “when a prophet came who gave them a bit of joy, they persecuted and even killed him: there was no place for prophets there”.

For this reason “Jesus told the Pharisees: ‘You have killed the prophets, you have persecuted the prophets, those who were bringing fresh air’”. Jesus, “as he said in the synagogue of Nazareth, came to bring us the year of grace, to bring us liberation, true liberation: that of Jesus”. Pope Francis said that “generosity, holiness, is to go out, but always, always upwards: to move up”. This “is liberation from the rigidity of the law and also from the idealism that is not good for us”.

“Jesus knows us so well”, the Pope explained “and he knows how we are made because he is the creator, he knows our nature”. This is what he suggests: “If you have a problem with a brother — he uses the word ‘adversary’ — bring yourselves to an agreement”. In this way the Lord “also teaches us a healthy realism: many times you cannot achieve perfection, but at least you do what you can, you reach an agreement so as not to end up in court”. This is the “healthy realism of the Catholic Church: the Catholic Church never teaches “either this, or this”. Rather, “the Church says: “this and this”. In short, “strive for perfection: reconcile yourself with your brother, do not insult him, love him, but should you have any problem at least put yourself in agreement, so as to avoid war”. This is the “healthy realism of Catholicism”. Whereas, “it is not Catholic but heretical” to say: “either this or nothing”.

“Jesus always knows”, assured Pope Francis, “how to walk with us, he gives us the ideal, he accompanies us towards the ideal, he frees us from being locked into the rigidity of the law and he tells us: ‘Do this to the extent that you can’. And he understands us well”. This “is our Lord, it is he who teaches us”, saying: “Please, do not insult each other, do not be hypocrites. You go to praise God with the same language with which you insulted your brother. No, do not do that, but do what you can, at least avoid war amongst yourselves, agree with each other”. The Pope added, “Allow me to share a term with you which might seem a bit strange, it is the little holiness of negotiation: I cannot do everything, but I want to do everything, I am going to agree with you, at least let us not insult one another, let us not make war and let us live together in peace”.

“Jesus is great”, the Pope said in conclusion, “and he frees us from all of our miseries, even from that idealism that is not Catholic”. Therefore, “let us ask the Lord to teach us, first, to leave all rigidity, but to go upwards, to be able to adore and praise God; that He may teach us to be reconciled with one another; and also, that He may teach us to agree with each other to the extent that we can

May 26, 2016, Thursday — Cardinal Sarah’s Remarkable Talk Last Week in Washington Cardinal Sarah Issues a Powerful Warning...

“The battle to preserve the roots of mankind is perhaps the greatest challenge our world has faced since its origins.” —Cardinal Robert Sarah, Prefect of the Holy See’s Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, speaking to an American audience of more than 1,000 in Washington D.C. at the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday morning, May 17-

”Today we are witnessing the next stage — and the consummation — of the efforts to build a utopian paradise on earth without God. It is the stage of denying sin and the fall altogether. But the death of God results in the burial of good, beauty, love and truth. Good becomes evil, beauty is ugly, love becomes the satisfaction of sexual primal instincts, and truths are all relative. So all manner of immorality is not only accepted and tolerated today in advanced societies, but even promoted as a social good. The result is hostility to Christians, and, increasingly, religious persecution.” —Cardinal Sarah, *Ibid*.

”This is why it is so important to fight to protect the family, the first cell of the life of the Church and every society. This is not about abstract ideas. It is not an ideological war between competing ideas. This is about defending ourselves, children and future generations from a demonic ideology that says children do not need mothers and fathers. It denies human nature and wants to cut off entire generations from God.” —Cardinal Sarah, *Ibid*

”I encourage you to truly make use of the freedom willed by your founding fathers, lest you lose it.” —Cardinal Robert Sarah, Prefect of the Holy See’s Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments

June 26 **This Word Changes Everything**



The Internet came on the scene back in 1995 or so. By 2000, it was becoming a household word, and business people adopted the mantra: “The Internet changes everything.”

In the Church, we are halfway through our celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

When the Holy Father proclaimed the Jubilee year, he said: “I have thought about how the Church can make clear its mission of being a witness of mercy. The mercy of God must be at the center. We must ‘feel mercy.’ This word changes everything. It’s the best thing we can feel; it changes the world.”

In writing about the Jubilee Year, an Italian journalist and publisher noted: “If we do not understand that mercy is the heart of the Gospel, we cannot fully understand Jesus Christ or the tenderness of the Father who sends him to listen to us, to heal us and to save us.”

Then there is Trappist Priest Simeon Leiva-Merikakis, speaking bluntly about the immensity of God’s mercy: “Whoever receives mercy must give mercy, or else he will choke on it.”

God gives his mercy so abundantly that we always will have more than enough for ourselves and for everyone we encounter, he explains.

Like the miraculous loaves, mercy is multiplied in the giving.

Our prayer today: *Heavenly Father, I pray that I can be a witness of your mercy and make it the focus of my dealings with my brothers and sisters.*



Because of a Trappist Monk, Macintosh computer displays look the way they do today .

The monk was Father Robert Palladino, who passed away early this year at 83. A Roman

Catholic priest who began his vocation in a monastic order, Father Palladino was also a world renowned master of calligraphy. "Priest and calligrapher," his business card read, in his unimpeachable Renaissance italic.

As a Trappist brother, Father Robert learned his art in silence, honed it over years of study, and eventually taught it to others. To his students, he brought a world of genteel scholarship and quiet contemplation, and a simple art of hand, pen, and paper that was little changed for centuries.

Not surprisingly, Father Robert was fond of Gregorian chant and celebrated the Latin Mass.

Father Robert taught calligraphy at Reed College in Oregon, from 1969 until his retirement in 1984. It was there that Steve Jobs attended Father's class and learned about serif and sans serif type faces and about varying spaces between combinations of letters, and everything that makes typography good.

"It was beautiful, historical, artistically subtle in a way that science can't capture," Jobs said.

Ten years later, when Jobs was designing the first Macintosh computer, his calligraphy lessons came back to him. He even called his old teacher for advice. "He introduced me to something called a mouse," Father Robert said. Jobs and his partners designed the artistry of calligraphic fonts into their machine and it became the first computer with lovely typography instead of robotic characters.

"If I had never dropped in on that single course in college, the Mac would have never had multiple typefaces or proportionally spaced fonts," Jobs said, adding that since PCs copied Macs on that score, maybe no personal computers would have such good type.

Though Father Robert demonstrably influenced Steve Jobs, the converse could not be said. To the end of his life, Father Robert never owned, or even once used a computer. "I have my hand," he would say, "and I have my pen. That's it."

While driving in Pennsylvania , a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass.

Caution: Do not step in exhaust."



Man's way leads to a hopeless end.
God's way leads to an endless hope.

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.

Weekly Contributions

Parishes Weekly Income: **St. Michael:** Contributions - \$ 898.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$ 965.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- Special Intentions by Michael & Janet Buchinsky

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- God' Blessing on the People of Shenandoah, Ringtown & Frackville.

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
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