

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, June 5th, 2016: 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 4 th	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, June 5 th	10:30am +Josephine Polli by John & Dolores Sion
Tuesday, June 7 th	8:00am +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by Irene & Bill McAndrew
Wednesday, June 8 th	8:00am Special Intentions by RMC 6:30pm Prayer Group
Friday, June 10 th	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, June 11 th	3:30pm +Paul & +Margaret Sawka by Family
Sunday, June 12 th	10:30am God's Blessings on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 4 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm 5 th Anniversary +Kristin Prokop by Diana, Max, & Megan Gabardi
Sunday, June 5 th	8:30am +John Yaroshak by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wos
Monday, June 6 th	8:00am God's Blessings and Health for Jeanette Stock by Margaret Mistysyn & Family
Thursday, June 9 th	8:00am +John & +Julia Plasha by Marlene Plasha Dana & Family
Saturday, June 11 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Mary, +Rose, & +Katherine Porchik by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky
Sunday, June 12 th	8:30am Walter & Mary Mistishen for their 64 th Wedding Anniversary by Their Children & Grandchildren

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, June 4 th	Rom 5:1-10	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, June 5 th	Rom 5:1-10	Michelle Caputo
Saturday, June 11 th	Rom 6:18-23	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, June 12 th	Rom 6:18-23	Paul Caputo

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, June 4 th	Rom 5:1-10	Christine Romanko
Sunday, June 5 th	Rom 5:1-10	Lauralee Sadusky
Saturday, June 11 th	Rom 6:18-23	Mike Prokop
Sunday, June 12 th	Rom 6:18-23	Dolores Sadusky

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light- Available Dates 6/12, 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- A parish meeting will be held on Sunday, June 12th after Divine Liturgy. On the agenda is the 2015 financial review. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this meeting.

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.

Kielbasi Fest- Thank You to the Kielbasi Fest Crew! Everyone did a great job. . We raised \$1,107.22. As always your time and hard work is greatly appreciated.

Sick Calls will be Friday June 10th .

St. Nicholas:

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

Sick Calls will be Thursday June 9th .

Both Churches:

Seminary Day Ads & Sponsors- Ad & Sponsor forms are at the back of the church. Please help by selling or purchasing an ad or sponsorship. Your support of Seminary Day helps each parish as well as the Seminary. 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.

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, June 14th 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!

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Deanery Youth Day will be Sunday July 10th at 11:00am at Knoebels Amusement Resort. All teens from 6th Grade to College are invited. Please contact the rectory for more information.

Peter's Pence Collection-Next week, our (arch)diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

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 May 22 and May 29-----St. Nicholas Church, Minersville and Nativity BVM, Middleport
 The weeks of June 5 and June 12-----St. Michael, Frackville and St. John, Maizeville
 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

Food for the poor- WE NEED YOUR HELP- our cupboards are bare 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.

LAST CALL! What: Summer Camp for Children Age 8-13 “Vacation with God: Embroidery for Jesus Christ”
 When: August 15 – 19, 2016 (8:30 AM – 3:30 PM) Where: Basilian Spirituality Center, 710 Fox Chase Road, Fox Chase Manor, PA 19046 Sponsored by: The Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great in cooperation with the Saint Sophia Religious Association of Ukrainian Catholics, Inc. The camp seeks to pass on both aspects of Ukrainian spirituality and cultural tradition. During this “year of mercy” the children will weave into their design the aspects of mercy – love, forgiveness, compassion, sacrifice and justice. The day includes catechesis, songs, crafts, embroidery and fun. For more information contact 215.379.3998. Registration form available at the rectory.. RSVP by June 4. Participation is for those registered ONLY!

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!



Remember the Men in Your Life on Father’s Day
Father’s Day Intentions & Remembrances

In Honor of (living)
In Remembrance of (deceased)
Given By

Deadline Tuesday June 14th

POPE FRANCIS

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

Modern-day leeches Thursday, 19 May 2016

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 21, 27 May 2016)

The correct relationship a Christian should have with money. This was the focus of Pope Francis' reflection during Mass at Santa Marta on Thursday, wherein he denounced modern slavery and those who, taking advantage of widespread unemployment, exploit people, forcing them to accept unfair contracts. Such traffickers "fatten themselves on wealth" and live like "true leeches", living off of people's blood. "This is a mortal sin", he stated harshly.

The Pontiff's reflection began from the reading taken from the Letter of James (5:1-6), a passage which the Pope described as being "a little strong". Evidently, Francis pointed out, "the Apostle understood the danger there is when a Christian allows himself to be controlled by wealth". Therefore, in his text, James "doesn't mince words: he is direct and clear" when he writes: "now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten". What must a rich man think when he hears this?. Truth be told, Francis explained, if we look at "what the Word of God teaches about riches", we understand that "riches in and of themselves are good things", as God himself assigns man the task to prosper ("Be fruitful and multiply, fill the Earth, subdue it"). In the Bible we also "find many righteous rich men". The Pontiff recalled a few: regarding Job, for example, there is a list "of all the treasures God gives him"; but we can also recall Tobias, and Susanna's husband Joachim. "The Lord gives wealth as a blessing" to many.

Thus, "riches are good", but, Francis added, they are also "relative". In fact the Lord "praises Solomon for asking not for wealth but for wisdom of heart in order to judge his people". Riches, in other words, "are not something absolute". Some people, the Pope said, believe "in what is called the 'theology of prosperity'", that is, that God shows you that you are just if he gives you lots of riches". But this "is a mistake", and thus the Psalmist says: "set not your heart on riches".

This is precisely the problem that affects each of us: "is my heart set on riches or is it not? What is my relationship with wealth?". In this regard Jesus "speaks of 'serving': you cannot serve both God and riches; they are opposed. In themselves they are good, but if you prefer to serve God, riches come in second place: the right place". To better explain, the Pope recalled the Gospel episode of the "rich youth whom Jesus loved, because he was just". The young man "was good but attached to riches and in the end these riches became the chains that took away his freedom to follow Jesus".

It is the same problem that James addresses in his Letter, where "he looks at those who almost consider riches as god" and who "live for wealth!". The Apostle writes harshly to them: "Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days". In order to clarify that "these people had a bad relationship with wealth", James' words, the Pontiff emphasized, could have been written by someone living today: "Here, the wages of workers who have harvested your fields and whom you have not paid, cry out, and the protests of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Almighty Lord". When "wealth is made by exploiting people", those poor people "become slaves". At this point Francis turned to the world today, where "the same thing happens". He brought up the example of workers who are contracted to work

“from September to June, with no pension, no health insurance”. Then they are suspended during the summer months, as if they could live on air for July and August. Then it starts again in September. The employers who do this, the Pope stated clearly, “are true leeches and live off of the blood drained from people” who provide slave labor.

The Apostle James referred to the work of harvesters, today more generally, we understand “slave labor”. In this regard the Pontiff recounted the story of a young woman who was offered a job, under the table: 11-hour work days for a monthly wage of 650 euros. When she protested they told her: “Look at the line behind you. If you want it, take it, if not, leave. There are others waiting”. These rich people, Francis commented, “fatten themselves on wealth” and seem to be the very people about whom the Apostle writes: “You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter”. To this the Pope added: “The blood you have sucked from these people” is “a cry to the Lord. It is a cry for justice”.

Those who behave in this way, the Pontiff said, are “traffickers” and “do not realize it”. He then explained that “we used to think that slaves no longer existed”, but indeed, “they do exist. It’s true, people are not going and taking them from Africa to sell them in America, no. But in our cities” and in the “exploitation of people, the exploitation not only of children, of young people, but of all people”, who are treated “unjustly” in their employment.

Reflecting on these themes, the Pope also recalled the catechesis of the General Audience of the preceding day, dedicated to the rich glutton and Lazarus. The rich man, Francis said, “was in his own world, he did not notice that on the other side of the gate to his house was someone who was hungry” and “he let the other man die”. Here however, the Pope emphasized, there is something “worse”: here we see that “people go hungry while others profit from their work! Living off of the blood of the people. And this is a mortal sin. It is a mortal sin. It requires a great deal of penitence, a great deal of restitution to be converted from this sin”.

Supporting the harsh words of the Apostle James the day’s liturgy also offered, from Psalm 48, “a beautiful, calm meditation, on poverty” — ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven’. Regarding the rich, the Psalm states: “straight to the grave they descend, and their form shall waste away; Sheol shall be their home”.

Here, the Pontiff told another brief anecdote, recalling “a miserly man” about whom the people quipped when he died: “‘The funeral was ruined’ — ‘Why?’, they asked. ‘They couldn’t close the coffin’ — ‘Why?’ — ‘Because he wanted to take all he had with him, and couldn’t’”. No one, Francis said pointedly, “can take their treasure with them”.

Concluding the homily, the Pope asked again that we ponder “this modern-day tragedy: the exploitation of people”. Not only trafficking in terms of prostitution or child labor, but “the more ‘civilized’ trafficking — so to speak —”, for which there are those who say: “I’ll pay you up to this point, without vacation, without health insurance, everything under the table... this way I get rich!”. Recalling the passage of the day’s Gospel (Mk 9:41-50), Pope Francis prayed that the Lord might “make us understand today the simple thing that Jesus tells us: a cup of water in the name of Christ is more important than all the wealth accumulated through the exploitation of people”

Catholics don't appreciate God's forgiveness because they don't recognize their sinfulness.

[edited for the bulletin]

When you look across the landscape of all the polls and surveys, you see about three quarters of Catholics have very little to do with the Faith anymore. There's a wide spectrum, of course, but at bottom, most do not participate in the sacramental life of the Church. They are indifferent to the saving power of the Church, and the consequent need for frequent confession and reception of Holy Communion.

Considering these are the ordinary means of salvation, what we have is a near-complete collapse of the Church in the West. And these 75–25 percent numbers are for America. In other places in the Western world it's even more dreadful, where less than 5–10 percent of Catholics avail themselves of the mercy of God through the sacraments.

How has this happened? How have we arrived at such a point where people can be so indifferent to their own eternal destiny? And that is what's at work here; let's be direct about it. Our Lord did not establish a Church and breathe His own divine power into it so that souls could be indifferent to it. He said flatly, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life within you" (John 6:53). Those words mean something very plainly.

Saint Paul tells us not to receive the Body and Blood unworthily else we eat and drink our own damnation. These words too have meaning. Both instructions underline the need for confession and Holy Communion — the need, not just the desire or niceness or anything of the kind. In fact, this is precisely what lies at the heart of the Good News.

So why, as the only religion on earth that preaches this (along with the Orthodox), do so few of Her followers believe it or care about it? One simple reason: the abandonment of the preaching about the gravity of sin, its consequences and the devil.

The reason the ordinary means of salvation are treated so lightly is because what they are curing is treated so lightly. They are the remedy for sin, and it needs to be said very plainly, God hates sin. He desires that all be saved from it. He loves the sinner, but He abhors the sin.

As long as Catholics continue to be given spiritual gruel instead of the enormity and ugliness of sin, they will never be able to comprehend the glory of the sacraments. That huge numbers of Catholics simply think everyone who dies goes to Heaven, so they see no need to examine themselves and their own spiritual conditions because they've been told, or they've plucked from the air, that sin isn't that big of a deal. They've been told wrong.

How can the average Catholic who is indifferent to the Church, to God and to sin, and who expects to die and just go to Heaven, ever truly comprehend the most beautiful aspects of the Faith: the mercy of God, His actions on Golgotha, His Real Presence in the Eucharist?

Answer: He can't. This is why the approach to try and reinvigorate the dead faith in so many Catholics by appealing to their emotions is a non-starter. Too few people who are baptized Catholics have ever heard about the ugliness of sin, about the great danger of Hell. There is simply the presumption that all is well, and when I die I go to Heaven.

All is not well. That is exactly how the diabolical wants people thinking; he wants them to believe that, so he introduces thoughts to their imagination, like God wouldn't throw someone into Hell for all eternity. But the Church and Her spiritual giants like St. Alphonsus Ligouri say, "*Never forget at this very moment, there are souls in Hell who at one point in their lives are holier than you are now. Judas raised people from the dead.*"

The greatest spiritual deception of the last 50 years — and unfortunately still counting — is that sin is not all that bad, God understands, and we have a reasonable hope therefore that all are saved. That mindset denies the soul mired and trapped in sin the motivation to ever leave his darkness, because he does not properly see it as darkness, just the result of some bad choices that God excuses at death.

The Catholic faith lives on the extremes — the extreme of having horrible sin forgiven, and then the resultant joy of realizing just exactly what you have been saved from.

Reject all watered-down, phony Catholicism as you would reject any cheap knock-off. Our sins are too great and God's forgiveness too unimaginable to be confined to a boring little world of no beauty. (*Michael Voris*)

June 5: The Surprise Summer Page-turner



During his training as a Jesuit in 1960s Argentina, Pope Francis taught literature. He also was a friend of the great Argentine author, Jorge Luis Borges.

So it's no surprise that his recent book, *The Name of God Is Mercy*, is an inspiring look at what he calls "the first attribute of God."

It also happens to be a great beach read for the summer months ahead.

The short book (151 pages) reads like a conversation. Because that's exactly what it is—a collection of interviews with a Vatican news correspondent.

In its review, *The New York Times* wrote: "The pope has an easy conversational style that moves effortlessly between folksy sayings and erudite allusions, between common-sense logic and impassioned philosophical insights. He is given to memorable metaphors—like urging priests to go out in the world and be 'shepherds living with the smell of the sheep.'"

The Name of God Is Mercy shows why this "Pope of Mercy" views the Church as a family. "It is the first school of mercy," he says, "because it is there that we have been loved and learned to love, have been forgiven and learned to forgive."

Our prayer today: *Heavenly Father, mercy is your name. Grant that we always find ways to recognize and receive the love you have for us.*

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 - \$659.00 St Nicholas MC Cemetery \$1,145.00
Thank You!

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Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Mary, +Rose, & +Katherine Porchik by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Annette Sawka by 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- In Memory of +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by Irene & Bill McAndrew

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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Irene Flaherty

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