

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, May 29th, 2016: 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 28 th	10:00pm Memorial Day Blessings- St. Nicholas Cemetery, Mahanoy City
	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, May 29 nd	10:30am +Annette Sawka by Josephine & Jim Connelly
Monday, May 30 th	8:00am God's Blessings on Howard Wildey & Family
	10:00am Memorial Day Blessings- St Michael's Cemetery, Shenandoah
Wednesday, June 1 st	8:00am God's Blessings on Chuck & Dolores
	6:30pm Prayer Group
Friday, June 3 rd	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, June 4 th	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, June 5 th	10:30am +Josephine Polli by John & Dolores Sion

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 28 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm +Dr. Peter Skrincosky by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky
Sunday, May 29 th	8:30am +Joseph & +Catherine Panchison by Panchison Family
	1:30pm Memorial Day Blessings- St Nicholas & Holy Trinity Cemeteries, St. Clair
Tuesday, May 31 st	8:00am +Robert Glovich by Mrs. Lucy O'Conner
Thursday, June 2 nd	8:00am +Walter & +Julia Salak by Susie & Jim Collins
Saturday, June 4 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart
	5:30pm 5 th Anniversary +Kristin Prokop by Diana, May, & Megan Gabardi
Sunday, June 5 th	8:30am +John Yaroshak by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wos

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, May 28 th	Rom 2:10-16	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, May 29 th	Rom 2:10-16	Sam Litwak
Saturday, June 4 th	Rom 5:1-10	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, June 5 th	Rom 5:1-10	Michelle Caputo

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, May 28 th	Rom 2:10-16	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday, May 29 th	Rom 2:10-16	Susan Miller
Saturday, June 4 th	Rom 5:1-10	Christine Romanko
Sunday, June 5 th	Rom 5:1-10	Lauralee Sadusky

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light- Available Dates 6/12, 6/26, 7/3 & 8/7 If you are interested in these candles, please sign up at the back of the Church.

Candles Available- Candles are available. Lamps or the Iconostas (\$12) , Tetrapod (\$6), Crucifix(\$6) are all available for many dates in the future. Please contact the rectory if interested.

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.

Indulgence Basket Raffle- Thanks to everyone's generosity in donating all the items for this basket , we made \$468.00. Our lucky winner was Jess Andrews. Thanks for everyone's hard work.

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:

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates- 7/17, 7/24, 7/31 & 8/28

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.

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

Celebration of Service – On Sunday, June 5th at 1pm at Original Family Pizza in Frackville we are having a dinner for Sister Zenovia, who is celebrating 50 years and Sister Natalya, who is celebrating 25 years in service of Our Lord. The cost of this dinner is \$20.00 per person. This includes your entree, soup & salad, drink (coffee, tea, soda or ice tea), dessert and gratuity. The dinner choices are Chicken Parmigiana with pasta, Eggplant Parmigiana with pasta, Pasta with meatballs or sausage or Ravioli, either meat or cheese. Seating is limited, so please reserve your place ASAP. For Reservations call Charlie at 570-612-9205 or the rectory at 570-462-0809. You may also email barneysdad@ptd.net Please help us honoring these devoted women of God.

Food for the poor- WE NEED YOUR HELP 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.



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

6 BOYS AND 13 HANDS

Thank You



Each year I am hired to go to Washington, DC with the eighth grade class from Clinton, WI where I grew up, to videotape their trip. I greatly enjoy visiting our nation's capitol, and each year I take some special memories back with me. This fall's trip was especially memorable.

On the last night of our trip, we stopped at the Iwo Jima memorial. This memorial is the largest bronze statue in the world and depicts one of the most

famous photographs in history -- that of the six brave soldiers raising the American Flag at the top of a rocky hill on the island of Iwo Jima, Japan, during WW II

Over one hundred students and chaperones piled off the buses and headed towards the memorial. I noticed a solitary figure at the base of the statue, and as I got closer he asked, 'Where are you guys from?'

I told him that we were from Wisconsin.

'Hey, I'm a cheese head, too! Come gather around, Cheese heads, and I will tell you a story.'

(It was James Bradley who just happened to be in Washington, DC to speak at the memorial the following day. He was there that night to say good night to his dad, who had passed away. He was just about to leave when he saw the buses pull up. I videotaped him as he spoke to us, and received his permission to share what he said from my videotape. It is one thing to tour the incredible monuments filled with history in Washington, DC but it is quite another to get the kind of insight we received that night.)

When all had gathered around, he reverently began to speak. (Here are his words that night.)

'My name is James Bradley and I'm from Antigo, Wisconsin. My dad is on that statue, and I wrote a book called 'Flags of Our Fathers'. It is the story of the six boys you see behind me.

'Six boys raised the flag. The first guy putting the pole in the ground is Harlon Block. Harlon was an all-state football player. He enlisted in the Marine Corps with all the senior members of his football team.. They were off to play another type of game. A game called 'War.' But it didn't turn out to be a game. Harlon, at the age of 21, died with his intestines in his hands. I don't say that to gross you out, I say that because there are people who stand in front of this statue and talk about the glory of war. You guys need to know that most of the boys in Iwo Jima were 17, 18, and 19 years old - and it was so hard that the ones who did make it home never even would talk to their families about it.

(He pointed to the statue) 'You see this next guy? That's Rene Gagnon from New Hampshire . If you took Rene's helmet off at the moment this photo was taken and looked in the webbing of that helmet,

you would find a photograph...a photograph of his girlfriend Rene put that in there for protection because he was scared. He was 18 years old. It was just boys who won the battle of Iwo Jima. Boys. Not old men.

'The next guy here, the third guy in this tableau, was Sergeant Mike Strank. Mike is my hero. He was the hero of all these guys. They called him the 'old man' because he was so old. He was already 24. When Mike would motivate his boys in training camp, he didn't say, 'Let's go kill some Japanese' or 'Let's die for our country' He knew he was talking to little boys. Instead he would say, 'You do what I say, and I'll get you home to your mothers.'

'The last guy on this side of the statue is Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian from Arizona. Ira Hayes was one of them who lived to walk off Iwo Jima. He went into the White House with my dad. President Truman told him, 'You're a hero' He told reporters, 'How can I feel like a hero when 250 of my buddies hit the island with me and only 27 of us walked off alive?'

So you take your class at school, 250 of you spending a year together having fun, doing everything together. Then all 250 of you hit the beach, but only 27 of your classmates walk off alive. That was Ira Hayes. He had images of horror in his mind. Ira Hayes carried the pain home with him and eventually died dead drunk, face down, drowned in a very shallow puddle, at the age of 32 (ten years after this picture was taken).

'The next guy, going around the statue, is Franklin Sousley from Hilltop, Kentucky. A fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. His best friend, who is now 70, told me, 'Yeah, you know, we took two cows up on the porch of the Hilltop General Store. Then we strung wire across the stairs so the cows couldn't get down. Then we fed them Epsom salts.

Those cows crapped all night.' Yes, he was a fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. Franklin died on Iwo Jima at the age of 19. When the telegram came to tell his mother that he was dead, it went to the Hilltop General Store. A barefoot boy ran that telegram up to his mother's farm. The neighbors could hear her scream all night and into the morning. Those neighbors lived a quarter of a mile away.

'The next guy, as we continue to go around the statue, is my dad, John Bradley, from Antigo, Wisconsin, where I was raised. My dad lived until 1994, but he would never give interviews. When Walter Cronkite's producers or the New York Times would call, we were trained as little kids to say 'No, I'm sorry, sir, my dad's not here.

He is in Canada fishing.

No, there is no phone there, sir. No, we don't know when he is coming back.' My dad never fished or even went to Canada. Usually, he was sitting there right at the table eating his Campbell's soup. But we had to tell the press that he was out fishing. He didn't want to talk to the press.

'You see, like Ira Hayes, my dad didn't see himself as a hero. Everyone thinks these guys are heroes, 'cause they are in a photo and on a monument. My dad knew better. He was a medic. John Bradley from Wisconsin was a combat caregiver. On Iwo Jima he probably held over 200 boys as they died. And when boys died on Iwo Jima, they writhed and screamed, without any medication or help with the pain.

'When I was a little boy, my third grade teacher told me that my dad was a hero. When I went home and told my dad that, he looked at me and said, 'I want you always to remember that the heroes of Iwo Jima are the guys who did not come back. Did NOT come back.'

'So that's the story about six nice young boys.. Three died on Iwo Jima , and three came back as national heroes.

Overall, 7,000 boys died on Iwo Jima in the worst battle in the history of the Marine Corps. My voice is giving out, so I will end here. Thank you for your time.'

Suddenly, the monument wasn't just a big old piece of metal with a flag sticking out of the top. It came to life before our eyes with the heartfelt words of a son who did indeed have a father who was a hero. Maybe not a hero for the reasons most people would believe, but a hero nonetheless.

We need to remember that God created this vast and glorious world for us to live in, freely, but also at great sacrifice

Let us never forget from the Revolutionary War to the current War on Terrorism and all the wars in-between that sacrifice was made for our freedom...please pray for our troops.

Remember to pray praises for this great country of ours and also ...please pray for our troops still in murderous places around the world.

STOP and thank God for being alive and being free due to someone else's sacrifice.

God Bless You and God Bless America.

One thing I learned while on tour with my 8th grade students in DC that is not mentioned here is . . . that if you look at the statue very closely and count the number of 'hands' raising the flag, there are 13.

When the man who made the statue was asked why there were 13, he simply said the 13th hand was the hand of God.



May 29: To Be Loved

One message of this Jubilee Year of Mercy is that we can be assured God loves us. Perhaps the greatest proof of this is the gift of his body and blood in the Eucharist.

Pope Francis said, “the Eucharist is Jesus, who gives himself entirely to us.”

Isn't this the core understanding of what love is all about—to sacrifice, to give of ourselves for the sake of the beloved?

Stop To Salute On Memorial Day

EAGLE BASE, Bosnia and Herzegovina -- It was raining "cats and dogs" and I was late for physical training.

Traffic was backed up at Fort Campbell, Ky., and was moving way too slowly. I was probably going to be late and I was growing more and more impatient.

The pace slowed almost to a standstill as I passed Memorial Grove, the site built to honor the soldiers who died in the Gander airplane crash, the worst redeployment accident in the history of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

Because it was close to Memorial Day, a small American flag had been placed in the ground next to each soldier's memorial plaque.

My concern at the time, however, was getting past the bottleneck, getting out of the rain and getting to PT on time.

All of a sudden, infuriatingly, just as the traffic was getting started again, the car in front of me stopped

A soldier, a private of course, jumped out in the pouring rain and ran over toward the grove.

I couldn't believe it! This knucklehead was holding up everyone for who knows what kind of prank. Horns were honking.

I waited to see the butt-chewing that I wanted him to get for making me late.

He was getting soaked to the skin. His BDUs were plastered to his frame. I watched-as he ran up to one of the memorial plaques, picked up the small American flag that had fallen to the ground in the wind and the rain, and set it upright again.

Then, slowly, he came to attention, saluted, ran back to his car, and drove off.

I'll never forget that incident. That soldier, whose name I will never know, taught me more about duty, honor, and respect than a hundred books or a thousand lectures.

That simple salute -- that single act of honoring his fallen brother and his flag -- encapsulated all the Army values in one gesture for me. It said, "I will never forget. I will keep the faith. I will finish the mission. I am an American soldier."

I thank God for examples like that.

And on this Memorial Day, I will remember all those who paid the ultimate price for my freedom, and one private, soaked to the skin, who honored them.

~ Captain John Rasmussen ~

[by: Captain John Rasmussen (Army News Service, May 22, 2002) -- from Bill Rayborn (bill@billrayborn.com)]

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 - \$1,239.50 St Nicholas MC Cemetery \$150.00
Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions - \$ 857.00 Cemetery \$ 20.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Elmer Gulas by Wife, Elizabeth Gulas

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of the Loved Ones of St. Michael's

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

4 Lamps of the Iconostas – In Memory of my Departed Family Members.

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
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