

**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, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017 36<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 3:30pm God’s Blessings on His People  
 Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:30am +Samuel, +Edna ,+Susan & +Angelo by Diane Perri  
 Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00am +John Bagienski by Betty Ann Bugden & Staff  
**Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> No Divine Liturgy**  
 Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
 Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm + Stanley Reese by Winifred Mohutsky  
 Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 10:30am God’s Blessing on His People

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary  
 5:30pm +Regina Skrincoosky by Andrew & Anna Skrincoosky  
 Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:30am +Kathryn Misstishin by Harold & Mary Albon & Family  
 Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00am +Joseph Lutzkanin by Theresa Panchison  
 Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 8:00am +Frank Homa by Richard Kost  
 Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary  
 5:30pm +Steven Talpash by Lois Steininger  
 Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 8:30am +John Yaroshak by Julia Smith

**St. Michael’s Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, January 21 <sup>st</sup>	1 Tim 1:15-17	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 Tim 1:15-17	Alice Breznik
Saturday, January 28 <sup>th</sup>	1 Tim 4:9-15	Ann Krusinsky
Sunday, January 29 <sup>th</sup>	1 Tim 4:9-15	Michael Fufila

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, January 21 <sup>st</sup>	1 Tim 1:15-17	David Toth
Sunday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 Tim 1:15-17	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, January 28 <sup>th</sup>	1 Tim 4:9-15	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, January 29 <sup>th</sup>	1 Tim 4:9-15	Leeann Smulligan

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

### *St. Michael:*

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**Candles are now available for 2017.** For Sanctuary Lights, please sign up in the back of the church ( offering \$15.00 ) For Iconostas ( offering \$12.00 ) , Tetrapod (offering \$6.00) , Crucifix (offering \$6.00) and 7 Branch Lights(offering \$21.00) please contact the rectory. Please place your offering in the collection basket in a clearly marked envelope.

**Memorial Fund-** We have received donations in memory of Martha Hysock from Walukiewicz- Oravitz Fell Funeral Home, Theresa Hysock Weirzalis & Family, Mickey & Mary Ann Kayes, Monica & Joe Mehalick, Mr & Mrs Thomas Salvadore, Bob & Ellen Selgrade & Family & Ann & Mary Flannery.

### *St. Nicholas:*

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**Sanctuary Light** – Available dates 2/19, 3/5, & 3/26

**Divine Liturgy cancelation-** If there is a two hour delay or cancelation of the St. Clair schools due to bad weather , we will not have Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas.

**Home Blessing-**will be this Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup> in Saint Clair, beginning at 1:00pm.

### *Both Churches*

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**Special Collection-** This week, our second collection will be for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe Your donation today helps restore the Church and build a future in 20 countries, many of which struggle to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. . More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/ceec](http://www.usccb.org/ceec) **Thank you for your generosity.**

**Rectory Office** - If the local schools have a two hour delay, or are canceled , this will effect if the rectory office is open. On these days, please call first before coming to the office to be sure it is open. Also please note that the rectory office will be closed the following days – All Fridays in January .

**Food Bank** – As you know we maintain a food bank for those in need, this outreach is run solely on donations. 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.

**Meals on Wheels** drivers needed in the Ringtown area! Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday 10:00AM pick up time For more information, please call Debbie at 570-624-3016 Diakon Community Services

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** Assumption BVM Parish is sponsoring their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 12th from 11:00AM until 2:00PM in the social hall of Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Mt. Carmel. Dinner includes: spaghetti, homemade meatballs and sauce, salad, bread and butter, beverage and dessert. Extra meatballs may be purchased at an additional cost. Also, quarts of our delicious sauce will be available to purchase for take-out. Tickets are on sale now--\$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 years of age--and can be purchased by calling the rectory office at 570-339-0650, stopping by the office during business hours, or in the vestibule of the church before and after liturgy. A cordial invitation is extended to all!

**Deppen Pie Sale** to benefit Shenandoah Area Free Public Library. Order forms available at the Library and Downtown Shenandoah, Pies are \$10.00 each. Order Deadline Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>. Pick up pies on Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Available Pies: Blueberry Crumb, Apple Crumb, Strawberry Rhubarb Crumb, Cherry Crumb, Peach Crumb, Shoofly, Coconut Custard, Lemon Sponge and No Sugar Apple.

**DSI Soup Sale**- Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>. 10:00am to sell out. \$5.00 quart \$2.50 pint Soups available: New England Clam Chowder, Pasta Faggioli, Split Pea, Ham, Bean & Barley, Chicken Noodle, Kielbasi, Beef Vegetable, Chili, Sausage Hoagies for \$3.50 each. Call early for orders- 570-462-2060. Downtown Shenandoah, 116 North Main St Shenandoah PA .

**Hospice of Central PA** is preparing for our spring 2017 volunteer training programs. Our primary need at this time is for caring, compassionate volunteers to become part of our patient care team. They work with nurses and social workers, chaplains, bereavement counselors, and others on the hospice team to help care for our patients and provide emotional support to the patients and their loved ones. For patient care/family support volunteers: Volunteers provide companionship, comfort, support, and often much-needed respite for caregivers. Our comprehensive training prepares volunteers to understand end-of-life issues, patient care, pain control, listening skills, family dynamics, spiritual support, loss, bereavement, and the hospice concept of care. This nine-week training will begin on February 23, meeting Thursday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. For nursing home specific patient/family support volunteers **and our hospice residence volunteers**: Volunteers provide companionship, comfort, support, and extra attention. Our program covers the basics of hospice care, grief and loss, and spiritual support, focusing on supportive/companionship visitation, and collaboration with facility staff. This five-week training will begin on May 24, meeting Wednesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. **Our newest program is our Vet to Vet visitation program**: Some of our hospice patients who are veterans welcome the chance to talk with a fellow veteran about issues that impact end of life, to which only another veteran can relate. Our training for these community veterans introduces them to hospice care concepts, end-of-life issues, and techniques of good listening. These veteran volunteers are not there to provide care, but rather a valuable listening ear attuned to the special experience of another veteran. This three-week training will begin on March 9, meeting Thursday mornings from 9a.m.-12 noon. For a volunteer application or more information, prospective volunteers may call the Hospice of Central Pennsylvania office at 717-732-1000 or 1-866-779-7374, or visit our website at [www.hospiceofcentralpa.org](http://www.hospiceofcentralpa.org) and click on *volunteer opportunities*. Completed applications are due 10 days prior to start of training to allow time for an interview.

**Trinity Academy** is now accepting students for the 2017-2018 school year. Parents can enroll their child by calling Christine Zuber Fannick at (570) 462-3927 or by attending one of the following events: information sessions: February 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and February 26, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. or at our open house: February 15, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Trinity Academy at the Father Walter Ciszek Education Foundation; Founded in Faith and Family

## GO TO CONFESSION!

Jesus healed people in many different ways. Some he healed by merely thinking the thought, some he healed by saying a word, some he healed by a touch but he healed the man born blind (the Gospel according to Saint John) by spitting on the ground, mixing his spittle with the dirt with his finger and then applying the mud to the eyes of the blind man telling him to go wash in the Pool of Siloam.

In much the same way, Jesus heals our self-inflicted wounds caused by our sins. He tell us to go to the priest to obtain forgiveness and healing. In humbling ourselves by asking a man, the priest, to hear our confession we give Jesus the opportunity to use the priest as he used mud to absolve us from our sins and to heal us. The priest is the mud. It is Jesus who heals.-----Go to confession

# POPE FRANCIS

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

## *New wineskins- Monday, 18 January 2016*

(by *L'Osservatore Romano*, Weekly ed. in English, n. 3, 22 January 2016)

A Christian who hides behind the notion that “this is how it’s always been done...” is committing a sin, becomes idolatrous and disobedient, and lives a “patched up, half-and-half life”, because his heart is closed to the “newness of the Holy Spirit”. The invitation to free oneself from the customary in order to make room for “God’s surprises” was offered by Pope Francis during Mass at Santa Marta on Monday morning.

In the First Reading, taken from the First Book of Samuel (15:16-23), the Pope began, “we heard that Saul the king was rejected by God for not obeying: the Lord told him that he would win in battle, in war, but that everything had to be utterly destroyed”. But Saul “did not obey”.

Thus, “when the prophet rebukes him for this and then in the name of God rejects him from being king of Israel”, Saul — the passage continues — “gives an explanation: ‘I have heard the voice of the people who took the best of this livestock to sacrifice to the Lord’”.

“It is a good thing to sacrifice”, Francis explained, “but the Lord had ordered, he had given a mandate to do something else”. Thus Samuel says to Saul: “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord?”. Therefore, the Pope affirmed, “obedience goes further” and surpasses even Saul’s words of justification: “I listened to the people and the people told me: this is how it’s always been done! The most valuable things go to the service of the Lord, either in the temple or as sacrifices. This is how it’s always been done!”.

Thus, “the king, who had to change this notion of ‘this is how it’s always been done...’ says to Samuel: ‘I feared the people’”. Saul “was afraid” and this is why “he allowed life to continue contrary to the Lord’s will”.

It is the same attitude — the Pope continued, referring to the day’s passage from Mark (2:18-22) — that “Jesus teaches in the Gospel, when the doctors of the law rebuke him because his disciples do not fast: ‘This is how it’s always been done. Why don’t your [disciples] fast?’. Jesus responds with this principle of life: ‘No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; if he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; if he does, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; so new wine is for fresh skins’”.

Hence Francis asked, “what does this mean, that the law has changed? No!”. It means, rather, “that the law is at the service of man, that it is at the service of God, and for this reason man must have an open heart”. The attitude of those who say “this is how it’s always been done...”, in reality, is born from “a closed heart”. Instead, “Jesus told us: ‘I will send the Holy Spirit and he will lead you to the full truth’”. Thus, “if your heart is closed to the newness of the Holy Spirit, you will never reach the full truth”. Additionally, “your Christian life will be a half-and-half life, a patched up life, mended with new things but on a structure that is not open to the Lord’s voice: a closed heart, because you are not capable of changing the wineskins”.

This was precisely, the Pontiff explained, “the sin of Saul the king, for which he was rejected”. And it is also “the sin of many Christians who hold onto what has always been done and do not allow the wineskins to be changed”. Thus they end up living “a halfway, patched up, mended, meaningless life”.

So, the Pope asked, “why does this happen? Why is it so serious, why does the Lord reject Saul and then choose another king?”. The answer is given by Samuel, when “he explains a closed heart, a heart that does not listen to the Lord’s voice, that is not open to the newness of the Lord, to the Spirit who always surprises us”. One who has such a heart, Samuel affirms, “is a sinner”. “For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry”. Thus, Francis said, “Christians who are obstinate, saying ‘this is how it’s always been done, this is the way, this is the path’, are sinning: the sin of divination”. It is “as if they were to go to a palm reader”. In the end, “what has been said and what doesn’t change — by me and my closed heart” — becomes “more important” than “the Word of the Lord”. This “is also the sin of idolatry: stubbornness. The Christian who insists, sins. The sin of idolatry”.

The question to ask with regard to this truth is: “What is the path?”. Francis suggested that we “open our heart to the Holy Spirit, discern what is the will of God”. It’s true, “always, after battles, the people took everything for sacrifices to the Lord, also for their own benefit, also gems for the temple”. And “it was customary, at the time of Jesus, for good Israelites to fast”. However, the Pope explained, “there is another reality: there is the Holy Spirit who leads us to the full truth”. And “this is why he needs open hearts, hearts that are not obstinate in the sin of idolizing themselves”, believing that what’s “most important” is “what I think” and not “the surprise of the Holy Spirit”.

The Pope then remarked that this “is the message that the Church gives us today: which Jesus says so firmly: ‘New wine in new wineskins!’”. Because, Francis reiterated, “even customs must be renewed in the newness of the Holy Spirit, in the surprises of God”. Before continuing with the celebration, Francis expressed the hope that “the Lord give us the grace of an open heart, of a heart open to the voice of the Holy Spirit, which can discern what must not change because it is fundamental from what has to change in order to be able to receive the newness of the Holy Spirit”.

### **Don’t Forget the Chips**



A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him some chips. He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him.

His smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted!

They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever..

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime! Embrace all equally!

Have lunch with God.....bring chips.

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### **All Souls -Sorokousty for 2017.**

*If you wish your departed loved ones remembered in the dyptychs these five special days, please fill out the form below and return it in the special offering envelopes.*

Kindly include the following names of these beloved souls in the DYPTYCHS to be commemorated during the Panahyda on the 5 All Souls Days.

If your list has not changed since 2016 simply check here. \_\_\_\_\_

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[use extra paper if necessary — please print!!!]

YOUR FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for requests- Sun. February 12, 2017.PLEASE!

## THE WEEKEND

Note that Jesus chose to perform many of His miracles on Saturday, which was then the day set aside as a day of rest, and for contemplation of God. When Jesus was condemned for repeatedly healing on this day, He made it clear that God's day was not to be wasted in idleness but used for active celebrating by gathering to pray, doing good deeds, and for strengthening our souls.

Sunday, the day of Resurrection, is not a day to spend sitting around the house mesmerized in front of the television or going shopping; it is the day to go to church, to pray, and to reinvigorate our lives. Sunday is intended to be an active commemoration of the Lord.

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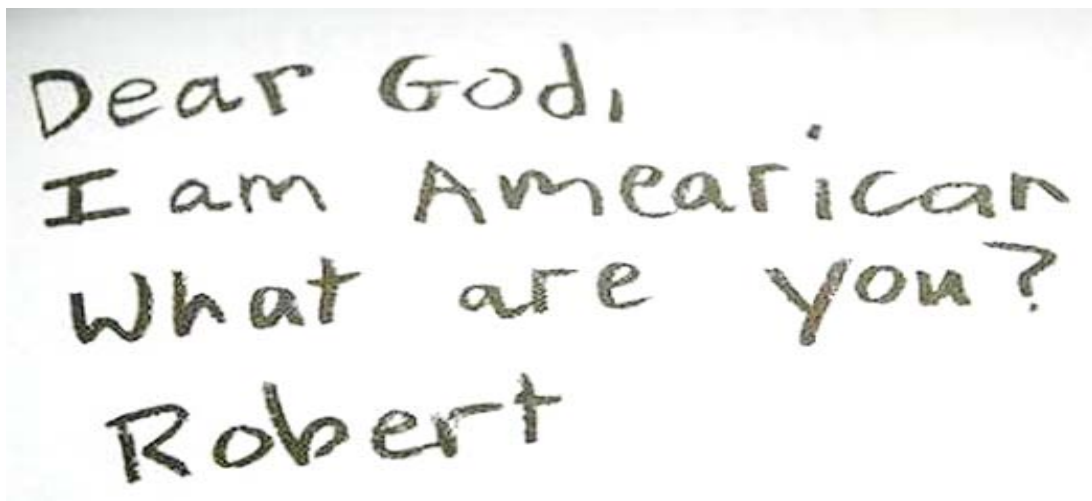
### Jesus!

JESUS Read at least the first two lines....never thought of it! Jesus died over 2000 years ago. Nobody has ever referred to HIM as the late Jesus, Not even the heathens. Nowhere in history. Nowhere has HE ever been referred to in the past tense HE 'is' the Living God! When Jesus died on the cross HE was thinking of you! If you are one of the 3% who will stand up for HIM, cut this out and send it to someone... "May God Smile on You Today."

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"You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live a children of light , for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." *Eph 5:8-10*

"All of you are children of the light and children of the day." *1-Thes 5:5*



Dear God,  
I am American  
What are you?  
Robert

## 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 - \$1,429.00 Cemetery \$ 495.00 Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contributions \$ 807.00 Cemetery \$50.00 Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas-** In Memory of+ Regina Skrincosky by Andrew & Anna Skrincosky

**Sanctuary Light: St. Michael** In Memory of +Edna Unuscavage by Unuscavage & Perri Family

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

**4 Lamps of the Iconostas**

**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**

Ruth's Mom \*

Eva Koch

Dolores Kozie

Sandy Bankes\*

Shannon's Mom\*

Matthew Morrisey

Helen O'Connell

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**

Peter Kadingo

Margaret Skrincosky

Mary Mistishen

Joseph Luckenbill

Laura Seasock

Mary Kadingo

Metro & Helen Tarris

Joseph Salak

Anna Skrincosky

Catherine Washuta

Elizabeth Gulas

Jim Rehnert

Walter Mistishen

Andrew Skrincosky

Items in this bulletin are from Fr. Daniel & St Josephat's Bulletin , Archbishop Chancery, Vatican Website , Father Fields Mustard Seeds by M. Kelly & The Church Signs Calendar 2016

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