

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, January 29th 2017 36th Sunday of Zacchaeus

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 28th 3:30pm + Stanley Reese by Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, January 29th 10:30am God's Blessing on His People
Tuesday, January 31st 8:00am + Anna Smetana by Charles Calise & Helen O'Connell
Wednesday, February 1st 8:00am + Theresa Seasock by John & Joan Seasock

Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon

Wednesday, February 1st 5:00pm God's Blessings on His People

Friday, February 3rd 8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, February 4th 3:30pm +Mary & +Charles Lazusky by William & Irene Mc Andrew

Sunday, February 5th 10:30am God's Blessing on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 28th 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
5:30pm + Steve Talpash by Lois Steinger

Sunday, January 29th 8:30am +John Yaroshak by Julia Smith

Three Holy Hierarchs

Monday, January 30th 8:00am +Frank Homa by Richard Kost

Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon

Thursday, February 2nd 9:00am +Jeanette Stock by Helena, Chuck & Family

Saturday, February 4th 8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
5:30pm +Walter Salak by Helen, Metro, Leonard & Rita Tarris

Sunday, February 5th 8:30am +Steve Mistysyn by John Mistishen

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, January 28 th	1 Tim 4:9-15	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, January 29 th	1 Tim 4:9-15	Michael Fufla
Wednesday, February 1 st	Heb 7:7-17	Sam Litwak
Saturday, February 4 th	2 Tim 3:10-15	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, February 5 th	2 Tim 3:10-15	Michelle Caputo

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, January 28 th	1 Tim 4:9-15	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, January 29 th	1 Tim 4:9-15	Leeann Smulligan
Thursday, February 2 nd	Heb 7:7-17	Theresa Panchison
Saturday, February 4 th	2 Tim 3:10-15	Andrew Skrinicosky
Sunday, February 5 th	2 Tim 3:10-15	Susan Miller

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

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.

Condolences - Sincere sympathy is offered to the friends and family of +Carmella Fonslick who feel asleep in the Lord. We pray Almighty God grant him a place of rest where there is no sorrow or mourning but life everlasting. May the memory of + Carmella be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat

Home Blessings will be this Sunday January 29th for Shenandoah & Turkey Hill.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Available dates 3/5, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, & 4/28.

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.

Both Churches

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 **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 . **The rectory office will be closed Tuesday January 31st .**

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 9th. Pick up pies on Wednesday February 22nd. 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 9th. 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 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 4:00pm 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

WE MUST LONG AND PRAY FOR THE RECONCILIATION OF ALL WITHOUT EXCEPTION

Bishop Kallistos of Diokleia There is not terrorism in the Eastern Churches doctrine of God. Eastern Christians do not cringe before Him in abject fear, but think of Him as philanthropos, the 'lover of mankind'. Hell is not so much a place where God imprisons a person, but a place where a person, by misusing his free will, chooses to imprison himself or herself. And even in Hell the wicked are not deprived of the love of God. [If they were, they would cease to exist]. Hell exists as a final possibility. It is heretical to say or believe that all must be saved, for this is to deny free will; but it is legitimate to hope that all may be saved. Until the Last Day comes, we must not despair of anyone's salvation, but must long and pray for the reconciliation of all without exception. No one must be excluded from our prayers of loving intercession

POPE FRANCIS

MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAE

The astonished innkeeper- Tuesday, 10 January 2017

(by <http://www.osservatoreromano.va>)

How did Jesus teach with an authority that “astonished” and conquered, while the scribes and the doctors of law could only impose laws, but “not enter the hearts of the people”? Pope Francis’ reflection during Mass at Santa Marta on Tuesday morning, 10 January illustrated the differences between the “real authority” of Jesus, and the “formal authority” of the others. The eloquent comparison encourages us to reflect on the danger to those who are called “to teach the truth” and who can fall into the temptation of “clericalism” instead of following the path of “closeness to the people”.

The Pope was inspired by a passage taken from the Gospel of the day (Mk 1: 21-28) in which it is said that “they were astonished”. Why this “astonishment”?, asked the Pope. “Because of the way in which Jesus taught”, he replied, adding that Jesus “taught them as one who has authority, and not as the scribes, that is, the doctors of the law”. Indeed, all of those people did teach, “but they did not enter the heart of the people” and therefore had no authority.

Authority, the Pope explained, is a recurring theme in the Gospel. We see this in particular, when Jesus finds himself “questioned, many times” by the doctors of the law, the Pharisees, priests and scribes: “but by what authority do you do this? Tell us! You have no authority to do this! We have the authority”. At the base of this query, explained Francis, lies “the problem of formal authority and real authority”. While the scribes and Pharisees enjoyed “formal authority”, Jesus had “real authority”. But, the Pope added, “not because he was a seducer”. In fact, if it is true that Jesus brought a “new teaching”, it is also true that “Jesus himself said he was teaching the law down to the last detail”. The novelty, compared to the doctors of law, lay in the fact that “Jesus was teaching the truth, but with authority”.

Thus, it is important to understand in what lies “the difference of this authority”. The Pope clarified this by explaining the characteristics of real authority. “First of all, “ the Pope stressed, “Jesus’ authority was a humble authority. Jesus taught with humility”. His bore the characteristics of “servitude”, to the extent that he advised his disciples to act in the same way: “Those who rule nations lord it over them, but it shall not be so among you. Let the greatest be the one who serves: he shall become the least, and he shall be the greatest”. Jesus, therefore, “served the people; he explained things so that the people could clearly understand. He was at the service of the people. He had the manner of a servant and this gave him authority”.

On the contrary, the doctors of the law “had the mindset of princes”, and they thought: “we are the teachers, the princes, and we teach you. Not service: we command; you obey”. Therefore, even if people listened to and respected [them], “they did not feel that the [doctors of the law]

had authority over them”. Jesus however, “never passed by like a prince; he was always the servant of all and this is what gave him authority”.

A second characteristic “of Jesus’ authority”, the Pope added, “was closeness”. The Gospel reads: “Jesus was close to the people, was among the people” and the people themselves “would not let him leave”. The Lord “was not allergic to the people. Touching lepers, the sick, did not disgust him”. And this “being close to the people”, Francis stressed, “gives authority”.

The comparison with the doctors, scribes and priests is evident. They “distance themselves from the people, in their hearts they despise the poor, uneducated people”. They loved to set themselves apart, walking “in the squares, well dressed, in luxurious robes”. They, explained the Pope, “have a clerical mindset: they taught with a clerical authority”. Jesus instead “was very close to the people” and this gave him authority.

In this regard, the Pope recalled the closeness to the people that “Blessed Paul VI possessed”. An example, he said, that can be found in number 48 of *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, where we recognize “the heart of the close pastor: therein lies the authority of this Pope: closeness”.

Picking up where he left off, Francis summarized the characteristics of Jesus’ authority. He explained that Jesus “overturned everything, like an iceberg. We see the tip of the iceberg; instead, Jesus overturned it and the people are at the top, and He who commands is below, and commands from below”. Secondly, there is “closeness”. And lastly, there is a “third distinction” with respect to the doctors of law: “consistency”. Jesus, observed the Pope, “was consistent; he lived as he preached. There was a kind of unity, a harmony, between what he thought, felt and did”. Something that cannot be found in the attitude of the scribes and Pharisees: “Their personality was split to the point that Jesus advised his disciples: ‘Do as they say, but not as they do’. They would say one thing and do another”. Jesus often described them as hypocrites. And “one who feels like a prince, who has a ‘clericalistic’ attitude, who is a hypocrite, does not have authority. He will speak the truth, but without authority. Instead, Jesus, who is humble, who serves, who is close, who does not despise people, has authority”. This, said the Pontiff, is the kind of authority that “the People of God sense”.

It is the kind of authority that astonishes and wins over hearts. To underline this concept, at the conclusion of the homily, Pope Francis drew attention to the parable of the Good Samaritan, whom he described as an “image of Jesus”, and briefly summarized the well-known gospel passage. “There’s that man there: knocked down, beaten, left half dead in the middle of the street by bandits”. And when the priest passes by, “he goes around him because there is blood and he thinks: ‘The law says that if I touch blood, I will be unclean ... no, no, I will leave’”. Later, when the Levite passes by, he probably thought: “If I become involved in this, I will need to go to court tomorrow, to testify, and tomorrow I have many things to do, I must ... no, no, no...”. And so he goes away.

Later, the Samaritan arrives, “a sinner, from a different people”. He instead “has pity for this man, and does all that we know about”. But, added Francis, in the parable “there is a fourth character: the innkeeper”, who “was astonished; astonished not by the poor man’s injuries, because he knew there were bandits on that path, on that road”; and not by the behavior of the priest and the Levite, “because he knew them and knew that was their way of acting”. The innkeeper is “astonished by that Samaritan”, not understanding his choice to stop and help. Perhaps the innkeeper thought: ““this man is crazy! But he is also a foreigner; he is not Jewish, he is a sinner... But he is crazy, I do not understand””!

“This,” concluded the Pope, “is the astonishment”: the same “astonishment of the people” before Jesus, “because his authority was a humble authority, one of service; it was an authority close to the people and it was a consistent authority”.

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!

Following the path of least resistance makes rivers and men crooked.

God has unlimited anytime minutes.

READING: LK 19:1-10



This reading narrates the conversion of Zacchaeus which Luke places after the healing of the blind man of Jericho: Jesus opened the eyes of the blind man who wanted just to see, and the eyes of Zacchaeus who wanted to see Jesus. For St. Luke, Zacchaeus was the model of the action undertaken by persons to whom Jesus/God opens their eyes: they are converted from their evil ways; they live justly and share with the poor. The conversion of Zacchaeus is practical and vital; his social and economic life is deeply affected. His is not just a *"devout" conversion* which will lead to temple or synagogue attendance; Zacchaeus does not even say that he will pray more. In his time, in the midst of the slaveries of the Greece-Roman society filled with social imbalance and dire poverty, Luke wanted, above all, a conversion with social implications. This is the kind of conversion we need today in our communities.

Zacchaeus must have felt very restless when he had so much interest in *"seeing"* Jesus; he must have been surprised when, as it came out, Jesus *"saw him,"* and invited himself to his home. One can imagine the thoughts that went through Zacchaeus' mind and heart during the banquet until he decided to stand up and make his public declaration of conversion. The words of Jesus, proclaiming that salvation had come to that home, reflect the values and attitudes of Jesus. In his ministry: winning persons was the most important thing; *what those persons had been before their conversion counted little in comparison with what they were going to be after their conversion.* Conversion does not happen just once in the life of a person; there are many levels or steps in a conversion: one is *'converted'* and starts going to church on Sundays - a pious conversion: later he goes to confession and receives communion - a religious conversion: later he gets involved in a parish ministry of service - a diaconal conversion; later he, brings in food for the food bank and works to assist the poor in the area - social conversion: finally, he decides to enter actively in the political process to fight against injustice and better help the people - a political conversion. All these *'conversions'* are in some way sacred, deeply human and deeply divine.

“ Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled” Luke 1:45

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 - \$1,284.50 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 893.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of+ Pauline Naradko by Charles Naradko Family

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael

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 *	Helen O'Connell	Susan Enders	Christine Lenhart*
Eva Koch	Helen Beddall	Dolores O'Connell Leahy	& Rosemary (Mother)
Dolores Kozie	Irene Flaherty	Helen Bereschak	Bill McAndrew*
Mary Goodlunas*	Tom Prete	Helen Sims	Andrea Pytak
Sandy Bankes*	Susan Chernesky	Mary Mazur	Annie Cragen
Shannon's Mom*	Maya Usewicz	Keilbasa Family*	Irene Yaroma
Matthew Morrisey			

St. Nicholas

Peter Kadingo	Laura Seasock	Joseph Salak	
Margaret Skrincosky		Anna Skrincosky	Jim Rehnert
Mary Mistishen	Mary Kadingo	Catherine Washuta	Walter Mistishen
Joseph Luckenbill	Metro & Helen Tarris	Elizabeth Gulas	Andrew Skrincosky

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