

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, July 16th , 2017 5th Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 15 th	3:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, July 16 th	10:30am +Michael P Bereschak by Widow, Helen F. & Daughter,Michelle
Tuesday, July 17 th	8:00am +Aldona Pribish by Charles Calise & Helen O'Connell
Wednesday, July 19 th	8:00am Special Intentions for D.M. by R.M.
Friday, July 21 st	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, July 22 nd	3:30pm +Bob Kalavage by Wife, Carol
Sunday, July 23 rd	10:30am God's Blessings on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 15 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Deceased Members of the Brellick Family
Sunday, July 16 th	8:30am +Frank Homa by Sonny Marrow & Family
Monday, July 18 th	8:00am +Susan Unuscavage by Marie Carol Unuscavage
<i>Feast of Elijah the Great Profit</i>	
Thursday, July 20 th	8:00am Rev. Fr. Elijah Bremer on his Name Day by Bernadette Bremer & Family
Saturday, July 22 nd	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Walter,+ Helen & +Walter Jr Kocur by Thomas Stock & Family
Sunday, July 23 rd	8:30am +Mary Toth by Dorothy Prokop

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, July 15 th	Rom 12:6-14	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday , July 16 th	Rom 12:6-14	Sam Litwak
Saturday, July 22 nd	Rom 15:1-7	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, July 23 rd	Rom 15-1-7	Michelle Caputo

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, July 15 th	Rom 12:6-14	Andrew Skrincosky
Sunday , July 16 th	Rom 12:6-14	Dolores Sadusky
Saturday, July 22 nd	Rom 15:1-7	Christine Romanko
Sunday, July 23 rd	Rom 15-1-7	Theresa Panchison

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates: 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/8, 11/19, 12/3 .

Candles- Dates are open for the Iconosta (\$12.00) , Tetrapod (\$6.00) & Crucifix (\$6.00) . Please contact the rectory office to reserve a date. Thank you.

Summer Lunches- Shenandoah Valley Elementary Cafeteria will be providing free lunch to all children 18 and under Monday – Friday, starting June 19, 2017 thru August 18, 2017, 11:00am – 12:30pm. All children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Theme baskets are needed for Seminary Day. Parishioners are encouraged to donate a basket – or items to be included in St. Michael’s baskets. Any items being donated for the baskets can be left in the back of the church , or dropped off at the rectory. All items must be new and unused. Alcohol is not permitted. **The themes of our baskets are “*Imagination*” (youth basket) and “*Backyard Fun*” (gardening & grilling basket)** Please drop off all donations by July 17th. Thank you.

Seminary Day work shift HELP NEEDED : St. Michael’s shift for seminary day is 5:00pm to Close . If you are unable to come during that time, your help any time during the day would be appreciated.

Save the Date – Our Christmas Bingo will be Sunday October 15th. Anyone interested in helping with the event should talk to Michelle Caputo, Theresa Krajcirik or Stephanie Rarick. Donations of new unused Christmas items can be left in the back of the Church or dropped off at the rectory.

Seminary Day- HELP NEEDED - We will be preparing the halupki’s for Seminary Day on Thursday, July 20th . Also help is needed in the kitchen at Seminary day. Please see Carol or Winnie if you are able to help.

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates: 7/23, 7/30, 8/27, 9/3, 10/1

Theme baskets are needed for Seminary Day. Parishioners are encouraged to donate a completed basket. All items must be new and unused. Alcohol is not permitted. Please drop off all baskets at the rectory by 7/21 or at the picnic site the day of the event.

Seminary Day work shift : St. Nicholas’ shift for Seminary day is 11:00am to 2:00pm . If you are unable to come during that time, your help any time during the day would be appreciated

Both Churches:

Rectory Hours- will be reduced for the summer months. The hours for this week will be Monday 7/17, Tuesday 7/18 & Wednesday 7/19 from 10:30 to 2:30 Please call the rectory before coming down to be sure someone will be there to meet your needs.



Learn to accept the apologies you never get.

Both Churches

Seminary Day

- **Seminary Raffle Tickets** are available in the back both Churches. Tickets are \$1.00 each or a book of 6 for \$5.00. 1st prize \$1,000. 2nd prize \$200. 3rd prize \$100. 4th prize \$100. Seller \$100.
- **Theme baskets/ Work Shifts** – please see under your parish
- **Baked Goods-** are needed for Seminary day. Please bring all baked goods to the picnic grounds on Sunday morning July 30th. If you are not attending Seminary Day and would still like to contribute – contact the rectory and arrange for them to be brought to the site.
- **Set Up-** will be Saturday July 29th starting at 9:00am. Everyone is asked to please come by and help, Many hand make light work.
- **Clean-up** will be Monday July 31st starting at 9:00am. Everyone is asked to come and help clean up .

SUMMER CAMP-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: . The Annual Summer Camp-Vacation Bible School sponsored by Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Mt. Carmel and Assumption BVM Church, Centralia is scheduled for the week of August 7th -11th Camp is held from 1 0:00AM to 3:00PM each day. The Camp is open to ALL youth of our area as well as their extended family, friends and neighbors who are between the age of kindergarten through 8th. grade There is no charge for the camp, but registration/medical forms must be completed by the child's parents or legal guardian prior to camp beginning. Forms can be downloaded from Ss. Peter and Paul, Mt. Carmel website. You may also obtain registration forms by calling the parish office during business hours at 570-339-0650 or by contacting Camp Director Gene Lapointe at 570-205-7726 or email atgene@thelapointefamily.com.This year's camp is: MAKER FUN FACTORY-CREATED BY GOD, BUILT FOR A PURPOSE. It would be our pleasure and honor to host your child(ren) this year.

Call to Prayer Pilgrimage Meeting: There will be an important planning meeting for the upcoming Annual Call to Prayer Pilgrimage which is scheduled for Sunday, August 27th at Assumption BVM Church in Centralia. This meeting will be held on Sunday, July 23rd beginning at NOON at Assumption Church. We are in need of much help, support and cooperation from the faithful of our deanery for the pilgrimage. All men, women and youth are invited to the meeting to offer input, suggestions and obtain information about this year's event. Please help.

Food Bank – We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to our food bank. Please remember that we not only need non- perishable food , but paper goods and hygiene products .Gift cards for grocery stores and gas cards are also always welcome. Thank you for helping to bring a little light into someone's day. God Bless.

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him "How do you expect to get into Heaven?"

The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"

POPE FRANCIS

MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAЕ

The risk of giving mercy - Monday, 5 June

(by L'Osservatore Romano, Weekly ed. in English, n. 26, 30 June 2017)

In giving safe haven to persecuted Jews during the second World War, Pius xii offered an example of how to perform acts of mercy: through sharing, feeling compassion for another person's suffering, taking personal risks, without fear of derision or misunderstandings. At Mass at Santa Marta on Monday, 5 June, Pope Francis held up his predecessor as a courageous model of mercy for Christians to follow. He also urged the faithful to examine their conscience and to rediscover and to put into practice "the 14 corporal and spiritual works of mercy".

For his reflection, Francis began with the day's first reading, taken from the Book of Tobit (1:3; 2:1-8). It presents "an entire story, but today it speaks to us about what Tobit was like — Tobit, Tobias' father — what his life of faith was like: a man of belief". Perhaps "it may seem at first that he boasts a bit", the Pope noted, "but no, it is not so".

Simply put, "it is a story with some bad moments and at the end there is a message". And "today this passage speaks to us of Tobit's testimony, that merciful witness". Tobit, Francis continued, "performs works of mercy". The text in fact, reads: "I, Tobit, walked in the ways of truth and righteousness all the days of my life, and I performed many acts of charity to my brethren and countrymen who went with me into the land of Assyria, to Nineveh" — because he had been a prisoner, a slave in Nineveh, the Pope noted.

In short, Tobit was "a wealthy man, but he was generous", the Pontiff said. "During the feast of Pentecost he had a good dinner prepared, and before sitting down at the table he told his son to go out and look for a poor Jewish brother and to invite him to dinner; he performed a work of mercy". And then, the Pope continued, "the son came — he was happy; it was a day of celebration — and said that they had killed a Jewish brother". Immediately Tobit "got up, left the dinner intact, then went to the square, removed the man from the square and carried him to a room, waiting for sunset to bury him". And in the end, the passage reads: "When I returned I washed myself", Tobit says, "and ate my food in sorrow".

Tobit has therefore put into practice "a work of mercy, one of the 14 corporal and spiritual works of mercy", Francis explained. And "in the list of the works of mercy that the Church gives us, this is the last one: praying to God for the living and the dead, and therefore also to bury the dead". For this very reason, the Pope observed, "I would like to speak today about the works of mercy".

"A work of mercy", he explained, "means not only sharing what I have". Of course, "this is very important, and Tobit shared his money, because he was rich and gave alms". But "he also shared friendship: he invited the poor to dinner". Therefore, the Pontiff cautioned, it is not enough simply "to share, but to feel compassion, that is: to suffer with those who suffer".

Moreover, he pointed out, "a work of mercy is not something to alleviate the conscience: a good work so I am more at ease, I take a load off my back. No!". Performing a work of mercy also means "feeling

the pain of others”, because “sharing and compassion go together”. Therefore, “merciful is he who knows how to share and also to feel compassion for other people’s problems”.

And here, Francis suggested a series of questions for an examination of conscience: “Do I know how to share? Am I generous? When I see a person who is suffering, who is in trouble, do I also suffer? Do I know how to put myself in the shoes of others, in situations of suffering?”. The words of Tobit are eloquent: “I ate with sorrow”. They accurately express the idea of “sharing and feeling compassion. This is the first characteristic, the first way, the first consequence of a work of mercy: I share, I feel compassion”.

“But then there is another thing”, the Pope stressed. In fact, he emphasized that “performing works of mercy sometimes means taking risks”. To illustrate his point, the Pope again turned to the day’s reading from the Book of Tobit. “My neighbors laughed at me and said, ‘He is no longer afraid that he will be put to death for doing this; he once ran away, and here he is burying the dead again!’”.

Thus, Francis noted, “one often takes risks” in order to perform a work of mercy . “Let us think about Rome in the midst of war: about those who took risks, beginning with Pius xii, to hide Jews, so that they were not killed, so that they would not be deported. They risked their lives! But it was a work of mercy, to save those people’s lives!”. That is why one must also “take risks”.

In this reflection on what it takes to perform authentic works of mercy, the Pontiff also indicated the possibility that “at times”, a well-intentioned person may end up “becoming an object of mockery”. This is the case with Tobit, who states: “my neighbors laughed at me”. Perhaps they called him “crazy” and looked at him askew for continuing to do these gestures for others, despite being “persecuted”. As if to say that Tobit “does not know how to live well...”.

But Tobit’s story, the Pope affirmed, indicates for us the “three characteristics”, the “three features of the works of mercy”: sharing and feeling compassion for others, taking risks and being prepared to face derision. Tobit, continued the Pope, “is not like the rich man clothed in purple whom Jesus speaks about in the Gospel, who feasted and ignored poor Lazarus who was starving at the door of his palace; he knew he was there, but ignored him”. Tobit, on the other hand, knows how “to share and feel compassion”. And he also is willing “to take risks: one always takes risks and, as I have said, at times the risks are ugly”. Moreover, we must “know that if we perform works of mercy, someone might say, ‘this man is crazy, this woman is crazy: instead of being calm, comfortable at home, he or she goes to the hospital, goes here, goes there...’”.

“Works of mercy”, said the Pontiff, “are the way to find mercy”. He explained: “In the Beatitudes, Jesus says, ‘Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy’”. Moreover, the Pope added, he “who is capable of performing a work of mercy does so because he knows that he has received mercy before: it was the Lord who had mercy on him”. And “if we do these things, it is because the Lord has had pity on us: let us think about our sins, our mistakes, and how the Lord has forgiven us, has forgiven us for everything; he has had this mercy”. Therefore, the Pope recommended, “let us at least do the same for our brothers and sisters”. This is the essence of “the works of mercy”.

“I would like to add another thing”, Francis continued, “that is not explicit but implicit in the passage we have read: works of mercy, performing works of mercy, is inconvenient”. One might think, “I have

a sick friend, I would like to visit him or her, but I am not in the mood; I prefer to rest, or watch tv, in peace...". Because "performing works of mercy means always being subjected to inconvenience". This sort of work "is discomfoting, but the Lord suffered discomfort for us: he went to the cross, to give us mercy".

In conclusion, the Pontiff called for reflection "today on the works of mercy". And above all, he suggested, "let us remember them: there are 14, seven corporal and seven spiritual" works of mercy. And with a smile, he reassured those in the chapel at Santa Marta: "I will not ask here: 'Who knows what the works of mercy are, raise your hand'; I won't ask it, because I'm afraid only a few hands would be raised". But the Pope recommended that the faithful not miss the opportunity to find ways to perform the works of mercy: of course, by remembering "what they are", but also by asking themselves, "'Do I do this? Do I know how to share, do I know how to feel compassion? Do I take risks? Do I accept inconvenience in order to perform a work of mercy?'".

This is an important matter, the Pope added, because "the works of mercy are what rid us of selfishness and lead us to imitate Jesus more closely". And it does not matter if "someone might make fun of us and say, 'this person is crazy, the things he does instead of being comfortable...'" . It is not important, said Francis, "let it go". But "today let us take some time — it will be good for us all — to think about the works of mercy and to ask ourselves: Do I do this?".



Ukrainian Seminary Day

Sunday July 30th from 11am to 8PM
St Nicholas Picnic Grove- Rt 901 Primrose



11am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
11:30am-1pm WPPA 1360AM Live Polka Broadcast
1pm-3pm Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble
4pm-8pm John Steven's Doubleshot Polka Band

pyrohy, halushki, halupki, potato cakes, kielbasa, soups, desserts & more

(Made by sponsoring parishes)

Vendors & Crafters selling traditional Eastern European items
View the Icon & Relic of the Blessed Bishop+Mykola Charnetsky
Pysanky demos & classes-Games & Fun for the whole family

When I was a child I thought Nap Time was a punishment... now, as a grownup, it just feels like a small vacation!

WHAT A WOMAN

Irena Sender



Died: May 12, 2008 (aged 98)

Warsaw , Poland

During WWII, Irena, got permission to work in the Warsaw ghetto, as a Plumbing/Sewer specialist. She had an ulterior motive. Irena smuggled Jewish infants out in the bottom of the tool box she carried. She also carried a burlap sack in the back of her truck, for larger kids.

Irena kept a dog in the back that she trained to bark when the Nazi soldiers let her in and out of the ghetto.

The soldiers, of course, wanted nothing to do with the dog and the barking covered the kids/infants noises.

During her time of doing this, she managed to smuggle out and save 2500 kids/infants.

Ultimately, she was caught, however, and the Nazis broke both of her legs and arms and beat her severely. Irena kept a record of the names of all the kids she had smuggled out in a glass jar that she buried under a tree in her back yard.



After the war, she tried to locate any parents that may have survived and tried to reunite the family.

Most had been gassed. Those kids she helped got placed into foster family homes or adopted.

Church Information

Rectory Hours- Please call for appointment. 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 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 - \$ 1,103.00 Cemetery- \$55.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 852.00 Cemetery \$40.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- In Memory of +Frank Homa by Wife, Dorothy and Family

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- In Memory of +Michael Sims by Nancy

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 who serve in the military protecting our country, firefighters, police, and emergency personal.*

St. Michael

Eva Koch	Helen O'Connell	Susan Enders	Jane Sittnick**
	Helen Beddall	Dolores O'Connell Leahy	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*	Pat Sittnick**		Irene Yaroma
Matthew Morrisey			

St. Nicholas

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

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