

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Msgr. Myron Grabowsky – Parish Priest

Sunday, May 28th 2017 Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 27 th	10:00am Grave Blessings- St Nicholas, Mahanoy City 3:30pm +Horace Hitchens by Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, May 28 th	10:30am God's Blessings on His People
Monday, May 29 th	10:00am Grave Blessings- St Michael's, Shenandoah
Tuesday, May 30 th	8:00am +Robert Glovich by Mr & Mrs Joseph Glovich
Wednesday, May 31 st	8:00am God's Blessings on My Family by Theresa Krajcirik 6:00pm Prayer Meeting
Friday, June 2 nd	8:00am Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, June 3 rd	3:30pm +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by William & Irene McAndrew
Sunday, June 4 th	10:30am God's Blessings on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 27 th	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Pauline Naradko by Naradko Family
Sunday, May 28 th	8:30am +Joseph & +Catherine Panchison by Joe & Judy Panchison 1:30pm Grave Blessings- St Nicholas & Holy Trinity, St. Clair
Monday, May 29 th	8:00am +Dr. Peter J. Skrincoosky by Andrew & Anna Skrincoosky
Thursday, June 1 st	8:00am +Dr. Peter J. Skrincoosky- Legacy Liturgy
Saturday, June 3 rd	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 5:30pm +Fr. Deacon James Bremer by Bernadette Bremer & Family
Sunday, June 4 th	8:30am +John Yaroshak by Andrew and Anna Skrincoosky

St. Michael's Lector Schedule:

Saturday, May 27 th	Acts 20:16-18 &28-38	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, May 28 th	Acts 20:16-18 &28-39	Michael Fufila
Saturday, June 3 rd	Acts 2:1-11	Nancy Sawka
Sunday June 4 th	Acts 2:1-11	Sam Litwak

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, May 27 th	Acts 20:16-18 &28-38	David Toth
Sunday, May 28 th	Acts 20:16-18 &28-39	Susan Miller
Saturday, June 3 rd	Acts 2:1-11	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday June 4 th	Acts 2:1-11	Lauralee Sadusky Marshall

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

St. Michael:

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates, 5/28, 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 8/6, 8/27.

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.

Kielbasi Fest- The crew that worked this event did a fabulous job ! We raised \$1,080.00 despite the bad weather. Thank- you to everyone who stuck it out on such a cold wet day. Great work by everyone !!!

Lottery Basket – Tickets are available for our Lottery Basket with \$320.00 in scratch-offs. Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for a book of 6. Tickets in the back of the church- feel free to drop them in a clearly marked envelope into the collection basket. Also please help sell tickets – take as many as you need – we'll make more ! See Stephanie, Theresa, Nancy or Michelle for more tickets or information !

St. Nicholas:

Sanctuary Light – Available Dates 6/18, 7/2, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30

Both Churches

To the People of St. Michael & St. Nicholas:

The 50th Anniversary of the ordination of Msgr. Myron Grabowsky will be held on Sunday, June 11th, 2017. Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka will celebrate Divine Liturgy at 1:00pm at St. Nicholas Church. The con- celebrants will be Msgr. Grabowsky and Deanery priests. St. Nicholas is located at 105 North Morris St. St. Clair PA.

A dinner will be prepared by the staff of ICC Catering and served at 3:00pm at the Immaculate Conception Social Hall, 16 E Caroline Ave, St. Clair.

The menu includes: baked chicken, halupki, ham, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, filling, corn, coleslaw, rolls/bread, tea/coffee/soda and an ice cream sundae.

Donation \$20.00.(Children 7 and under free / Children 8 and older full price)

Reservations required. Advanced tickets only. No payment at the door.

Deadline for tickets- THIS MONDAY- May 29th, 2017

Tickets can be purchased from:

St. Michael's- Alice Breznik @ 570-889-3960 or Theresa Krajcirik @ 570-467-3894

St. Nicholas: Janet Buchinsky @ 570-622-4463

PLEASE NOTE- The church secretary will be away June 1st to June 19th. The rectory office will be open for limited hours during her absence. Because of this, we are asking that Father's Day Memorials be submitted early this year. The flyer needs to be prepared prior to May 30th. Msgr. Grabowsky will be available during this time. Emails and phone messages will be checked daily. During these 2 weeks please call the rectory prior to coming to the office to be sure someone will be available to meet your needs. If you have any questions please contact the rectory or see Msgr. Grabowsky.

Both Churches

Graduates – We would like to honor our graduates again this year. If you have someone graduating from kindergarten, 8th grade, High school, College, Graduate programs or Vocational Schools please let us know as soon as possible. We are requesting a brief summary of their awards, further educational goals, job prospects etc. for a flyer to be handed out at the recognition Liturgy to be held Sunday June 25th at both Churches. If possible emailing (stmichaelsukrainian@verizon.net) the information is preferred, but it may also be submitted in writing to the rectory. If you have any questions please contact the rectory 570-462-0809.

Special collection: This week we will be collecting for Peter's Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence. (additional envelopes for this collection are in the back of the Church)

Seminary Day Ads & Patron Ads are now in the back of the Church. Ads will be placed in a commemorative booklet which will celebrate the 83 years of Ukrainian Seminary Days. Funds generated from this annual observance support our St. Josaphat Seminary, and are applied to our monthly Chancery Seminary Stipend. Please help yourself to the ad forms and flyers in the back of the Church. If you need additional forms – please contact the rectory. Please have the forms returned to the Church or to Deacon Spotts no later than June 15th, 2017.

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.

Nuremberg Community Players- “Velveteen Rabbit” June 23 & 24 at 7pm, June 25 at 3pm. “Funny Girl” August 3, 4 & 5 at 7pm & August 6 at 3pm. Check out their website for audition dates, ticket order info & directions www.nurembergcommunityplayers.weebly.com 570-384-4309

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.

Mahanoy City Ethnic Day- Saturday June 3rd . At **Citizens Firehouse:** Homemade Ethnic foods from 10am to sell out. At Mahanoy City Library: 9:30-10:15 am History through Folk Music with musician Jay Smar. Interactive musical program explaining the origin of certain folk instruments, local folklore clog dancing instruction. Ages 8-14 Also at the Library Folklore and coalmining songs of the NorthEast with musician Jay Smar accompanied by guitar, banjo, fiddle and flat foot clog dancing Ages Adult. **At Merchants Bank :** Photograph Contest for students & adults. Submit photo's digitally to peggigalonis@me.com Subject: Mahanoy City. **At the Teen Canteen** 12:00 Ukrainian Seminary Day Slideshow & Pysanky Demonstration. 1:00 Lithuanian Days DVD & Marguicia Demonstration. **At Mahanoy Historical Society** – Music & Literature in Mahanoy City

St. John's Curiosity Shop / Yard Sale - Friday, June 9th from 4 to 7 p.m. & Saturday, June 10th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Russell Building on 9th St. & Schuylkill Ave., Pottsville. Various items including ... Dishes, Knick-Knacks, Toys, Games, Books, Vases, Kitchen Items, Candles, Jewelry, Glass Items, Holiday Decorations, Appliances, Linens, Video/DVD's, Religious Items, Framed Prints, and our Special Vintage / Collectibles Section Cut Glass, Silver, Depression Glass, Lenox, Stoneware, Pottery, Bone China, Milk Glass, Cake Plates, and more.

POPE FRANCIS

MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAE

As a grain of sand- Thursday, 6 April 2017

(by L'Osservatore Romano, Weekly ed. in English, n. 17, 28 April 2017)

Each Christian should set aside one day as a day of remembrance, to reread his or her own life history and to place it within the context of the history of a people, Pope Francis said during Mass at Santa Marta on Thursday morning, 6 April. “I am not alone; I am a people, a people dreamt by God”, he explained.

Inspired by the day’s liturgical readings which focused on the figure of Abraham, father of the faith (Gen 17:3-9 and Jn 8:51-59), the Pontiff noted that during the Lenten season, believers are often encouraged to “pause and reflect”. We are asked, the Pope said, to “stop, stop for a moment. Think about your father”. At the centre of this attention is Abraham.

The first reading, in fact, “speaks about that dialogue between God and Abraham in which God makes the covenant with him”, Francis said. Meanwhile, in the Gospel, Jesus and the Pharisees refer to Abraham as “father” because he is “the one who began to generate this people, who today are the Church; it is us: loyal faithful”, the Pontiff explained. Therefore, accepting the invitation of the Scripture, he added, “it will be good for us to think about our father, Abraham”.

What, then, are the fundamental aspects of the Abraham narrative that are important to remember? Firstly, Francis noted, he “obeyed when he was called to leave and to go to another land which he was to receive as inheritance”. Thus, Abraham “trusted; he obeyed; and he set out without knowing where he was going”, the Holy Father pointed out. He was a “man of faith, a man of hope”. At 100 years of age and with a barren wife, he “believed when he was told he would have a son”. He believed “against all hope. This is our father”, Francis explained. “If someone tried to describe Abraham’s life, he could say: ‘this one is a dreamer’”, the Pope added. But note: Abraham “was not crazy”. His was a “dream of hope”.

This aspect of his identity was also confirmed later when his son was a youth, and Abraham “was put to the test” by God, the Pope said. “He was asked to offer [his son] as a sacrifice: he obeyed and went on, against all hope”. This is who “our father Abraham is”, Francis stressed. He is someone who “goes forward, forward, forward”. In the Gospel, Jesus says that Abraham “rejoiced that he was to see my day; he saw it and was glad” (Jn 8:56).

He had the joy of “seeing the fullness of the promise of the covenant, the joy of seeing that God had not deceived him, that God is always true to His covenant”, the Pontiff continued. And even today believers are called to do what the Responsorial Psalm 105[104] says: “Remember the wonderful works that he has done, his miracles and the judgements he

uttered”. All Christians are “descendants of Abraham”. It is like “when we think about our father who is gone: remembering dad, the good things about dad”, Francis explained. We can do the same with “our father Abraham”, by remembering how “great” he was.

The greatness of the Patriarch was founded on a “pact” with God. For his part, the Pope stressed, Abraham gave obedience; “he always obeyed”. And on God’s part, there was a promise: “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations” (Gen 17:4-5). And, Abraham believed.

The Pope paused to reflect on the beauty and the greatness of God’s promise to Abraham, “who was childless at 100 years of age and with a barren wife”. God told him, “I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you and kings shall come forth from you” (Gen 17:6). Then, referring to another dialogue from the Genesis passage, the Pope recounted: “‘Listen look, look to the sky: can you count the stars?’ — ‘Oh no, impossible!’ — ‘So shall your descendants be. Look at the beach on the seashore: can you count each grain of that sand?’ — ‘But it is impossible!’ — ‘So shall your descendants be’”.

“Today in obedience to the Church’s invitation, we pause and can truthfully say: ‘I am one of those stars. I am a grain of sand’”, Francis said.

But the bond with Abraham does not complete Christian identity, the Pope continued. “We are children of Abraham, but before Abraham there is another Father. And before us, there is another Son. And in our history, between Abraham and us, there is the other history, the great one, the history of the Father in heaven and of Jesus”, Pope Francis explained. This is the reason why in the Gospel passage, Jesus “responded to the Pharisees and the doctors of the law: ‘Abraham rejoiced that he was to see my day; he saw it and was glad’”. This is “the great message. Today the Church invites us to pause and to look at our roots, to look at our father who made us a people, a sky full of stars, beaches full of grains of sand”, the Pontiff added. Therefore, every Christian is called to “look at history” and to realize that “I am not alone; I am a people. Let us go together. The Church is a people, a people dreamt by God, a people to whom he gave a father on earth who obeyed; and we have a Brother who gave up his life for us, to make us a people”. Beginning with this awareness, “we can look to our Father, say ‘thank you’; look to Jesus, say ‘thank you’; and look to Abraham”, thankful that “we are part of the journey”.

At the end of his meditation, Pope Francis suggested a practical commitment: “Let us make today a day of remembrance” in order to understand that “in this great history, in the context of God and Jesus, there is the little history of each of us”. Thus, he add, “I invite you to take five minutes today, ten minutes to sit down, without the radio, without television; sit down and think about your own history: the blessings and the troubles, everything; the graces and the sins: everything”. In remembering, he said, each of us will be able to encounter “the fidelity of

that God who remained true to his covenant, stayed true to the promise he had made to Abraham, stayed true to the salvation that he had promised in his Son Jesus”.

“I am sure that in the midst of perhaps bad things”, Pope Francis concluded, “because we all have them, many bad things, in life — if we do this today, we will discover the beauty of God’s love, the beauty of his mercy, the beauty of hope. And I am sure that all of us will be filled with joy”.

Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons
and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

—from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

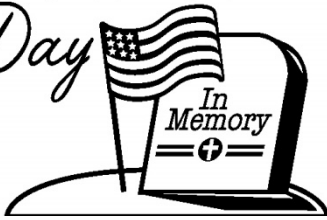
Thank you for your service ...



You will always be remembered!

MyJellinger

Memorial
Day



Heavenly Father, Today we remember and pay tribute to the men and women of the Armed Services who have died in the defense of our nation; from the days of the Revolution to these days in Iraq and Afghanistan. They paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we hold so dear.

In the words of Sacred Scripture we hear, "There is no greater love than this, than to lay down one's life for a friend." It is only by your grace and the love they have for you and this nation that gave them the strength to lay down their lives.

We beseech you O Lord, to receive these servants of peace into your loving embrace and grant them the eternal peace that surpasses all understanding.

We also remember the family members of these great heroes. They too suffer a great and painful sacrifice. Bestow upon them the blessings of your consolation and peace. May you ease their sadness as they continue on the road to serenity and hope.

To you we offer this prayer knowing you fulfill the heart's desire of those who seek you with noble intentions. May our prayer for true and lasting peace be answered in accordance to your will and for the good of your sons and daughters. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Peace. Amen



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 demo's & classes-Games & Fun fot the whole family

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 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 - \$613.00 Cemetery Mahanoy City \$150.00 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$737.00 Cemetery \$125.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas- God's Blessings and Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of Fr. Myron

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael- Thank you Fr. Myron for 50 Years of Devotion.

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

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