

**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, November 27<sup>th</sup> , 2016 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

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**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm +Ann Wildey by Paul Kerrick & Ann Krusinsky
Sunday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am +Helen Mitchell by Richard & Kathy Szczerbowicz
Tuesday, November 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am + Charles & Mary Lazusky by Charles & Francis Lazusky & Family
Wednesday, November 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Deceased Members of the Moslak Family by Dunchak Family
<b>Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>7:30am</b> Reparation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3:30pm +John Evans by Anne Evans
Sunday, December 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am + Steven Rusin by Daughter, Dolores & Len Kozlosky

**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Saturday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
	5:30pm +Walter Salak by Daughter, Colleen & Eddie Fox
Sunday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am God's Blessings on His People
Monday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am +Steve Talpash by Lois Sticbloom
Thursday, December 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am + Theodore Stock by Margaret Skrincosky
Saturday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00am Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary
<i>Patronal Feast of St Nicholas</i>	
Saturday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30pm God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, December 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am +Catherine &+ Joseph Panchison by Panchison Family

**St. Michael's Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Col 1:12-18	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Col 1:12-18	Paul Caputo
Saturday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Col 3:12-16	Nancy Sawka
Sunday December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Col 3:12-16	Alice Breznik

**St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Col 1:12-18	Christine Romanko
Sunday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Col 1:12-18	LeeAnn Smulligan
Saturday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Heb 13:17-21	Michael Prokop
Sunday December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Heb 13:17-21	Susan Miller

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

### *St. Michael:*

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**Christmas Confessions-** at St. Michael's will be Tuesday, December 13th from 6 to 7 pm.

**Pierogie Sale-** The next Pierogie Sale will be December 12<sup>th</sup>. We are already SOLD OUT, but any help you can give prepping , or working the day of the sale would be appreciated. Thank you.

**Shenandoah Catholic War Veterans** Post 1107 is looking for new members. Any members of the Catholic Faith is eligible to join. Call 570-462-9560 or 570-985-4968 for more information. Thanks – Joe Chowanes

**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.

**Candles 2016** Lights of the Iconostas , Tetrapod & Crucifix are still available for the 2016 holiday season. Please call the rectory , or drop a note in the collection basket to reserve your dates.

**Bread Sale** – We are once again selling rolls for Christmas . The bread is baked by a local church and frozen. We are selling Poppy, Nut, Apricot & Poppy/Raisin Rolls for \$13.00 each. Orders are due by Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and pick up is Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Order forms are at the back of the Church- or you can contact the Rectory at 570-462-0809.

### *St. Nicholas:*

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**St Nicholas Banquet-** The traditional St Nicholas Banquet will be held on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The dinner will be served at noon by the wait staff of the TNT Deli. The dinner will consist of roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, cole slaw and bread with butter. Dessert will be cake and coffee and soda are included. Donation is \$12.00 Children 12 and under are free. Tickets available form Janet Buchinsky beginning 10/23/16.

**Christmas Confessions-** at St. Nicholas will be Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7 pm

**Sanctuary Light** – Reservations for 2017 are being accepted. Please submit your requests in an envelope with the \$15.00 offering..

**Apologies-** We are sorry for the misprint Andrew and Anna Skrincosky have been married 67years happy years , and may they be for many more !

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*Thank you for all the heartfelt well wishes,  
prayers and lovely cards.*

*Your concern has been a blessing to me during  
this trying time.*

*May God bless and keep you all .*

*Fr. Myron*

**Liturgies for 2017.** We are now taking request for Divine Liturgies for 2017. We ask that when possible requests be submitted in writing with a daytime phone number. Requests will also be taken by email- [stmichaelsukrainian@verizon.net](mailto:stmichaelsukrainian@verizon.net) or [stnicholassc@verizon.net](mailto:stnicholassc@verizon.net). If placing the requests by phone, please do so between the hours of 10-3 Monday –Thursday. Thank you for your help in this matter.

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Murphy Jewelers Bingo-** Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> .St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Doors open 11:00am, bingo starts 1:00pm. admission \$25.00 includes 16 reg. games& 4 Specials. Special drawing for advanced ticket holders! call 570-527-0899; 570-544-2800. Tickets also available at the door. Proceeds benefit St. Nicholas School.

**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.

**Monthly Caregivers Support Group-** Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup> – Stages of Grief and Loss during the Holidays. RSVP at 570-621-7200 or [Melissa.E.Clark@consulatehc.com](mailto:Melissa.E.Clark@consulatehc.com) Luther Ridge at Seiders Hill 160 Red Horse Road , Pottsville PA

**Meatball and Sausage Hoagie** (with peppers & onions) sale sponsored by Divine Mercy Parish to be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm in St. Stephen Hall, corner of East Oak St. & South Main Streets. The cost of each hoagie is \$ 5.00 take out only. Order forms are available at the parish office, 108 West Cherry St., Shenandoah, PA 17976. DEADLINE FOR RETURN: Sunday, November 27th

**Christmas Craft Fair** Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 4pm. at Nativity of BVM Church at 211 Grace St. Reading PA. Christmas Crafts & Gifts: Pyrohy: Haluski: Rolls: Holubchi: Pastry & Homemade Bread: Potato Pancakes: Wreaths: Eat-in & Take Outs: Treasure Hunt Game .

**Longaberger Basket Bingo-** Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> at the William Penn Fire Company. Doors open at 12:30 ,bingo starts at 2:00pm . Tickets are \$25.00 and include 20 regular games and 5 specials. In addition a lunch buffer and dessert table will also be included. All Specials will be played as Good Neighbor Games and there will be a special drawing for advanced ticket holders. As always baskets will be filled and there will be numerous door prizes. If you would like to reserve tickets or need additional information please call Lisa at 590-9075.

**I'm not Ebenezer Scrooge-** presented by the Nuremberg Community Players- December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm and December 4<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Tickets \$10.00 Reservations are suggested. for info and tickets call 1-877-718-7894. Theatre location: 283 Hazel Street Nuremberg PA 18241.

## **GOODNESS AND WRATH**

We accommodate to evil, adjust and maneuver to make room for sin. Some sins become so second nature that we can barely imagine who we would be if we were ever truly to repent.

But God is wholly, utterly good, and so He recognizes and reacts to every sin and every evil as the self-destructive disaster that it is. As Abraham Heschel said, we disapprove of evil but “God’s reaction is something no language can convey.”

Many today regard God’s wrath as reprehensible, a sign of His moral backwardness and a residue of a savage age. It is in fact exactly the opposite; a sign of His sheer goodness and His infinite moral sensitivity.

*Peter J. Leithart*

## POPE FRANCIS

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

*Let us make space- Friday, 21 October 2016*

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

In order to respond to the mystery of Christ and of the Church, Christians must live with lowliness, meekness, and generosity. This was the focus Pope Francis' homily during Mass at the Casa Santa Marta on Friday, 21 October. Continuing his reflection from the previous day's homily, the Holy Father spoke about unity, which is at the heart of the "mystery of the Church", and which is accomplished through "the bond of peace". As he often does, the Pontiff spoke on this theme in the context of the daily lives of all Christians. In order to respond in a way that is "worthy" of the "call of mystery", he said, we need to learn how to live with "lowliness", with the "meekness" which helps us "bear with one another", and with a "generosity" which opens our hearts to everyone.

Francis drew his meditation from the day's first reading from the Ephesians (4:1-6), in which Paul "seeks to explain, to help the Ephesians understand the mystery of the Church". It is a mystery, the Pope said, that we can understand "only if we are little". Indeed, the day's Gospel acclamation — "Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom" — encourages the faithful to ask for "this grace, with the same spirit as yesterday, the spirit of praise, of adoration".

In his letter, "Paul is clear", about what is most important: having a heart which "preserves the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace". The Pontiff added that "the Lord's greeting: 'Peace be with you', is a greeting which creates a bond; a greeting which unites us in order to create the unity of the spirit". It is therefore precisely this path which "deepens, in the mystery of God, unity". This, in fact, is what "Jesus asked of the Father during the Last Supper: 'that these — my brethren — may be one, as you and I are one'". The Apostle explains this further: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all".

"However", Francis asked, "what creates unity? The bond of peace". In fact, "if there is no peace, if we are incapable of greeting one another in the broadest sense of the word, or have a heart open with the spirit of peace, there will never be unity. Unity in the world, unity in cities, in neighbourhoods, in the family". It is no coincidence that "the spirit of evil sows war, always. Jealousy, envy, conflict, gossip... these are things which destroy peace, and make it so there can be no unity".

In concrete terms, how should Christians conduct themselves in order "to find this unity?". The answer is found in Paul's letter: "Conduct yourselves in a worthy manner, with all lowliness, meekness and generosity".

The Pope then elaborated on lowliness: "One cannot give peace without lowliness. Where there is pride, there is always war, always the desire to defeat the other, to believe in one's own superiority. Without lowliness, there is no peace, and without peace, there is no unity". Then, there is "meekness, that is, clemency". And here, the Pontiff remarked, "it might be a slight exaggeration, but I dare to say it: We have forgotten how to speak with meekness; we speak by shouting. Or speaking ill of others...

there is no meekness. And the core of meekness is the ability to forebear one another". Indeed, Saint Paul writes about "forebearing one another". We therefore require much "patience: to forebear the faults of others, the things we do not like", the Pope added.

Finally, there is "generosity". This refers to having a "great heart, an ample heart which has the capacity for everyone, and which does not condemn, does not shrink amid trifles", nor does it succumb to gossip, such as: "who said this" or "I heard that". Above all, it is a heart in which "there is room for everyone. And this creates the bond of peace; this is the worthy manner of conducting ourselves in order to make the bond of peace and create unity". The one who creates unity, Francis explained, "is the Holy Spirit"; however, certain attitudes "foster, prepare for the creation of unity".

Towards the end of his meditation, the Pontiff invited the faithful to read Corinthians, Chapter 13, in which "Paul continues this catechesis on the mystery of the Church" and "teaches how to make space for the Spirit, with our attitudes, in order that he might create unity". He also teaches us "how to make bonds of peace among ourselves, in order that the Spirit might create unity".

The Pope concluded by inviting everyone to pray that the Holy Spirit might grant us the grace to understand and live the mystery of the Church which, he said, "is the mystery of the body of Christ: 'One faith, one baptism', 'one God and Father of us all', who works 'through all and in all': this is the unity which Jesus asked of the Father for us, and which we must help to create, this unity, with the bond of peace. And the bond of peace grows with lowliness, with meekness, with each other's support, and with generosity".

## A Blue Rose



Having four visiting family members, my wife was very busy, so I offered to go to the store for her to get some needed items which included light bulbs, paper towels, trash bags, detergent and Clorox. So off I went.

I scurried around the store, gathered up my goodies and headed for the checkout counter, only to be blocked in the narrow aisle by a young man who appeared to be about sixteen-years-old. I wasn't in a hurry, so I patiently waited for the boy to realize that I was there. This was when he waved his hands excitedly in the air and declared in a loud voice, "Mommy, I'm over here."

It was obvious now, he was mentally challenged and also startled as he turned and saw me standing so close to him, waiting to squeeze by. His eyes widened and surprise exploded on his face as I said, "Hey Buddy, what's your name?"

"My name is Denny and I'm shopping with my mother," he responded proudly.

"Wow," I said, "that's a cool name; I wish my name was Denny, but my name is Steve."

"Steve, like Stevarino?" he asked.

"Yes," I answered. "How old are you Denny?"

"How old am I now, Mommy?" he asked his mother as she slowly came over from the next aisle.

"You're fifteen-years-old Denny; now be a good boy and let the man pass by."

I acknowledged her and continued to talk to Denny for several more minutes about summer, bicycles and school. I watched his brown eyes dance with excitement, because he was the center of someone's attention. He then abruptly turned and headed toward the toy section.

Denny's mom had a puzzled look on her face and thanked me for taking the time to talk with her son. She told me that most people wouldn't even look at him, much less talk to him.

I told her that it was my pleasure; and then I said something I have no idea where it came from, other than by the prompting of the Holy Spirit. I told her that there are plenty of red, yellow, and pink roses in God's Garden; however, " Blue Roses " are very rare and should be appreciated for their beauty and distinctiveness. You see, Denny is a Blue Rose and if someone doesn't stop and smell that rose with their heart and touch that rose with their kindness, then they've missed a blessing from God.

She was silent for a second, then with a tear in her eye she asked, "Who are you?"

Without thinking I said, "Oh, I'm probably just a dandelion , but I sure love living in God's garden."

She reached out, squeezed my hand and said, "God bless you!" and then I had tears in my eyes.

May I suggest, the next time you see a BLUE ROSE , don't turn your head and walk off. Take the time to smile and say Hello. Why? Because, by the grace of GOD, this mother or father could be you. This could be your child, grandchild, niece or nephew. What a difference a moment can mean to that person or their family.

### **Christmas confession Schedule- From 6pm to 7pm**

<b>Monday, December 12</b>	Assumption, Centralia	Ss. Peter and Paul, Mt. Carmel
	Nativity BVM, Middleport	Transfiguration, Shamokin
<b>Tuesday, December 13</b>	St. Michael, Shenandoah	St. John, Maizeville
	Patronage, Marion Heights	St. Nicholas, Minersville
<b>Wednesday, December 14</b>	St. Nicholas, St. Clair	St. Michael, Hazelton
	Protection, McAdoo	St. Michael, Frackville

## Angels and Their Roles

From the Book of Genesis to the Book of Revelation, Scripture bears witness to the existence of angels. They are pure spirits, part of the created world. Saint Augustine describes an angel as follows: “*Angel* is the name of their office, it is ‘angel,’ from what they are, ‘spirit,’ from what they do. With their whole being the angels are servants and messengers of God. Because they ‘always beheld the face of My Father who is in heaven,’ they are the mighty ones who do His word, attentive to the voice of His word.” The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls “angels” is a truth of faith. As purely spiritual creatures, angels have intelligence and will; they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness.

From the Incarnation to the Ascension, the life of the Word incarnate is surrounded by the adoration and service of angels. When God brings the first born into the world He says, “Let all God’s angels worship Him.” They protect Jesus in His infancy, serve Him in the desert, strengthen Him in His agony in the garden, when He could have been saved by them from the hands of His enemies as Israel had been. “It was the angels who proclaim the Good News of Our Lord’s Incarnation and Resurrection. They will be present at Christ’s return, which they will announce, to serve at His judgement. In the meantime, the whole life of the Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels.”



**In this Season of Advent, St. Philip’s Fast,** we are in a time of fasting and abstinence as we prepare spiritually for the season of Christmas and the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our Church has spiritual bouquets available and may be purchased in the memory of or in honor of a loved one. They will be remembered in the Divine Liturgy on Christmas Day. Poinsettias will also be purchased to beautify our church during this season of the Nativity of Jesus Christ. Donations will also be accepted in memory of or in honor of a loved one and will help defray the cost of the flowers.

**Spiritual Bouquet-** In Memory of / In Honor of (living)

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**Christmas Flowers-** In Memory of / In Honor of (living)

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Please print your requests, and circle in Memory of or in Honor of . Feel free to use additional paper if more room is needed. **Please submit by December 19<sup>th</sup>** , if your requests are not received by the 19<sup>th</sup> they will not appear in the Christmas bulletin. You may place your envelope in the collection basket, or contact the rectory.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

## 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 - \$ 1,219.60 Cemetery Mahanoy City \$1,495.00 - Thank You!

**St. Nicholas:** Contributions - \$674.00 Cemetery - Thank You!

**Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas** Special Intentions by Michael & Janet Buchinsky

**Sanctuary Light: St. Michael** In Memory of +Jack Poppert by Toni Poppert Huntzinger

**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

Martha Hysock

Sandy Bankes\*

Shannon's Mom\*

Matthew Morrissey

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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