

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Msgr. Myron Grabowsky – Parish Priest

Sunday, December 1st, 2019 25th Sunday after Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 30 th	8:00am- Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 3:30pm- God's Blessings on His People
Sunday, December 1 st	10:30am- +Stephen Rusin by Daughter, Dolores & Len Kozlosky
Tuesday, December 3 rd	9:00am- God's Blessings on Oliver Shade by Grandparents
Wednesday, December 4 th	8:00am- God's Blessings on Fiona Shade by Grandparents
<i>St Nicholas</i>	
Friday, December 6th	8:00am - +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by William & Irene McAndrew
Saturday, December 7 th	8:00am- Reparation of the Immaculate & Sorrowful Heart of Mary 3:30pm- +Annette Sawka by Husband & Family
Sunday, December 8 th	10:30am- +Elizabeth Frauenhoffer by Daughter, Elizabeth

SAINT NICHOLAS WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 30 th	5:30pm- +Eugene, +Rita, +Barbara & +Rosalie Rehnert by James & Anna Rehnert
Sunday, December 1 st	8:30am- +Frank Homa by Wife, Dorothy
Monday, December 2 nd	8:00am- +Rose, +Mary & +Katherine Porchik by Skrincosky Family
Thursday, December 5 th	8:00am - +Rose, +Mary & +Katherine Porchik – Legacy Liturgy
Saturday, December 7 th	5:30pm- God's Blessing on His People
Sunday, December 8 th	8:30am- 40 th Day +Andrew Skrincosky by Skrincosky Family

St. Michael Lector Schedule:

Saturday, November 30 th	Eph 4:1-6	Nancy Sawka
Sunday, December 1 st	Eph 4:1-6	Alice Breznik
Saturday, December 7 th	Ep 5:9-19 & Gal 4:22-31	Winifred Mohutsky
Sunday, December 8 th	Ep 5:9-19 & Gal 4:22-31	Michael Fulfa

St. Nicholas Lector Schedule:

Saturday, November 30 th	Eph 4:1-6	Bernadette Bremer
Sunday, December 1 st	Eph 4:1-6	LauraLee Sadusky Marshall
Saturday, December 7 th	Ep 5:9-19 & Gal 4:22-31	Mike Prokop
Sunday, December 8 th	Ep 5:9-19 & Gal 4:22-31	Dolores Sadusky

Announcements

St. Michael:

Pierogie Sale The last sale of 2019 will be Monday, December 9th. Please mark your calendars and help with this fundraiser. Come learn how to make the best pierogies, no experience needed!

Confessions- Tuesday, December 17 from 6 to 7pm

St. Nicholas:

St. Nicholas Banquet- The Annual St. Nicholas Banquet will be celebrated on Sunday, December 15, 2019. Divine Liturgy will be at 11:30am and the meal will begin at 12:30pm.

The Banquet Buffet will be catered by the same people as last year, The Woods Catering. The price is \$13.00 for adults and children over 10, and children under 10 are free. Please contact Janet Buchinsky for tickets no later than December 8th. Janet's phone number is 570-622-4463. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Menu- Roast beef & chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, cole slaw, corn, rolls & butter, cake, coffee, tea, soda & water.

Memorial Fund- A donation has been received from Edward & Evelyn Mueller in memory of +Andrew Skinkosky.

Confessions- Wednesday, December 18 from 6 to 7pm

Both Churches:

Rectory Office Hours Rectory hours this week - **Monday & Tuesday** 10am to 2pm. *Hours are subject to change.* Please, call before coming to the rectory office to be sure someone is there to meet your needs.

Divine Liturgy requests are now being taken for 2020. Please submit requests in writing when possible, please include a daytime phone number in case of questions. If you are unable to make your request in writing, please contact the rectory during open hours, Thank you.

Bible Study -In the spring, we will have a Bible study on St. Paul's letter to the Galatians. Check your bulletin in the coming weeks for more information. Study is to be held at St. Michael's, but is open to anyone with a desire to learn.

Ukrainian Catholic School Scholarship Fund Raffle – This raffle benefits St. Nicholas, Minersville: St. Nicholas Passaic NJ, & Assumption in Perth Amboy NJ. Tickets are \$10.00 each. 1st prize \$5,000, 2nd prize, 3rd prize \$2,000. Tickets are available in the back of the church.

“CHRISTMAS CASH BINGO” Benefits St. Nicholas School Sunday, December 8th.....St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. Doors open 11:30 AM; bingo starts 1:00 PM Adv. Tickets \$35.00; Door \$40.00 Includes 20 regular games for \$150/each EXTRAS: 3 specials \$500/each; Jackpot \$1500. Raffle: \$100 cash plus \$100 in Lottery Tickets *Everyone must have a ticket to play. Available at the school/rectory office; Reliable Home Supply; Mike Watcher's, Pottsville location or by texting 570-527-0899.

Revolution of Dignity- Metropolitan Borys has recorded a brief message on the sixth anniversary of the Revolution of Dignity. The Facebook link is:

<https://www.facebook.com/borys.gudziak/videos/2809293832469113/>

POPE FRANCIS

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

The Feast of the Word- Thursday, 3 October 2019

Opening our hearts to the encounter with the Word of God fills us with joy, Pope Francis said on Thursday morning, 3 October, during his homily for Holy Mass at Santa Marta. We should listen to the Readings attentively, without letting them “go in one ear and out the other”, he urged.

The Pope began his homily by reflecting on the First Reading from the Book of Nehemiah, which is centred on the construction of the Temple and the return from exile. It “is the story of the encounter of the People of God with the Word of God”, a story of rebuilding, the Holy Father explained. In the Reading, the leaders, including the governor, Nehemiah, and Ezra, the scribe, “enthroned” the Word of God. After gathering the people in the square in front of the Water Gate, Ezra read from the scroll of the Law and the Levites explained the reading to the people. Pope Francis asked the faithful to consider that this had not happened for decades. “We are used to having this book which is the Word of God” but having been without it, the people in Ezra’s time “hungered for the Word, that is why they stood up when they saw the Book of the Word.

Nehemiah, Ezra and the Levites said to all the people: “This day is consecrated to the Lord”, just like our Sunday is “the day of the encounter of the people with the Lord”. The Pope then asked the faithful to ask themselves some questions: “When we hear the Word of God, what happens in my heart? Do I pay attention to the Word of God? Do I let it touch my heart, or do I stand there staring at the ceiling thinking of other things”?

“When the Word reaches the heart there are tears of joy and celebration. The Feast of Sunday cannot be understood without the Word of God”, the Pope explained. Returning then to the message of the liturgy, he reminded the faithful that sadness is not one of our strengths: “do not be saddened because the joy of the Lord is your strength”. Indeed, it is what makes us joyful; “the encounter with the Word of God fills us with joy and this joy is my strength, this joy is our strength”. The reason is because Christians “have accepted, have received the Word of God in their heart and they continually encounter the Word of God; they seek it”, he concluded. “May the Lord give us the grace to open our hearts to this encounter with his Word, and to be unafraid of joy, to be unafraid of making the feast of joy”, the Holy Father prayed at the end of his homily. © Copyright - Libreria Editrice Vaticana

We know that He, before all creatures, proceeded from the Father by His power and will and by means of the Virgin, becomes man. — *Mary : The Second Eve*

The Expectation of the Saviour

175 Liturgically the Church re-creates the expectation of the Saviour in the history of salvation by means of the Fast that begins on November 15/28, the day after the feast of the apostle Philip. This Fast lasts until the Nativity of Christ, and is appropriately called the Nativity Fast, or popularly, Saint Philip's Fast (in Ukrainian, Pilipivka). During the course of this Fast, the Church prepares us for the luminous feast of the Nativity of Christ, reminding us of the consequences of Adam's sinful lack of self-control: "Refusing to fast, the first Adam tastes of the death-bearing tree."

176 The reading of the holy Gospel on the feast of the apostle Philip is full of hope for salvation (see Jn 1:43-51). Philip invites Nathaniel to become better acquainted with Jesus of Nazareth. However, Nathaniel has one reservation: "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" To this Philip replies: "Come and see" (Jn 1:45-46, emphasis added). Having met Christ, Nathaniel's reservation dissipates. Herein is the task for every Christian: to "come and see," in other words, to draw near to Christ in order to know him.

177 This expectation of the Messiah and the drawing near to him are fulfilled in the person of the Virgin Mary from Nazareth. Before all ages she was chosen by God. Mary, who in accordance with Tradition was introduced into the temple as a young child, spiritually grew into the "handmaid of the Lord." God progressively prepared her to become the womb, the ark, the temple, and the dwelling place for the uncontainable God. "By the good will of God the Father, the Most Holy Spirit prepared a dwelling-place in her for God the Word." Mary became the tabernacle in which the Word of God came to dwell in the fullness of time: "The Word became flesh and lived among us" (Jn 1:14). In celebrating the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple in Jerusalem (November 21/December 4), Christians are called to follow her example, allowing the Lord to prepare them so that they may worthily receive God incarnate into the tabernacles of their hearts.

Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church: Christ Our Pascha (#175-177)

Confession Schedule: Confessions are heard from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Mon., December 16

Assumption, Centralia---Fr. Ivanov
Ss. Peter and Paul, Mt. Carmel---Fr. Makar, Fr. Zvarych
Nativity BVM, Middleport---Fr. Worschak
Transfiguration, Shamokin---Msgr. Grabowsky, Fr. Hutsko

Tues., December 17

St. John, Maizeville--- Fr. Ivanov
Patronage, Marion Heights---Msgr. Grabowsky
St. Nicholas, Minersville---Fr. Worschak, Fr. Hutsko
St. Michael, Shenandoah---Fr. Makar, Fr. Zvarych

Wed., December 18

St. Michael, Hazelton--- Fr. Ivanov
Protection, McAdoo---Fr. Makar, Fr. Zvarych
St. Michael, Frackville--Msgr. Grabowsky, Fr. Hutsko
St. Nicholas, St. Clair---Fr. Worschak

Christmas Community Service Project.

This holiday season the parishes of St. Michael & St. Nicholas would like to help families in need by providing groceries to make their Christmas special. We are asking that you find it in your heart to help those in your community that are not blessed with the ability to provide a holiday meal for their family.

Ways you can help include:

- Monetary donations** will be used to buy food, and gift cards for perishable items.
- Canned and pantry items** such as : stuffing, cranberry sauce, yams, mac & cheese, olives, gravy, veggies, soup, mash potatoes, canned hams, tuna , pasta, sauce, cereal, pancake mix, pop tarts, oatmeal, bake good mixes, candy, and those things that make the holiday wonderful in your home. Personal hygiene items (including toilet paper, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant etc...) are also welcome. Pet food too.
- Gifts certificates and coupons.**
- Contact Local Businesses and Friends to donate.** (*letters are in the back of the church if you need additional letters , please contact the rectory)*

Please bring all donations in by Sunday, December 15th.

If you are aware of a family that could benefit from this project, please speak to Msgr. or contact the rectory.



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 \$ 1,703.31 Thank You!

St. Nicholas: Contributions \$ 984.00 Thank You!

Sanctuary Light: St. Nicholas – In Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers.

Sanctuary Light: St. Michael – In Memory of Annette Sawka by +Paula Sawka

Seven Branch Candlestick - In Memory of + Dorothy & +George Minarchick, +Jason Mitchell, & +Robert Kalavage.

4 Lamps of the Iconostas- In Memory of +Stephen Rusin by Daughter, Dolores & Len Kozlosky

Lamps of the Crucifix - In Memory of +Mary Lazusky & +Anna Lefchick by William & Irene McAndrew.

Lights of the Tetrapod - In Honor & In Memory of the Unscavage & Perri Families

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

Carol Zitka

Eva Koch

Demetrius Grabowsky

Mary Goodlunas

Sandy Bankes

Shannon's Mom

Marilyn Stefanski

Ron Lusavage

Helen O'Connell

Helen Beddall

Maude M

Tom Prete

Susan Chernesky

Pat Sittnick**

John Bright

Joseph Chowanes

Susan Enders

Dolores O'Connell Leahy

Helen Bereschak

Michael

Jane Sittnick

Charlie Calise

Baby Dean Michael

Meg Saunders

Lori Bright

Dolores Kozie

William McAndrew

Andrea Pytak

Annie Morrissey

Matthew Morrissey

Patrick Morrissey

Wanda M.

St. Nicholas

Mary Mistishen

Catherine Krepps

Elizabeth Gulas

Jim Rehnert

Alex Hnatishion

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