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Sunday – July 5, 2026

6th Sunday after Pentecost

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday, July 5th
 Sunday, July 12th

10:00 am - +Evelyn Evans, mother, and +David Evans, brother by Sandy Schlemmer
 10:00 am - God's Blessings on His People

SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER WEEKLY SERVICES

Saturday, July 4th
 Saturday, July 11th

4:00 pm - God's Blessings on His People
 4:00 pm - +Russell & +Julianne Skrincosky by Elizabeth, Helena, & John

Lector Schedule

Saturday, July 4th
 Sunday, July 5th
 Saturday, July 11th
 Sunday, July 12th

Rom 12:6-14
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 Rom 15:1-7
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St. Michael

No Divine Liturgy
 Paul Caputo
 No Divine Liturgy
 Ernie Swaldi

St. Nicholas

Bernadette Bremer
 No Divine Liturgy
 Mike Prokop
 No Divine Liturgy

Weekly Income

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!

St. Michael's: Collection \$523.00 Candles \$28.00
 Air Conditioning \$170.00 Peter's Pence \$35.00
Total \$756.00 Cemetery \$20.00 Thank you!

St. Nicholas': Collection \$475.00 Candles \$19.00
 Air Conditioning \$40.00 Peter's Pence \$70.00
Total \$604.00 Cemetery \$25.00 Thank you!

Sanctuary Light

St. Michael's – For God's blessing on our country, God bless, America

St. Nicholas' – In memory of +Frank & +Frances Freese by Angela & Michael Naradko

St. Michael's

Candles by 4 Icons – In memory of +Dorothy & +George Minarchick, +Jason Mitchell, & +Robert Kalavage

2 candles by altar & by 2 Icons – Special Intention

St. Nicholas – **Icon of the Blessed Mother** – Special Intention

St. Michael's – Candles 2026

Sanctuary Lights - \$15.00 - 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/23, 8/30, 9/6

Seven Branch Candle - \$35.00 - 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9

Weekly Bible Study – Reading Through the Scriptures

St. Michael's Parishioners – Tuesdays - 4:00 PM
PLEASE note the change of time.

St. Nicholas' Parishioners – Wednesdays – 10:30 AM

Final Seminary Day Meeting

The final Seminary Day meeting will be held on July 14th at 6:00 pm at St. Michael's Hall, Frackville

July Envelopes

St. Michael's Parishioners - Please use a white envelope for cemetery care - \$20.00

St. Nicholas' Parishioners - Please use a white envelope for air conditioning - \$20.00

Seminary Day Chances

Kindly take envelopes with the chances for the Seminary Day Raffle. Your help in selling these chances is greatly appreciated.
Chances are \$1.00 per chance or 6 chances for \$5.00

Remember to Support our Seminarians

92nd Seminary Day

Sat., July 25th – volunteers for set-up beginning at 9:00am

Dessert are needed!

Please make your favorite cake or cookies!

Work Schedule - Outside Kitchen – July 26th

St. Michael, Shenandoah... 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

St. Nicholas, St. Clair... 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm



*God bless America, land that I love,
 Stand beside her, and guide her,
 Through the night with a light from above.*

*From the mountains, to the prairies,
 To the oceans, white with foam,
 God bless, America, my home sweet home!
 God bless, America, my home sweet home!*

Prayer Requests: Please remember in your prayers – those who are sick that God will restore them to health, those who are homebound, and those who requested prayers for special intentions. Thank you!

St. Michael: Mary Bickowski Mary Luscavage Andrea Pytak Michelle Pasinski Dolores K. Paul Kerrick Kathy Lynch
Dolores O’Connell Leahy Richard Michalik Irene Acalin Gerald Acalin Stephen M. Tom Prete Charlie Calise Nancy Sawka
Teddy Weinrich Michael Welikonich Susan Chernesky Anna Demanski Catherine Mozdy Jennifer Mackeravage Sally Litwak

St. Nicholas: Mary Mistishen Jim Rehnert Elaine Naradko Georgine Draovitch Marie Plasha
Marie Carol Unuscavage Elizabeth Jansson

Jesus Heals the Paralytic – Mt 9:1-8

In Matthew 9:1–8, Jesus returns to His own town and encounters a paralytic brought by friends on a stretcher. His first words are not a command to move the body, but to the soul: **“Courage, child, your sins are forgiven”** This act reveals the **unity of physical and spiritual healing** in Catholic teaching — sin is the root of human suffering, and true restoration begins with forgiveness.

Forgiveness Before Healing - The scribes’ reaction — “This man is blaspheming” — shows their misunderstanding: only God can forgive sins. Jesus’ question, **“Which is easier, to say ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say ‘Rise and walk?’”**, is rhetorical, proving His divine authority. In Catholic theology, this miracle prefigures the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, where Christ’s authority to forgive is entrusted to the Church.

The Paralytic as a Symbol - The paralytic represents humanity’s spiritual paralysis caused by sin. His healing is both bodily and soul-deep, restoring dignity and mission. The friends’ faith in bringing him to Jesus shows the **communal nature of salvation** — we often need others’ intercession to reach Christ.

Jesus’ Heart’s Desire - For Jesus, the paralytic’s first need was spiritual healing, not just physical mobility. This reflects His desire for us to come to Him with our deepest burdens — guilt, shame, or regret — knowing He can restore our souls no matter how far we have strayed.

The “Son of Man” Title - By using this title, Jesus reveals His role as the mediator between God and humanity, invested with authority to forgive and restore. It points to His divine mission and unity with God’s plan of salvation.

Call to Reflection

- Trust in His authority:** Like the scribes, we may harbor “evil thoughts” about God’s mercy. Jesus knows our hearts and invites us to receive grace.
- Seek forgiveness first:** In our own lives, let us approach Christ with the need for spiritual healing before focusing on outward restoration.
- Be the friend who brings others to Him:** Just as the friends carried the paralytic, we are called to support others in their journey to Christ.
- Glorify God:** The healed man’s return to home is a sign of God’s authority; let our lives reflect His power and mercy.

*Lord, today I feel like the paralytic, needing your tender touch.
Help me to open my heart and mind to your healing, and to be the friend who brings others to you.*

What is Independence Day?



Independence Day is more than fireworks, parades, and patriotic songs — it’s a moment to pause and give thanks for the gift of freedom, while remembering that true liberty is rooted in God’s truth and love.

As Catholics, we recognize that freedom is not simply the ability to do whatever we want, but the grace-filled capacity to choose what is good, just, and life-giving. Our nation’s founding ideals — justice, equality, and the dignity of every person — echo the Gospel call to love our neighbor and protect the vulnerable.

- This day invites us to:
- Give thanks** for those who sacrificed to secure our freedoms.
 - Pray** for our leaders, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity.
 - Reflect** on how we can use our freedom to serve others, defend human dignity, and work for peace.

In the words of St. Paul, **“For you were called to freedom... but do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love”** (Galatians 5:13).

Prayer for Our Nation

*God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.
You are the rock on which this nation was founded.*

*You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.*

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation’s leaders.

*Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.
Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.*

*Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land,
grant us the courage to reject the “culture of death.”*

Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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