

# The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

## St. Michael the Archangel

1703 Jackson Street, Scranton, PA 18504

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**NOVEMBER 10, 2019**

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00am

High Mass: 10:15am

#### Weekdays

Mon - Thu: 7:45am

Friday: 6:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am

### MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 8:00AM 10TH 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST , II

*Emily LaFata –Her Parents*

SUNDAY 10:15AM *Pro Populo*

MONDAY 7:45AM 11TH ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, CONFESSOR, III

*Salvatore Riggi*

TUESDAY 7:45AM 12TH ST. MARTIN I, POPE & MARTYR, III

+ *John Barrett*

WEDNESDAY 7:45AM 13TH ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, III

*Fr. PJ Mohr S.J.*

THURSDAY 7:45AM 14TH ST. JOSAPHAT, BISHOP & MARTYR, III

+ *Theresa Riggi*

FRIDAY 6:00PM 15TH ST. ALBERT THE GREAT, DOCTOR, III

*Joseph Schneider –Seeley Family*

SATURDAY 9:00AM 16TH ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT, VIRGIN, III

*Michael Cordora –Joe Ranieli*

SUNDAY 8:00AM 17TH 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST , II

*Gardner Family—Seeley Family*

SUNDAY 10:15AM *Pro Populo*

### DEVOTIONS

#### Confession

45mins before

Weekend Masses

#### Benediction

Fridays: 5:00pm

Saturday: 8:00am

#### Daily Rosary

Mon-Thu: After Mass

Fri -Sun: Before Mass

Office Hours: Monday by appointment, Friday 9am -3pm.



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BRING THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST TO THE EMPTINESS OF THE WORLD

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**Diocesan Annual Appeal:** Appeal envelopes are in the vestibule. Please make sure that you donate something to the Annual Appeal. The Parish Code is #060.

The pastor asks that you contribute to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. You may be receiving a form letter from the Annual Appeal office which is signed by the Pastor. You are to take this as a personal invitation to make an offering to the Appeal. The Pastor would like 100% participation in this year's Appeal and will be contacting those who have not already made a contribution. At present less than 30% of the registered households have responded to the Appeal. This year it is possible to specify in which way you wish your Appeal donation to be applied. Please make every effort therefore to give something.

**Advent Recollections:** In preparation for Advent the Pastor offers two short Advent recollection in the Church Hall between Sunday Masses beginning at 9:00am on Sunday 1 December (1st Sunday of Advent) and Sunday 15th December (3rd Sunday of Advent).

**Sacramental Preparation:** This week (for sure) the sign up sheet is in the vestibule for those wishing to enroll their child in the sacramental preparation classes for First Holy Communion. Apologies for the confusion.

### The Ideal of True Virtue

There are very few Christians, even amongst those who are specially consecrated to God, who have a right idea of what true virtue is. Almost all of them imagine it to consist in a certain routine of piety, and fidelity to certain exterior practices. If with this they have at intervals some emotion of sensible devotion, without taking care to discern whether these emotions come from God or from their own efforts, they at once conclude that they are really virtuous.

Nevertheless, they are subject to a thousand faults and imperfections, of which they take no heed themselves, and which any one else would try in vain to make them conscious of. They are narrow-minded, scrupulously exact in their practices of devotion, full of esteem for themselves, extremely sensitive and touchy, obstinate in holding their own opinions, puffed up with self-love, constrained and affected in their manners; nothing true, nothing simple, nothing natural about them. In their own hearts they prefer themselves to all others, and often they despise, they condemn, they persecute really holy persons, and true piety, of which they know nothing. Nothing is more common in Christianity than this false and pharisaical virtue. Those who are really good have no greater enemies; and if we wish to describe them in a few words we may say, it was pretended holy persons who crucified Jesus Christ, and they still crucify Him every day in His most perfect imitators. As soon as any one really gives himself to God and begins to lead an inner life, he is sure to draw upon himself, first of all jealousy and criticism, and then persecutions and calumnies of every kind, from these devout Pharisees.

If we wish to understand what true virtue is, we must contemplate it in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: He is our one great Example; He gave Himself to us for that reason; He was made Man that holiness might be sensible and palpable to us. All sanctity which is not formed and modelled on His sanctity is false; it is displeasing to God; it may perhaps deceive men, but it is useless for Heaven. Let us, then, make Jesus Christ our study; and that we may know Him thoroughly, and express His life in ourselves, let us continually ask Him for light and grace. Jesus Christ sought Himself in nothing; never had He in view His own interests, either temporal or spiritual; never did He perform one single action for the sake of pleasing men, neither did He ever abstain from any good action for fear of displeasing them. God alone, God's glory and His Will, was the sole object of His thoughts and feelings, the sole rule of His conduct. He sacrificed all, without reserve, to the interests of His Father.

Jesus Christ made piety to consist in our interior dispositions, the religion of the heart; not in vain and fleeting feelings, but in sincere and efficacious resolutions, always followed by execution; a disposition of an entire devotion to God, a continual annihilation of self, and a boundless charity towards others. Every instant of His life was consecrated to the accomplishment of these three dispositions. He neglected no observance of any point of the law; but, at the same time, He declared, both by word and example, that this observance was only of value when it proceeded from an inner principle of love, and that the practice of the letter of the law alone, without the interior spirit, made slaves, and not children of God.

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