

The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

St. Michael the Archangel

1703 Jackson Street, Scranton, PA 18504

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 17, 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 17TH 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST , II

Gardner Family—Seeley Family

SUNDAY 10:15AM *Pro Populo*

MONDAY 7:45AM 18TH DEDICATION OF SS. PETER & PAUL, III

Fr. Harkins –Pheasant Family

TUESDAY 7:45AM 19TH ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, WIDOW, III

C. Andrew Smith

WEDNESDAY 7:45AM 20TH ST. FELIX OF VALOIS, CONFESSOR, III

+ Joseph Lackner –Jerome Lackner

THURSDAY 7:45AM 21ST PRESENTATION OF B.V.M., III

Robert Woolfolk Jr –Maureen Holden

FRIDAY 6:00PM 22ND ST. CECILIA, MARTYR, III

De LaVega Family –Gillenkirck Family

SATURDAY 9:00AM 23RD ST. CLEMENT, POPE & MARTYR, III

Fr. Saguto

SUNDAY 8:00AM 24TH 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST , II

April Scatena –Karen Scatena

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. 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.

T h e I d e a l o f T r u e V i r t u e c o n t .

Jesus Christ always looked upon this present life as passing away; as a pilgrimage, a time of trial, simply designed to test our love for God. The things which are eternal were His constant occupation. He gave to nature what was absolutely necessary, without going beyond. Although He possessed nothing, and was always dependent on Providence for His simple bodily wants, He was never uneasy about the morrow, and His delight was to experience the effects of poverty.

Jesus Christ embraced by His own free choice that which men accept with the greatest difficulty, and to which they only submit from necessity. He did not absolutely condemn riches, but He preferred poverty. He did not condemn the rank and marks of honour which God Himself has established amongst men, but He taught us that an obscure condition, bereft of every kind of consideration, is more pleasing to God, and more favourable to salvation; and that to think one's self better than others because one is born great, noble, or powerful, or in a position of authority, is an error and the source of countless sins. With the exception of the simple natural pleasure which the Creator has attached to certain actions, and the use of which is limited by the severest rules, He has absolutely scorned every other kind of pleasure, especially those which men seek with the greatest eagerness, and as far as He Himself was concerned, He renounced even the most innocent pleasure. Hard work, apostolic labours, prayer, and the instruction of His disciples and the multitude filled up every moment of His life.

Jesus Christ was simplicity itself; always the same, without any affectation in His speech or actions. He taught, with the authority of God made Man, the most sublime truths, and things which had before been unknown. But He propounded His doctrine in a simple, familiar manner, without any pomp of human eloquence, and so that all minds could understand Him. His miracles, divine in themselves, are still more divine from the way in which He wrought them. He wished that the account of the evangelists should agree with the perfect simplicity of His own life. It is impossible to give in a more simple manner than they have done the account of a life, and of words and actions, which bear on them the very impress of Divinity.

Jesus Christ had a most tender compassion for sinners who were sincerely humble and repentant for their sins. "I came for sinners" He said, "and not for the just" who trust in their own justice. The publican who stood afar off, Mary Magdalen, the woman taken in adultery, the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob, were all treated by Him with a kindness and tenderness which astonishes us. But the pride of the Pharisees, their hypocrisy, their avarice, these were the objects of His most severe censure and malediction. The sins of the mind and the spirit, just the sins to which the falsely devout are more subject than any others, are those which He condemned with the greatest severity, because they are a sign of more blindness of the mind and more corruption of the heart.

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