

# The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

## St. Michael the Archangel

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### M A S S S C H E D U L E

#### Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00am

High Mass: 10:15am

#### Weekdays

Mon - Thu: 7:45am

Friday: 6:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am

### M A S S I N T E N T I O N S

SUNDAY 8:00AM

NO PUBLIC MASS

SUNDAY 10:15AM

NO MASS

MONDAY 7:45AM

NO PUBLIC MASS

TUESDAY 7:45AM

NO PUBLIC MASS

WEDNESDAY 7:45AM

NO PUBLIC MASS

THURSDAY

NO PUBLIC MASS

FRIDAY

NO PUBLIC MASS

SATURDAY

NO PUBLIC MASS

SUNDAY 8:00AM

NO PUBLIC MASS

SUNDAY 10:15AM

NO MASS

10TH 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, II

*Anthony Bogorowski –Karen Scatena*

11TH SS. PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES, II

*+ Marvin Gillenkirk –Gillenkirk family*

12TH SS. NEREUS, ACHILLEUS, DOMITILLA, III

*Edward Ziska –Joe Ranieli*

13TH ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE, DOCTOR, III

*+ Arlene Gillenkirk –Gillenkirk family*

14TH ST. BONIFACE, MARTYR, IV

*Joseph Ranieli Sr –Joe Ranieli*

15TH ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE SALLE, CONFESSOR, IV

*+ Samuel Lazzaro –Gillenkirk family*

16TH ST. UBALDUS, CONFESSOR, III

*Mary Seeley –Cathy Seeley*

17TH 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, II

*Nello Scatena –David Scatena*

### D E V O T I O N S

#### 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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In Apostle Paul's letter to the Colossians we read, "seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Col 3:1). His words resound with particular force when we consider where Jesus accepted the chalice of suffering in complete obedience to the Father's will, and where, according to tradition, he ascended to the right hand of the Father to make perpetual intercession for us, the members of his Body. Saint Paul, the great herald of Christian hope, knew the cost of that hope, its price in suffering and persecution for the sake of the Gospel, yet he never wavered in his conviction that Christ's resurrection was the beginning of a new creation. As he tells us: "When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, you too will be revealed with him in glory!" (Col 3:4).

Paul's exhortation to "set our minds on the things that are above" must constantly echo in our hearts. His words point us to the fulfilment of faith's vision in that heavenly Jerusalem where, in fidelity to the ancient prophecies, God will wipe away the tears from every eye, and prepare a banquet of salvation for all peoples (cf. Is 25:6-8; Rev 21:2-4).

This is the hope, this the vision, which inspires all who see Jerusalem as a prophecy and promise of that universal reconciliation and peace which God desires for the whole of humanity. Sadly, beneath the walls of this same City, we are also led to consider how far our world is from the complete fulfilment of that prophecy and promise. In the Holy City where life conquered death, where the Spirit was poured out as the first-fruits of the new creation, hope continues to battle despair, frustration and cynicism, while the peace which is God's gift and call continues to be threatened by selfishness, conflict, division and the burden of past wrongs. For this reason, the Christian community in the City which beheld the resurrection of Christ and the outpouring of the Spirit must hold fast all the more to the hope bestowed by the Gospel, cherishing the pledge of Christ's definitive victory over sin and death, bearing witness to the power of forgiveness, and showing forth the Church's deepest nature as the sign and sacrament of a humanity reconciled, renewed and made one in Christ, the new Adam.

Dear friends, in the Gospel of St. John we hear, Saint Peter and Saint John run to the empty tomb, and John, we are told, "saw and believed" (Jn 20:8). In our lives, suffering as we are, with the eyes of faith, we too, are blessed to "see" the places hallowed by Christ's presence, his earthly ministry, his passion, death and resurrection, and the gift of his Holy Spirit. Here, in faith, like the Apostle Saint Thomas, we are granted the opportunity to "touch" the historical realities which underlie our confession of faith in the Son of God. My prayer for you is that you continue, day by day, to "see and believe" in the signs of God's providence and unfailing mercy, to "hear" with renewed faith and hope the consoling words of the apostolic preaching, and to "touch" the sources of grace, the interior light and peace which can bring healing and hope to even the darkest of human realities.

At the shrine of the Holy Sepulchre, pilgrims in every century have venerated the stone which tradition tells us stood before the entrance to the tomb on the morning of Christ's resurrection. Let us return, in our minds eye, frequently to that empty tomb. There let us reaffirm our faith in the victory of life, and pray that every "heavy stone" that stands before the door of our hearts, blocking our complete surrender to the Lord in faith, hope and charity, may be shattered by the power of the light and life which shone forth from Jerusalem to all the world that first Easter morn. Christ is risen, alleluia! He is truly risen, alleluia!