

The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

St. Michael the Archangel

1703 Jackson Street, Scranton, PA 18504

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 2020

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	30TH	13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, II <i>Doggett & Gristina families –Doggett family</i>
SUNDAY 10:00AM		13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Pro populo</i>
MONDAY 7:45AM	31ST	ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS, CONFESSOR, III <i>Philomena LaFata –her family</i>
TUESDAY 7:45AM	1ST	ST. GILES, CONFESSOR, IV <i>Matt Ooggett –Doggett family</i>
WEDNESDAY 7:45AM	2ND	ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY, CONFESSOR, III <i>Schuler Godchildren –Schuler family</i>
THURSDAY 7:45AM	3RD	ST. PIUS X, POPE & CONFESSOR, I <i>Michael Doggett –Doggett Family</i>
FRIDAY 6:00PM	4TH	SACRED HEART OF JESUS, III <i>Robert Seeley –Schuler family</i>
SATURDAY 9:00AM	5TH	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, III <i>Confraternity of St. Peter –Sica family</i>
SUNDAY 8:00AM	6TH	14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, II <i>Holy Souls—Sica family</i>
SUNDAY 10:15AM		14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, II <i>Pro populo</i>

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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"The minutes that follow Communion are the most precious we have in our lives." (Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi)
"There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion." (Saint Alphonsus de Ligouri)

A great spiritual writer, Father Lallemand, makes mention in his classic work, *The Spiritual Doctrine*, a crucial consideration. He says : do not "shorten the time allotted to the thanksgiving [after communion], which, well made, **may repair** much that is defective in our penances" (p.88). In other words, the time we spend in union with Jesus after receiving Holy Communion, thanking Him for such a great gift, uniting ourselves to His Infinite Goodness, can truly rectify things that may be lacking in our spiritual progress.

In his Apostolic Exhortation on the Eucharist, *SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS*, Pope Benedict XVI mentions the crucial importance of making an adequate thanksgiving after receiving Holy Communion. He states:

"Furthermore, the precious time of thanksgiving after communion should not be neglected: besides the singing of an appropriate hymn, it can also be most helpful to remain recollected in silence" (#50).

Further on in *Sacramentum Caritatis*, Pope Benedict XVI urges Catholics to "rediscover the Eucharistic form which their lives are meant to have, thus "making our lives a constant self-offering to God...." (#72). The practice of making a proper and meaningful thanksgiving after receiving the Holy Eucharist is one way to rediscover our Eucharistic form. Spending a few minutes after Mass in thanksgiving (in addition to our thanksgiving directly after receiving Holy Communion) is one way to accomplish this goal.

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas after communion

I thank you, holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God, who deigned to feast me, sinful and unworthy servant, with the precious body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, not for any merit of mine, but only because of your merciful goodness. And I pray that this Holy Communion, far from condemning me to punishment, may bring about my pardon and salvation, encompassing me with the armor of faith and the shield of a good will. By it let my vices be done away, all lustful desires extinguished. May it advance me in charity, patience, humility, obedience, and every other virtue. Let it be strong defense against the wiles of all my enemies, visible and invisible, allaying for me every disturbance of flesh and spirit, binding me firmly to you, the one true God, and bringing my last hour to a happy close. I pray, too, that it may be your pleasure to call my sinful self one day to that banquet, wonderful past all telling, where you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, feast your saints with the vision of yourself, who are true light, the fulfillment of all desires, the joy that knows no ending, gladness unalloyed, and perfect bliss: through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.