

# The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

## St. Michael the Archangel

1703 Jackson Street, Scranton, PA 18504

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

**FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

### 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	7TH	SEXAGESIMA, II <i>For an end to abortion –Nancy Noll</i>
SUNDAY 10:15AM		SEXAGESIMA, II <i>Pro populo</i>
MONDAY 7:45AM	8TH	ST. JOHN OF MATHA, CONFESSOR, III <i>+ Michael Doggett –His family</i>
TUESDAY 7:45AM	9TH	ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, DOCTOR, III <i>Linda Clare –Kevin Dougher</i>
WEDNESDAY 7:45AM	10TH	ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN, III <i>For the people of the USA –Nancy Noll</i>
THURSDAY 7:45AM	11TH	OUR LADY OF LOURDES, IV <i>Gina Palmiter</i>
FRIDAY 6:00PM	12TH	THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS, III <i>For the souls in purgatory –Nancy Noll</i>
SATURDAY 9:00AM	13TH	SATURDAY OF OUR LADY, IV <i>Caroline Gillenkirk</i>
SUNDAY 8:00AM	14TH	QUINQUAGESIMA, II <i>Mark &amp; Craig Leo –Frank Leo</i>
SUNDAY 10:15AM		QUINQUAGESIMA, 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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**Joining the parish:** If you are new to St. Michaels and wish to join the parish please complete the census form (available from the vestibule) and return it in the collection basket or to the Rectory.

**Change of Date:** Due to an unavoidable conflict the date of First Holy Communion has been rescheduled to Sunday 13th June (External Solemnity of the Sacred Heart).

In the run up to Lent the Gospel reminds us that Jesus, after being baptized in the River Jordan and impelled by the Holy Spirit who settled upon him and revealed him as the Christ, withdrew for 40 days into the Desert of Judea where he overcame the temptations of Satan (cf. Mk 1: 12-13). Following their Teacher and Lord, Christians also enter the Lenten desert in spirit in order to face with him the "fight against the spirit of evil".

The image of the desert is a very eloquent metaphor of the human condition. The Book of Exodus recounts the experience of the People of Israel who, after leaving Egypt, wandered through the desert of Sinai for 40 years before they reached the Promised Land.

During that long journey, the Jews experienced the full force and persistence of the tempter, who urged them to lose trust in the Lord and to turn back; but at the same time, thanks to Moses' mediation, they learned to listen to God's voice calling them to become his holy People.

We too might feel as if we are wandering in the desert, with little hope of a good natural end. The still small voice of God may have been obliterated in our lives by the incessant insanity of an evil world. During such sand storms of distress, when the horizon can no longer be made out and it is difficult to judge up from down, right from wrong, meditation upon the life of Christ is the key.

In meditating on this biblical passage, we understand that to live life to the full in freedom we must overcome the test that this freedom entails, that is, temptation. Only if he is freed from the slavery of falsehood and sin can the human being, through the obedience of faith that opens him to the truth, find the full meaning of his life and attain peace, and joy.

For this very reason Lent is a favourable time for a diligent revision of life through recollection, prayer and penance. Spiritual Exercises, such as the Stations of the Cross, which replace our Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays during, are a stark reminder that we must first confront the cross before we can stand in the presence of Christ. Moreover a study or refresher of the Exodus will help us contemplate our own lives in the context of the people of Israel and to draw out the lessons of salvation history for ourselves.

Fear not! For no matter how dissolute and incredulous our part of history may become God will hear of the supplications of His people as he has of old and will guide us through the desert of temptation to salvation.