

# The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

## St. Michael the Archangel

1703 Jackson Street, Scranton, PA 18504

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**AUGUST 8, 2021**

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00am  
High Mass: 10:15am

#### Weekdays

Mon - Thu: 7:45am  
Friday: 6:00pm  
Saturday: 9:00am

### DEVOTIONS

#### Confession

45mins before  
Weekend Masses

#### Solemn Holy Hour

Fridays: 5:00pm  
Saturday: 8:00am

#### Daily Rosary

Mon-Thu: After Mass  
Fri -Sun: Before Mass

### MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 8:00AM	8TH	11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, II <i>Brian Gabriel, rb Lafita family</i>
SUNDAY 10:15AM		11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, II <i>Pro populo</i>
MONDAY 7:45AM	9TH	VIGIL OF ST. LAWRENCE, III <i>Sr. Marie Bernarde, rb Cilia Family</i>
TUESDAY 7:45AM	10TH	ST. LAWRENCE, MARTYR II <i>The United States of America, rb Nancy Noll</i>
WEDNESDAY 7:45AM	11TH	FERIA. SS TIBURTIUS AND SUSANNA, MM IV <i>Private Intention</i>
THURSDAY 7:45AM	12TH	ST. CLARE, VIRGIN III <i>Dale St. Claire, rb David Smith</i>
FRIDAY 6:00PM	13TH	FERIA, SS HIPPOLYTUS & CASSIAN, MM IV <i>Peter Cortese + rb Nancy Noll</i>
SATURDAY 9:00AM	14TH	VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION II <i>Private Intention</i>
SUNDAY 8:00AM	15TH	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY I <i>Bill and Cheryl Shields, rb Susan Shields</i>
SUNDAY 10:15AM		ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY I <i>Pro populo</i>

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



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Dear Faithful of St. Michael the Archangel,

Fr Dorsa and myself are so very happy to be here and we humbly ask for your prayers and patience in this new assignment. We know all too well just how difficult it can be to lose a beloved priest in your parish but we will do everything we can to make this transition smooth and peaceful. Unfortunately I caught a bug on my way up here this week and out of precaution Fr. Akers and Vierno have agreed to fill in for Fr. Dorsa and myself in hopes of containing whatever I have from you all. We very much wish we could greet you all on our first weekend here but it seems God had other plans.

As we begin our work here in Scranton I just want to reassure you of our absolute goal in serving God's Church here faithfully. Our primary aim as priests in the Fraternity of St. Peter, is the sanctification of the priest, through the faithful discharging of our priestly duties. We seek to serve Christ and you, His mystical body, by offering a worthy mass, by being faithful to our divine office, and our daily prayers; to distribute the graces and mercy of God that Christ won for us on Calvary through the administering of the sacraments. Finally, we take very seriously and happily, the obligation to be spiritual guides for you, to help you achieve your purpose of existence of spending Eternity in that peace that can only be found in the face to face vision of our Creator. We are not here for any other reason. I have no doubt we will make mistakes in this endeavor, but just know, that our intention is only to be saints ourselves and help you to become one too.

What a fitting patron we have in St. Michael the Archangel! When the angels were first created they were not created in grace, but they had to freely choose to love and serve God or not. But angels, unlike us, saw perfectly the consequences of their choice, which is why forgiveness is lost on those fallen ones, because they perfectly knew well the all of the outcomes before them. When St. Michael was first created, he saw that he would be at constant odds with the devil and those fallen angels. He saw that his existence would be one constant battle. Many of us have often been challenged with the question, "Why does God permit evil?" No one ever had a greater reason to stumble over this question, but Michael, from the first moment of his creation, completely, whole-heartily, and instantaneously vowed to serve God with all his might. He is the guardian angel of the Church, he has protected us from plagues and diseases, he is our defender against all the powers of hell. He is the angel that issues souls to their final judgment and in the book of Daniel, we read that even the angels have recourse to St. Michael. Surrounded by so much fear and uncertainty we should take great solace that God has chosen for us this patron. For him, to do battle with the devil, is not a chore or labor, but an act of serenity, peace, justice, and prayer. St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us.

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Christopher MahowaldFSSP