

The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

St. Michael the Archangel

1703 Jackson Street, Scranton, PA 18504

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 21ST, 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 8:00 AM	21ST	24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Pro Populo</i>
SUNDAY 10:15 AM		24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>+Michael Contaldi rb Contaldi Family</i>
MONDAY 7:45 AM	22ND	ST. CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR <i>Steven Pheasant rb Pheasant Family</i>
TUESDAY 7:45 AM	23RD	ST. CLEMENT I, POPE AND MARTYR <i>+Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
WEDNESDAY 7:45 AM	24TH	ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, CONFESSOR <i>Michael Pheasant rb Pheasant Family</i>
<u>THURSDAY 9:00 AM</u>	25TH	ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR <i>+Rose Marie Bradley rb Lafata Family</i>
FRIDAY 6:00 PM	26TH	ST. SYLVESTER, ABBOT <i>+Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
SATURDAY 9:00 AM	27TH	OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL <i>Nicolas and Teresa rb Lafata Family</i>
SUNDAY 8:00 AM	28TH	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Pro Populo</i>
SUNDAY 10:15 AM		1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Bishop Joseph Bambara rb Contaldi Family</i>

Office Hours: By appointment



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Dear Faithful of St. Michael the Archangel,

This upcoming Thursday we celebrate the holiday of Thanksgiving. A few words on giving thanks would only be appropriate. Our Catechism teaches us that there are four ends, or purposes, to an act of sacrifice, especially as sacrifice pertains to the Catholic mass. They are: adoration, atonement, thanksgiving, and petition. St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians tells us that we should 'give thanks to God always and for everything in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.' (Eph 5:20) Our Lord Himself taught us the importance of giving thanks when He praised the cured leper that returned to give thanks for the miracle. Thanksgiving is a very important aspect of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, for in the mass, Christ becomes truly present on the altar and through the prayers of the Church and the one priesthood of Jesus Christ, He borrows the voice and limbs of the ordained priest to look up to His heavenly Father and give thanks for all of gifts and graces bestowed on man. Every good thing in our lives is a gift from Him; time, space, air, beauty, love, family, friends, grace, the sacraments, ec, etc, etc. The crosses, struggles, and sorrows that we meet in our life all come as a result of sin, ie, the gift of free will used wrongly, whether by ourselves or another. Sin is never just personal, it affects all of the members of the mystical body. One suggestion I'd give to make your prayer more efficacious: take a few minutes every day to think of particular gifts or graces that God has blessed you with that day. This act is already one of gratitude. But then thank God for each of them and acknowledge His hands in your life. So often our prayer can become a list of petitions, or maybe even concerns that we may have, but I think you will make great strides in your prayer if you make gratitude a greater part of it. Gratitude, St. Thomas Aquinas tells us, is something we always owe in justice for a gift received, and no one has been more generous with us and no one can be more worthy of our gratitude than our Heavenly Father. May the Immaculate Heart of Mary teach us to imitate her Divine Son in true gratitude and devotion.

Rev. Christopher Mahowald FSSP

Announcements:

- **This Thursday is Thanksgiving day. The morning mass will be moved 9:00am** to accommodate those wishing to give thanks to God for all of His gifts and blessings in our lives. I hope to see you there, and so does He :)

- **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

All children ages 5-15 are invited to sing in the Children's Christmas Choir which will perform one hour before Midnight Mass. Rehearsals will be every Sunday in Advent beginning around noon and lasting for at least one hour. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, November 28th. The children's Christmas binders will be ready by Friday, November 26th and can be picked up from the box in the choir loft. One binder per family please. Contact Mrs. Eileen Hanisch (570) 780-9948 if you have any questions.

- **Potlucks in Advent**—As many children will be in choir practice preparing for the Christmas liturgies after mass, it has been suggested that we have a pot luck breakfast for the kids and families on the four Sundays of Advent. **If you wish to participate in breakfast/lunch, please bring a dish to share.** Other considerations for items to bring would be drinks (water/juice), napkins, paper plates, or plastic silverware. And to make it successful and to ensure that the burden of clean-up doesn't fall on the same few people we would just ask that everyone participating would help with tidying up. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.
- **Calendar**- In an attempt to stay organized, we posted a calendar on the bulletin board in the vestibule for the month of December. We will try to have that available for each month with the mass times for the various feasts. I will also make hard copies available in the back and can also email them to you if people would like.