

# The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

## St. Michael the Archangel

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### 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 8:00 AM 28TH 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Bishop Joseph C. Bambera rb Contaldi Family*

SUNDAY 10:15 AM 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Pro Populo*

MONDAY 7:45 AM 29TH FERIA OF ADVENT

*+Amelia Cifarelli rb Contaldi Family*

TUESDAY 7:45 AM 30TH ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

*Anthony & Judith George rb Anthony & Stephanie George*

WEDNESDAY 7:45 AM 1ST FERIA OF ADVENT

*Anthony John Georange III rb his Godfather*

THURSDAY 7:45 AM 2ND ST. BIBIANA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

*Nicholas Jude Jr. rb the LaFata Family*

FRIDAY 6:00 PM 3RD ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, CONFESSOR

*Amelia Contaldi rb Anthony & Stephanie George*

SATURDAY 9:00 AM 4TH ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR

*+Loretta Ellis rb Contaldi Family*

SUNDAY 8:00 AM 5TH 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*+Holy Souls in Purgatory rb Sarah Pheasant*

SUNDAY 10:15 AM 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Pro Populo*

### 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

Office Hours: By appointment



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Dear Faithful of St. Michael the Archangel,

I wish you all a blessed and penitential, but also a happy advent season! In the Gospel of today's mass, Our Blessed Lord speaks of the signs that will precede His second coming. He mentions signs in the sun, and moon and stars, but then He adds, **"and on the earth distress of nations bewildered by the roaring of the sea and waves; men fainting for fear and for the expectation of the things that are coming on the world; for the powers of heaven will be shaken."** He tells us that nations will be so distressed by the unpredictability of the sea that men will faint with fear. This used to seem so far-fetched, but over the last couple years we have seen just what fear can do to men. We've seen men turning on their fellow man out of fear of a disease, out of fear of poverty, for fear of not having enough, or in fear of running out of toilet paper. Now we are seeing a great push by those in authority to impose on us a fear of climate change. This is nothing new. For centuries, fear of climate change, supposed over-population, and pollution have been used as excuses to push many morally evil agendas that have been detrimental to society.

In Genesis, we read about the wicked generation of man in the time of Noah. God chose to punish them for their sinfulness with a world-wide flood; but after 40 days the rains had stopped and the waters retreated into the seas. After Noah offered the clean animals from the Arc in sacrifice; God made this promise to him, **"I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime, and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."** God, Who cannot deceive nor be deceived, promised this; but yet we are supposed to fear climate change, or the sun burning us up. The next generation after Noah would go on to build the tower of Babel. This tower was meant to make a blasphemous statement to God. It meant to say that man could resist the punishments of God, that we could build a tower to heaven and that we could be safe from another flood. It was a way of defying God by relying on our own intellect and ability. God will be true to His word and to us, let us always pray for the grace to be true to Him, especially when others try to move us to fear. **"While the earth remains, seedtime, and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."** True love and confidence in God will dispel all fear.

Your Servant in Christ,

Rev. Christopher Mahowald FSSP

## Announcements:

- Tuesday, November 30th is the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle.
- **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.