

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER

2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



The Wedding Feast at Cana

Dear Faithful of St. Michael,

May God's graces and blessings be upon you and your families!

There is much we can learn from Christ's miracle at the wedding feast at Cana. Firstly, Mary is invited to the wedding, and Christ comes too along with His Apostles. St. Alphonsus Ligouri tells us that a person with a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin is a soul surely on its way to Heaven. When we invite Mary into our lives, she always brings her Son. Secondly, she notices the problem of the wine running short and seeks to resolve it without even being asked. She does the same for us when we have confidence in her.

There is something so deep to this exchange between Mother and Son that follows. Mary says to Jesus, "They have no wine." She doesn't even make a petition, she just places the need before her Son, knowing that He has the power to do all things, knowing that He loves this couple with His Divine and merciful Heart and she places their need before Him and trusts in His Providence. There's a big lesson in this for our own prayer life.

Our Blessed Mother then turns to the servants and tells them, "Do whatever He tells you." Mary, the perfect apostle, brings Christ to souls, and shows us how to follow Him.

Christ then tells the servants to fill the 6 large vessels filled to the brim with water. Each stone vessel held between 20 and 30 gallons. To draw that much water and to bring it to the wedding, this is a large undertaking. But that I think is the point. The 6 jars represent the 6 days it took for God to create the natural world. The water represents the merit of our actions apart from God's grace. The best we can do is fill dirty jars with dirty water. Just like with our prayer life, it takes a lot of effort on our part, and just like the water, God can turn it into precious wine. It's God who makes our prayers and works efficacious, but we do have to do our part. He takes our efforts and in His Divine hands, He uses them to carry out His providential ends. Persevere in holiness and virtue.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 16-22

SUNDAY: 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:00 AM LOW MASS
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

MONDAY: ST. ANTHONY OF THE DESERT

7:45 AM LOW MASS

TUESDAY: FERIA/VOTIVE OF THE CHAIR
OF ST. PETER

7:45 AM LOW MASS

WEDNESDAY: FERIA/STS MARIUS,
MARTHA, AUDIFAX, ABACHUM MM

7:45 AM LOW MASS

THURSDAY: STS. FABIAN AND SEBASTIAN

7:45 AM LOW MASS

FRIDAY: ST. AGNES VM

5:00 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
6:00 PM LOW MASS

SATURDAY: VOTIVE MASS FOR PEACE

8:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
9:00 AM LOW MASS

CONFESSIONS

MON-THURS: 7:25 - 7:40AM

FRIDAY - SUNDAY:

45 MIN BEFORE MASS

OR BY APPOINTMENT

Announcements and Upcoming Events

From the Diocese:

On December 21, 2021, Pope Francis appointed the Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale, as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord, Michigan.

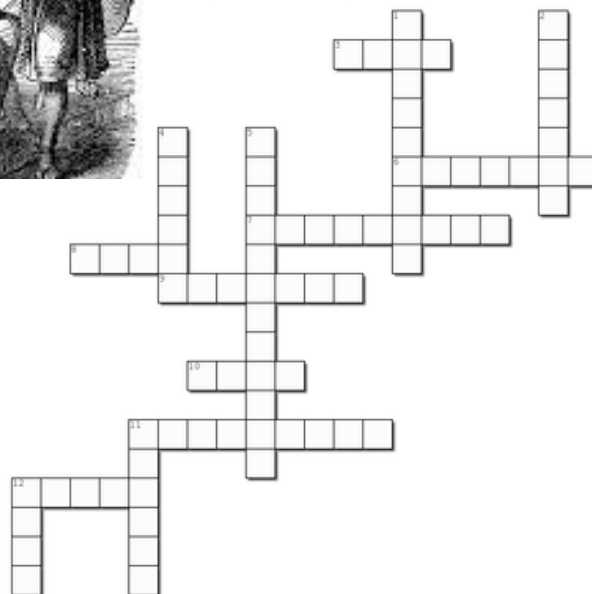
As Bishop-elect Walsh prepares for his Episcopal Ordination and Installation as Bishop of Gaylord on March 4, 2022, parishioners and friends of the Bishop-elect are invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving and Sending Forth in gratitude for his ministry of service to the People of God in the Church of Scranton. The Mass will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 12:10 p.m. in Saint Peter's Cathedral. It will also be televised live on Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton.

- Fr Dorsa will be away until Wednesday the 19th.
- Wednesday, February 2nd is Candlemas. A special blessing of candles will follow the 7:45 am mass.
- Mrs Dorothy Pheasant has offered to coordinate a parish email list. She provides information for parish events, prayer requests, and general updates on events in the parish. If you would like to be included on her email list, email her at: sdpheas@verizon.net
- As the ignominious anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision approaches, next Saturday we are dedicating the 8:00am holy hour for an end to abortion. The 9:00am mass following will be the votive mass for peace.



Update on the basement:

Some necessary updates will begin in the basement this week. They will be fixing the walls, and the ceiling before the flooring goes down. Please be careful when venturing into the basement and please make sure that the work areas remain undisturbed. The work will continue on into mid to late February.



Across

3. Jacob's hairy brother.
6. Pope St. Therese petitioned for entrance into Carmel.
7. Soldier saint that was shot with arrows.
8. Ox of the Evangelists.
9. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
10. 3rd son of Adam and Eve.
11. Saint and youngest person ever to command an army (3 words)
12. Virgin/martyr saint with 2 feast days in January.

Down

1. Discalced or Ancient Observance.
2. Papa Pacelli.
4. The Church's penitential color.
5. 4th Joyful Mystery.
11. Sold into slavery by his brothers.
12. 'So be it'.

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"Let love be without pretense. Hate what is evil, hold to what is good. Love one another with honor. Be not slothful in zeal; be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope. Be patient in tribulation, persevering in prayer."

ROMANS 12:9-10

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM
Mr. Frank Wallace
rb Pheasant Family
Pro Populo

Monday: 7:45 AM
Andrew Pheasant
rb His Family

Tuesday: 7:45 AM
Elizabeth Bergeron
rb Zuranski Family

Wednesday: 7:45 AM
Sarah Pheasant
rb Her Family

Thursday: 7:45 AM
+Cecilia Davidson
rb Jack McGovern

Friday: 6:00 PM
Fr. Chris Mahowald FSSP
rb Pheasant Family

Saturday: 9:00 AM
Lee Anne Boyle
rb Mary Pheasant