

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER



God witnessed the first nuptials Personally. Immediately after this matrimony, the serpent enters the garden and seeks to disrupt this union; he pits woman against man, and puts man at odds with the Almighty.

When Our Lord entered His Creation, He chose to do so within the context of a marriage. In Mary and Joseph, we have the new example of marital love lived out to perfection in the order of grace. Their immaculate relationship shows us and earthly image of the un-created Trinity and demonstrates to us the fecundity of purity. The infinite and Immaculate Love between the Father and the Son, eternally *spirates* the Holy Ghost, similarly the love between a husband and a wife begets the life of a child. The two become one and God participates in a new act of creation which is why it's prefaced with a sacrament. The family is an earthly image of the Trinity, which is why the devil is always trying to destroy it.

Christ began His public ministry at a wedding feast in the town of Cana. His herald, John the Baptist, died in defense of the sanctity of marriage. And finally, in the book of the Apocalypse we read that, in heaven, we will participate in another matrimony, that of the Lamb with His bride the Church. God calls His chosen people, in the Old and New Testaments his 'bride.' 'A husband, St. Paul tells us, 'ought to love his wife as his own flesh.' Christ gave His life for His bride. At the heart of the war we are fighting in our age is the battle for marriage and the family. Let us seek to protect and defend very zealously the families God has given us, and the Holy Family's intercession in this fight.

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Feast of the Holy Family

Dear Faithful of St. Michael,

Today's feast honors the divinely established institution of the family. The family is so sacred and so important, that God mandated a necessary pre-requisite, the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Christ raised matrimony to the level of a sacrament but marriage as a God-given ordinance even predates the fall of Adam.

Just after God created Eve, Adam announced, "*This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh, she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man.*" (Gen 2:23). The inspired Word goes on, "*Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and shall cling to his wife, and they become one flesh.*"

LITURGY SCHEDULE JANUARY 9-15

SUNDAY: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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

MONDAY: FERIA OF EPIPHANY

7:45 AM LOW MASS

TUESDAY: FERIA/ST. HYGINUS PM

7:45 AM LOW MASS

WEDNESDAY: FERIA OF EPIPHANY

7:45 AM LOW MASS

THURSDAY: THE BAPTISM OF OLJC

7:45 AM LOW MASS

FRIDAY: ST. HILARY BD

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

SATURDAY: ST. PAUL THE 1ST HERMIT

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

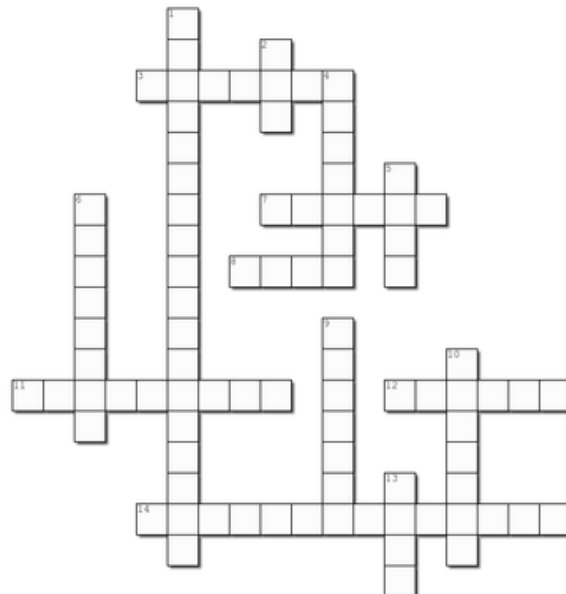
- **Parish Phone Number:** When I arrived here in August, all calls to the parish phone number were being forwarded to Fr. Harkins's cell phone with no land line in the office. When I was sick, Fr Dorsa had a google number forward calls to him. We have now re-established the land line in the office with the number: 570-961-2284. We will still be updating the answering service to provide more information and message options, but hopefully this one landline will make things easier for all.
- Please keep the FSSP and the Holy Father and bishops of the Church in your prayers that they (we) always remain faithful to the doctrines and traditions of our Holy Faith. Please consider signing up for time slots to pledge to pray the rosary for this intention at www.fssp.de/rosarium The Queen of Heaven will conquer all if we are faithful to her and to her Son. Consolatrix Afflictorum, ora pro nobis.
- Fr Dorsa will be away on vacation beginning the 12th of January to the 18th.
- Wednesday, February 2 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 the life of the parish. If you would like to be included on her email list, email her at: sdpheas@verizon.net



The Feast of the Epiphany:

A Threefold Commemoration

The feast of the Epiphany commemorates 3 events in the life of our Blessed Lord. Firstly, we pay heed to the Magi that came from the east to adore the new born King of kings. This event was significant especially for us gentiles, those not of the Jewish people, Christ came to incorporate us too into His chosen people. Next, this feast marks the start of Christ's public life and the Miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Finally with this feast we commemorate the Baptism of Christ.



Across

3. The Sacrament of Initiation.
7. A raising of the mind and the heart to God.
8. Paul, before his conversion.
11. Male visionary of Fatima
12. Patron saint to help with throat problems
14. He first said, 'Ecce Agnus Dei' (3 words)

Down

1. The process by which the bread at mass is changed into the true Body of Christ.
2. Saint of Pietrelcina
4. Angel Guardian of the Catholic Church
5. Jacob's first wife.
6. Adam's sin.
9. Prayers given to say after confession.
10. Noah's son: not Ham or Shem
13. Town where Christ turned water into wine.

*"Let us pray.
O Lord Jesus Christ, You
Who while subject to Mary
and Joseph, hallowed family
life with virtues beyond
description, grant us by their
combined intercession, that,
having been taught by the
example of the Holy Family,
we may attain unto their
everlasting companionship.
Who livest and reignest with
God the Father, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, God,
world without end. Amen"*

COLLECT FROM THE FEAST OF
THE HOLY FAMILY

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

Pro Populo

Michael & Mary Pheasant

rb Pheasant Family

Monday: 7:45 AM

Special Intention

rb Seeley Family

Tuesday: 7:45 AM

John Pheasant

rb From his Family

Wednesday: 7:45 AM

+Cecilia Davidson

rb Zuranski Family

Thursday: 7:45 AM

Fr. Francis Mulranen

rb Gillenkirk Family

Friday: 6:00 PM

Elizabeth Bergeron

rb Zuranski Family

Saturday: 9:00 AM

Fr. Anthony Dorsa FSSP

rb Pheasant Family