

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER  
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



history. In the Garden of Eden, God desired to walk with man, but because of the sin of Adam and Eve, man chose to walk away from Him. Now God would again attempt to walk with man and redeem us from our sinful ways. The Almighty sent the Archangel Gabriel to the Immaculate Mary and asked her if she would be the Mother of God. She gave her *fiat*, perfectly cooperating with the Divine plan. The new Eve obeyed the word of God, thus opening the door for humanity's restoration.

The incredible and singular graces that were given to Mary (i.e. her Immaculate Conception, her freedom from original sin, the gifts of wisdom and understanding, the special protection of the angels, her Assumption into heaven, and her coronation as queen of heaven and earth etc), all flowed from this *fiat* and her cooperation with this most unique grace of the Divine Maternity. Truly, 'blessed is the womb that bore Him and the breasts that nursed Him.'

Our Lord responded to this acclimation with the words, "**Rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.**"

In no way can it be said that Jesus was down playing the compliment paid to His mother, instead He was drawing attention to her most admirable quality; especially when viewed from God's perspective. In her, the Heavenly Father saw what made His creation good, He saw the perfect reflection of Himself. Mary, in every instant of her life, cooperated perfectly with Divine grace and providence. She heard the word of God, and kept it all the days of her life. "Behold your Mother."

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

MARCH 20-26

SUNDAY: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

MONDAY: FERIA OF LENT/ST. BENEDICT

7:45 AM LOW MASS

TUESDAY: FERIA OF LENT

7:45 AM LOW MASS

WEDNESDAY: FERIA OF LENT

7:45 AM LOW MASS  
6:00 PM HIGH MASS

THURSDAY: FERIA OF LENT/ST. GABRIEL

7:45 AM LOW MASS

FRIDAY: ANNUNCIATION OF THE BVM

4:30 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR  
5:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
6:00 PM MASS

SATURDAY: FERIA OF LENT

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

### CONFESSIONS

MONDAYS IN LENT: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

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

FRIDAY - SUNDAY:

45 MIN BEFORE MASS

OR BY APPOINTMENT

**"Blessed is the womb that bore Thee..."**

Dear Faithful of St. Michael,

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

In this Sunday's Gospel we read that as our Lord was teaching a lesson to His disciples a woman from the crowd interrupted Him with the words, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that nursed Thee." This is a welcome distraction from Lent and a rather fitting Gospel passage as we are preparing for the feast of the Annunciation this upcoming Friday. This feast commemorates the moment when the 2nd Person of the Most Blessed Trinity took flesh in the womb of the Immaculate Virgin Mary. This was one of the most important events in all human

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

A Second Collection today will be taken up for Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary of the FSSP: to continue their work of forming holy priests, (which is not easy nor cheap). Your tax-deductible gift to the FSSP seminary is a good way to support the Church and her mission in saving souls by the spreading of the Gospel. We also rely very heavily on the spiritual support you offer by your prayers. Thank you for all of the support you have given us so far. God has blessed us with ever increasing numbers, not only in priests and seminarians, but in the faithful that attend our parishes. Even during the Covid restrictions of the past few years, in spite of the growing secularism that's been affecting our culture and Church universally, even through the scandals that continue to shake the Church, God has continued to bless us and we have continued to grow. Thank you for your financial and spiritual help in all of our work. May God bless you! **Envelopes are in the pews for contributions to the seminary.**



*Jesus heals the blind man*

### Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
 Body of Christ, save me.  
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
 Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
 O good Jesus, hear me.  
 Within Thy wounds, hide me.  
 Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.

From the malignant enemy, defend me.  
 At the hour of death, call me: and bid me to come to Thee, that with Thy saints I may praise Thee forever and ever.  
 Amen.

**Update on the Basement floor** - The floor in the basement is schedule for replacement beginning this Monday, March 21st. After the coffee social today we will need a little help in clearing the space, moving the tables and chairs to the garage as far as possible. A big "Thank you" to all of you who have contributed so much time and money into making this parish run smoothly.

### **Additional Confession time:**

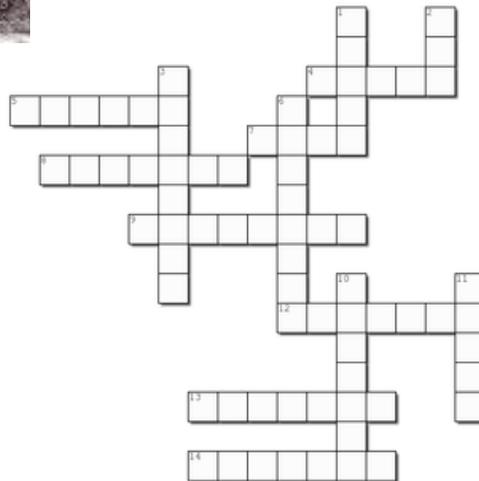
In addition to our regular confession schedule, St. Michael's is offering confessions on Monday nights during Lent from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. FYI I think many parishes in the Diocese of Scranton are offering the same time.

**Contrition** - is sorrow for your sins because by them you have offended God Whom you love.

**Attrition** - is sorrow for your sins because you've lost the goods of heaven and deserve the punishments of hell.

### Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.  
 Amen.



### **Across**

4. Also known as 'Israel'.
5. Led the people of God after Moses.
7. Liturgical color of Laetare Sunday. (not pink!)
8. Town of Lazarus's home.
9. Founded monasteries at Monte Cassino and Subiaco (feast March 21).
12. Daniel defended her against false accusations of seduction.
13. King of Israel gifted with wisdom.
14. Longest of the Gospels.

### **Down**

1. Proper address of an Archbishop, 'Your \_\_\_\_\_'.
2. Righteous man from Uz that praised God through good times and bad.
3. Town of the Annunciation.
6. Soldier who pierced our Lord's side (feast March 15).
10. Patron saint of farmers.
11. A king after God's own heart.

*"He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters. When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he roams through waterless places in search of rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house which I left.' And when he has come to it, he finds the place swept. Then he goes and takes seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first.."*

LUKE 11:23-26

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

Pro Populo  
 Amelia Scatena  
 rb David Scatena

Monday: 7:45 AM

Klara Van Beek  
 rb Van Beek Family

Tuesday: 7:45 AM

David A. Smith  
 rb Susan Shields

Wednesday: 7:45 AM

+Cecilia Davidson  
 rb Van Beek Family

Thursday: 7:45 AM

Van Beek Children  
 rb Van Beek Family

Friday: 6:00 PM

+Carmen Foucht  
 rb Davidson Family

Saturday: 9:00 AM

Phillip Foucht  
 rb Davidson Family