

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



On Temptation

In today's Epistle, St. Paul gives us an important lesson as well as encouraging words on the nature of temptation. **"God is faithful and will not permit you to be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also give you a way out that you may be able to bear it."** (1 Corinthians 10:12-13.)

These words of St. Paul are the divinely inspired, inerrant teaching of the Church; that every temptation we experience can be overcome by cooperating with God's grace. St. Paul even seems to be saying that the only reason that God allows us to experience a certain temptation is because we have been given the grace to conquer it. When a soul gives in to a sin over and over again, he weakens his will to fight

it, and he only increases the attachment to that particular sin, but the fact remains that he still has the ability to overcome it with God's grace.

For a person to commit a sin or to perform a virtuous action the person must be gifted with free-will. A purely coerced action could not be sinful nor virtuous if the agent is not morally responsible for the action.

The deeper conclusion that we can draw from this teaching of Paul is that God *created us to fight* evil and to cooperate in our own sanctification. Virtue is not grown nor strengthened in vacuum, just like muscles are not build by sitting on a couch, rather they atrophy. So virtue is grown and strengthened by repeatedly being tested. That's not an endorsement for putting oneself deliberately in a near occasion of sin to "test God" as St. Paul also warns us about. But what often happens in the spiritual life is that the more we try to fight sin and temptation, the stronger the temptation becomes and we quickly become discouraged by the mere presence of a temptation or worse we can give in to thoughts of abandonment by God. We should, however, see the presence of any temptation as a sure sign of the presence of God's grace, as well as an invitation to achieve higher perfection in heaven (if we cooperate with His graces). Especially in times of temptation, blessed be the Name of God! -Fr. Mahowald FSSP

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

AUGUST 7 - AUGUST 13

SUNDAY: 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 AM LOW MASS

10:15 AM LOW MASS

MONDAY: ST. JOHN VIANNEY, C

7:45 AM LOW MASS

TUESDAY: VIGIL OF ST. LAWRENCE

7:45 AM LOW MASS

WEDNESDAY: ST. LAWRENCE, M

7:45 AM LOW MASS

**THURSDAY: FERIA/ STS TIBURTIUS &
SUSANNA MM**

7:45 AM LOW MASS

FRIDAY: ST. CLARE, V

5:00 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR

6:00 PM LOW MASS

**SATURDAY: SATURDAY OF OUR LADY, COMM OF
SS HIPPOLYTUS AND CASSIAN MM**

8:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR

9:00 AM MASS

CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY: 7:15 AM AND 9:30 AM

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

FRIDAY: 5:10 PM - 5:40 PM

SATURDAY: 8:10 AM - 8:40 AM

OR BY APPOINTMENT

Announcements and Upcoming Events



Feast of the Assumption, August 15th

On the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary we will have a 9:00am High Mass and a 6:30pm Low Mass.

Welcome New Members!

We are happy to welcome the newest additions to our parish family: **Lukas Antonio Bohdal**, born July 18th and baptized July 31st and **Liam Joseph Contaldi** born July 27th and baptized August 6. This is the 9th baptism going back to a year ago when Fr. Dorsa and Fr. Mahowald arrived.

St. Michael's Got Talent!

St. Michael's 2022 Talent Show will take place over two Sundays: October 2nd and October 16th during the Coffee Social following the 10:15 am mass. Consider signing up for a time slot as a solo talent or power group. **Sign-up sheets will be available in the vestibule September 4th.** Contact Mrs. Zuranski for more information at ajzuranski@gmail.com or 570-677-6845

Fr Dorsa Away

Fr. Dorsa will be away today but is scheduled to return Monday, August 8th."

St. Michael's Parish Picnic and Dance This Saturday

August 13, 2022

11:00 am at LaCoe's Grove (2345 Milwaukee Road, Clarks Summit, PA)

Burgers and Hot Dogs will be provided, please sign up for a side dish and dessert. Bring drinks for your family and to share.

Caller Dance begins at 2:30 pm and will go to 5:30 pm Sign-up sheets and more information will be available in the vestibule.

9th Sunday Word Search

M J R S I A V I T P M E T Z N
 H O T E P T J E R U S A L E M
 G E N S W G H H N B O D Y Z J
 H F G D E A C O N Y R E G N A
 I C A R D I N A L R B H C R C
 T V N E N F R Q V Y W Y S N C
 T X R Y V N E P O X E L X B Y
 S S E N S U O T E V O C W C G
 F G Y O C W C R E T B N H D Z
 I W A T M A H R H M U C C H G
 Y P R T P O H S I B D J J V Y
 H Y P U V D F Y Z O J F H D N
 Y V G L L B F R E E W I L L P
 W B Z G A O Q T K Z O P U R V
 M P O G W P Q E D J J S I P I
 G A E W R D C M P V T D O T R
 W A K U E D Q P T X E P O E T
 Y E V C N R G L Z S E B R E U
 S L P K C O J E F U G F A E E
 P G P T E W J P I C N I C L J

JERUSALEM	TEMPT	WEPT
PRIDE	LUST	ANGER
COVETOUSNESS	ENVY	SLOTH
GLUTTONY	LAWRENCE	DEACON
PRIEST	BISHOP	CARDINAL
POPE	TEMPLE	PRAYER
FREEWILL	VIRTUE	PICNIC

"When Jesus drew near to Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it, saying, If you had known, in this your day, even you, the things that are for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes."

LUKE 19:41-43

MASS INTENTIONS
 AUGUST 7 - AUGUST 13

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

Angela & David Cianci
 rb: Anonymous
 Pro Populo

Monday: 7:45 AM

Brian Gabriel La Fata
 rb: La Fata Family

Tuesday: 7:45 AM

Holy Souls in Purgatory
 rb: Anonymous

Wednesday: 7:45 AM

Zoe Jansen
 rb: Van Beek Family

Thursday: 7:45 AM

Purity of Heart for Pres. Biden
 rb: A Penitent Sinner

Friday: 6:00 PM

Michelle Patutka
 rb: Joseph Patutka

Saturday: 9:00 AM

Christian Teoli
 rb: Lori Teoli