

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Preserving Our 'Wedding Garment'

In the Gospel reading for this week Our Blessed Lord teaches us a lesson about the kingdom of Heaven with a parable about a king who prepares a wedding feast for his son. The analogy is pretty straight forward, God is the 'king' and the joy of heaven is like the wedding feast that He has prepared for His Son Jesus with His bride, the Church. All the preparations have been made, the King has taken care of everything. Heaven, is a place of pure peace and enjoyment, not a place of toil. He sent out invitations to all of His friends and neighbors, they just had to come. The entire Old Testament is God, calling His chosen people to the heavenly wedding feast. God sent prophet after prophet to witness to the Jews. All of the prophets were rejected

and many of them were even put to death. God went so far as to send His own Son, to personally make this invitation known, and even though His Son was received with hatred and put to death, He still offers us this invitation. There is one condition to accepting His offer, we must simply receive His sacraments and keep His commandments. At baptism we are given a 'white garment' which represents the divine life of sanctifying grace that is present in our soul. Sanctifying grace is a permanent state of soul, unless we lose it by mortal sin. St. Paul, in today's epistle tells us that to accept this invitation, we have to put on the "new man" by putting away our former sinful habits and now walk in virtue and "holiness of truth."

In the Gospel, a man shows up to the wedding feast, having accepted the invitation, but he does not have on his wedding garment. This man turned away from the path of virtue and expected to enjoy the feast too. Even though this man was called and invited to the wedding feast, he was found to be not prepared and therefore not worthy.

This is a powerful lesson for us too. Even though we have received the invitation and accepted it, we have to take great care to maintain the wedding garment given to us at our baptism, and as the priest told us on that day, 'to keep it unsullied by living a blameless life.'

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LITURGY SCHEDULE OCTOBER 16 - OCTOBER 22

SUNDAY: 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:00 AM LOW MASS
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

MONDAY: ST. MARGARET MARY, V
7:45 AM LOW MASS

TUESDAY: ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST, M
7:45 AM LOW MASS

WEDNESDAY: ST. PETER OF ALCANTARA, C
7:45 AM LOW MASS

THURSDAY: ST. JOHN CANTIUS, C
7:45 AM LOW MASS

FRIDAY: FERIA, VOTIVE MASS OF BL. KARL OF AUSTRIA, COMM: ST. HILARION, ST URSULA AND COMPANIONS VVMM

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

SATURDAY: SATURDAY OF OUR LADY
8:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
9:00 AM LOW 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

THE MAN WITHOUT A WEDDING GARMENT.



All Souls' Masses

We are now collecting the offerings for All Souls' masses for the month of November. The souls of your loved ones will be remembered in the Novena of masses at the beginning of November as well as masses for the Faithful departed throughout the month of November. Offerings can be left in the collection basket with the All Souls' envelope or in the basket placed up by Mary's altar.

Second Collections this Month

- This week we will take up a second collection for the **Diocesan Annual Appeal**. Please consider prayerfully giving to this collection. The diocese has given us as a target goal of \$9,000. There are pamphlets with envelopes attached to them in the vestibule. If you take them home and fill them out and send them on your own, just make sure you specify that you are giving them from "St. Michael Parish in Scranton." Even if you can't give much, the more people who participate the better. Thank you for your generosity.
- Next week we will take up a second collection for the FSSP as it is the 34th Anniversary of the founding of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. There are also envelopes in your boxes as well as in the back that can be filled out and sent at a later date. Any little bit helps.

Votive Mass of Bl. Karl of Austria

Friday, October 21st at 6:00pm, we will have a votive mass of Blessed Karl of Austria. This year marks the 100 year anniversary of his death. The mass will be the "common of a confessor not a bishop."

All Saints' Party

Saturday, October 29th

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

All ages welcome!

- Children dress up like their favorite saint and be prepared to share something about their saint.
- Bring a snack to share and sign up in the vestibule for a candy bag!!!

Contact Mary Morris for more info.

October Saints' Search

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THERESE	REMIGIUS	TERESA OF AVILA
MARGARET MARY	BRUNO	ISIDORE
BRIDGET	FRANCIS ASSISI	FRANCIS BORGIA
EDWARD	CALLISTUS	LUKE
PETERALCANTARA	URSULA	RAPHAEL
EVARISTUS	SIMON	JUDE
CHRIST THE KING	HILARION	JOHN CANTUUS

"Though I walk amid distress, You preserve me, O Lord; against the anger of my enemies You raise Your hand; Your right hand saves me."

PSALM 137:7

FROM THE OFFERTORY OF THE
 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 16 - 22

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM
Pro Populo
 Magdalen Fitzpatrick
 rb: Van Beek Family

Monday: 7:45 AM
John & Joan Maltese
 rb: La Fata Family

Tuesday: 7:45 AM
Godchildren of Bob & Mary Seeley
 rb: Bob & Mary Seeley

Wednesday: 7:45 AM
Luke Fitzpatrick
 rb: Van Beek Family

Thursday: 7:45 AM
+Andrea Bacon
 rb: Seeley Family

Friday: 6:00 PM
Intentions of Andrew Pheasant
 rb: Michael & Mary Pheasant

Saturday: 9:00 AM
La Fata Family
 rb: Gillenkirk Family